

## Second Street Community and Parent Advisory Council (CPAC) General Member Meeting

Minutes from  
Monday, Apr 14, 2025 @ 9:00am  
Community Room & Zoom

We acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish Nations of Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish on whose traditional territories we gather, learn and live.

In Attendance:

Anne	Stefanie	Bryan	Dave	Sahar	Etsuko
Gloria	Elissa	Frank	Kyla		
Online	Sandra	Margaret	Charisse		

1. Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Review (Anne)
2. Presentation about Traffic Concerns on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Frank Simonsen)
  - Overall concern about the intersections on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
  - Frank has initiated an inquiry at the City of Burnaby Engineering about upgrading the lights to a timed light.
  - Advocacy like this has happened before and can take ~5 years to move to action from advocacy. A parent from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street advocated and the result was a pedestrian crossing on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and bump out curbs on 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
  - CPAC supports this advocacy and can use our communication channels to reach our community but is not leading this.
  - If you have an interest in taking this issue further with Frank, contact Bryan to have you connected.
  - Frank will pass along any progress / updates so that parents can echo his position and amplify his voice.
3. Update from our Principal (Bryan Tesan)
  - Saleema Noon (sexual health education) parent session is scheduled for April 28, 6:30 – 8:30, virtual
  - School Play is April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ticket request forms for the school musical will be going out this week.
  - Student-led conferences are April 23, 2-6pm. There will be early dismissal. Booking link will be sent out later this week.
  - Welcome to Kindergarten is May 22. **ACTION:** Bryan to confirm if current Kindergarten students will be dismissed early to accommodate.
  - Track is underway and has a good turnout.
  - Sports Day is on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Decals for Sensory Path/Hallway have been received and will be going up by end of year.
  - Online challenges / social media parent workshop plans for a workshop in Fall 2025. Still sourcing a program that we can have in the school.
  - Justin Hone from RCMP has been in some grade 6/7 classrooms this month with a pilot program developing skills to address conflict. Parents have heard good things from their students who were involved.
4. Connecting / Breakout discussion
  - What do you think holds people back from volunteering, and how could we help remove those barriers?
  - How has volunteering (or helping others) impacted you personally or professionally?

- Can you think of a time when someone else's volunteer efforts made a difference in your life or community?
  - What's one small step we could take today to get more involved or inspire others to volunteer?
- Some ideas that surfaced:
    - Spread the word about the WhatsApp chat for volunteering opportunities
    - Personally inviting people to attend/get involved. Teachers could make an impact here.
    - Simplify the email
    - Drop-off tea times. Arrange these by grade and invite parents to connect.
      - **ACTION:** Sahar to confirm dates with Bryan/Patricia, host gatherings (with cake!) and prep advert to be sent out.
5. Update from our Community Coordinator (Dave for Patricia)
- Patricia is at the Board office and not able to be at the meeting. See the attached for the full update from her.
  - Afro-Caribbean night was NOT a fundraiser for the school. The event was well attended and organized. There may be future partnerships with them and the school.
  - Senior's Tea coordination meeting on **April 15, 1:30 – 2:30** in the Community Room.
  - **ACTION:** Patricia/Bryan to send a 'save the date'/ invitation to the community so that Seniors are aware of the date and can make plans to attend (especially since it is different this year).
6. Update from Connect Worker (Dave Larocque)
- Vancity has a financial literacy workshop that can be brought into the school. Dave will look further into arranging this and include workshops for adults (in many languages). Look for this in Fall 2025.
  - Penny Pompom is a performer that is coming May 21 9:45 – 10:30 for K – grade 2, strong start and Edmonds School Ks. Parents and toddlers welcomed.
    - **ACTION:** CPAC to think about hosting parents from 8:45 – 9:45 in the Community Room
7. Update from our Chair (Anne)
- May meeting in our AGM where we will be voting for our executive positions. Every role is available and can be adjusted to accommodate your interest / availability / capacity.
  - Welcome to K – May 22, 1pm. We will have an activity in the garden and would love any parents that can come and help and share their story with these upcoming K parents.
  - Student-Led Conferences – April 23, 2-6pm. We will be in the community room engaging families. We will be handing out popcorn, running a prize give-away (LEGO!) and doing a small poll. Please stop by and if you can stay and give us a hand, we'd be happy to have the extra help. If you can come to help us set up, let us know.
  - Token of Appreciation: all staff received a kit kat "hope you had a good break" after spring break. It was a team effort – thanks to Stefanie for pulling this together. Elissa will be coordinating the next one. Etsuko said she's prepping for the one in December!
  - We will be having a June meeting as well. **POST MEETING UPDATE:** scheduled for Monday, June 16 @ 9am.
8. Update from our Fundraising Committee (Stefanie)
- ACTION:** Stefanie to reach out to Grade 7 teachers to ensure we don't overlap freezie sales. Get their dates so that we might be able to have an impromptu sale if the weather forecast is good. Time to get freezies into the freezer to be frozen for May.

## POST MEETING UPDATE

- Past successes: over halfway to our goal of \$10,000
  - Popcorn Sales:

- \$180 in March (forms not distributed and sponsor class did no advertising),
- \$306 in April
- Samosa Sale #2: ~\$500 raised (impacted by switch to Munch a Lunch)
- Spirit Wear Sale – raised ~\$250, now all inventory can be sold at 100% profit
- Neighbourhood Small Grant – applied for one for Seniors Tea and one for Welcome BBQ
- Upcoming Fundraising
  - Peddleheads: 2NDST25 for \$25 discount on program registration & they will donate \$25 to us.
  - **April 24 – Me N Eds pizza night.** Eat in out takeout
  - May 2 – Popcorn sale
  - May 16 – Sports Day Concession

Volunteers needed for the fundraising events:

- Virtual Sports Day organizing meeting **Apr 21, 2025 6:00 PM** - email Charisse for the meeting link.
- Sign up for WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/K20hagdSSIm6qCE15GDNQb>
- Check out the Job Jar: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iUWOuxxBr5sK7LFDmpWI6fm2g\\_NACA6C4FktJtWbzDE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iUWOuxxBr5sK7LFDmpWI6fm2g_NACA6C4FktJtWbzDE/edit?usp=sharing)
- If would like to be on the Fundraising Committee or step up to the Fundraising Chair please contact us, as Stefanie will be leaving next year. We would love to have multiple people collaborating on the job.

#### 9. Update from our Treasurer (Sahar)

- Nothing noteworthy
- If you have any questions, reach out.

#### 10. Update from our District Parent Advisory Council Representatives (Anne)

- DPAC (<https://dpac.burnabypac.ca/>) is looking for rep from our area to sit on executive.
- BCCPAC Parent Conference Virtual summit May 23 in Prince George (<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm>)
  - Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

#### 11. Discussion & Questions

- Further discussion about drop-off tea time idea
- Further discussion about volunteers needed for a few upcoming tasks – pizza day, etc.

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### Upcoming General Membership Meeting Dates (in person and on Zoom)

Daytime (9:00 am): **June 16**

Evening (6:00 pm): May 26 (AGM)

Next meeting is on **May 26, 2025 at 6:00pm**. Light refreshments. Childminding will be available.

### Community & Parent Advisory Council Executive (2024/2025)

**Chair:** Anne / Charisse

**Past Chair:** Lisa

**Vice Chair:** Natasha

**Treasurer:** Sahar

**Secretary:** Florence

**Communications Coordinator:** Carolina

**Fundraising Coordinators:** Stefanie

**Social Conveners:** Sushma & Carolina

**Member at Large:** Margaret

**District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Representative:** Anne & Simerjit

**District Community Schools Advisory (DAC) Representatives:** Malkit & Meagan

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## **Community Office Update – April 2025**

### **Diverse Programming**

We continue to offer a broad range of programs to meet our community's needs. This includes 10 out-of-school activities- We continue to provide adult programs as well with an adult art class starting soon, and we are also exploring the possibility of cooking class to start soon.

### **Food Bank Registration**

We're seeing encouraging progress as more parents are actively registering for local food banks, resulting in a slight reduction in the need for emergency food storage. This points to a growing sense of sustainable community support. We encourage all families in need to register.

### **Summer Camp Subsidy Referrals**

Application information for summer camp subsidies has been sent home. If you need support completing your application, please visit the community office with the necessary documents listed in the form. We are happy to help guide you through the process.

### **Quest Cards for Low-Priced Goods**

Applications for Quest Cards are still open! These cards help families access essential goods at more affordable prices.

### **Community Teas and Parenting Conversations**

Although attendance has been low, these gatherings have created meaningful opportunities for connection and parenting discussions. We are currently reimagining the format to better suit the needs and schedules of our families.

### **Afro-Caribbean Party**

We recently celebrated Afro-Caribbean culture with a vibrant evening of **music, food, and dancing**. It was a beautiful highlight and a joyful moment of cultural celebration for our community!

### **Seniors' Party – May 9th**

Mark your calendars! Our Seniors' Party is happening on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 2.30pm, and it promises to be a fun and inclusive event that strengthens intergenerational bonds in our community.

## **Reminders for Families**

### **Student Snacks & Lunches**

We've had many students coming to the office for snacks. Please make sure your child has enough food packed for the full school day.

Additionally, many students are not eating the meals provided through the school lunch program. We ask that you speak with your child about their lunch preferences, and if needed, send an alternative lunch from home. Please note that the Community Office does not have the capacity to provide lunches. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## **Ongoing Challenges**

### **Continued Need for Food Bank Services**

Despite some positive trends, the demand for food support remains high. Balancing this need with our available resources continues to be a challenge.

### **Summer Camp Subsidy Demand**

The demand for summer camp subsidies exceeds available resources, highlighting the need for more community partnerships and support.

### **Student Snack & Lunch Needs**

We're asking for families' help in ensuring children come to school with enough food to support their well-being throughout the day.

Thank you,

Patricia Murevesi

Community school coordinator

Second Street Community school