



Coast Salish Elementary

Coast Salish Elementary – Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Learning Commons, Coast Salish Elementary

Attendees: Kit, Christine, Kamilah, Kay, Asana, David, Andrea, Grace, Frank Pearce, Ningning, Sanj, Christina, Demian and Danielle

7:32 – 7:45 PM - Opening Procedures

- **Call to Order:** Kamilah called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.
- **Land Acknowledgment:** Conducted by Kamilah.
- **Adoption of Agenda & Minutes:** Motion to adopt the agenda and previous minutes was forwarded by Kay, seconded by Andrea. All in favour, none opposed.

7:45 – 8:00 PM - Principal's Report and Questions (Frank Pearce, Principal)

Principal's Report:

- Remembrance Day Assembly (Nov 8):
 - Each class is preparing its own land acknowledgment to present at the assembly.
- Program Updates:
 - Lacrosse program successfully completed.
 - Pumpkin Patch visit was a success but may need to be split over two days next year due to school size.
 - Halloween parade was a hit.
 - Grade 5 volleyball jamboree was well-received.
- Facilities:
 - Celebrated one-year occupancy milestone; deficiencies are still being addressed.
 - Met with Playground Committee—estimated budget is ~\$100,000.
 - Ideas include climbing structures for older students, rubberized slide replacement, improved accessibility, and possible City of Coquitlam grants.
- Field Trips/Activities:

- Some in-class activities are funded through gaming funds, which are reserved for extracurricular use. PAC may support curricular activities if interested.
- Field trips \$150 per class (in class)
- Performances:
 - Discussing performances (\$900-\$1,200 each) such as magicians, motivational speakers, or musical/theatrical acts.
- Technology:
 - School is in year 3 of a 4-year technology cycle, with support from PAC.

8:00 – 8:05 PM - Treasurer's Report (Grace and Christine, Co-Treasurers)

- The books have been closed. See attached Financial Report for details.
- Gaming grants received:
 - \$2,300 last year
 - \$3,900 in October 2024 (based on September 1 enrollment numbers).

8:05 – 8:10 PM - DPAC Update (Andrea, DPAC Rep)

- **Upcoming Information Sessions:**
 - **Dec 3:** Program of Choice advanced information session.
 - **Dec 2:** Late French Immersion info at Montgomery Middle.
 - **Nov 13:** Special education navigation webinar (link to be shared).
- **Anti-Racism Initiatives:**
 - Presentations by Wendy Yu and other educators for staff, PACs, and students.
 - Challenges remain regarding inclusivity and racial slurs in schools. Parents are encouraged to model anti-racism behavior.
- **Other Updates:**
 - Resources on navigating MyEd website are available on DPAC's site.
 - Next DPAC meeting is on November 27, 2024.

8:15 PM - Upcoming Events and Committees

Committee and Events Updates

- **October Movie Night:** Successful. Reminder that parents must accompany their children.
- **November and December Fundraising:**
 - Art Cards: Products expected back on November 22.

- Holiday Plant Sale: Reminder to be sent. Extras will be available at Breakfast with Santa.
- Book Sale: Ongoing planning.
- **Breakfast with Santa:**
 - 9 vendors, including Grade 5 fundraising group.
 - Eagle Ridge GM sponsoring BWS and Spring Fair.
 - Kinsmen to cook pancakes (ingredients provided by PAC).
 - Silent auction items to be finalized.
 - PAC table to share information with families.
- **Playground Committee:** Updates as per Principal's notes.
- **Grade 5 Committee:**
 - Planning leaving ceremony with possible reception (budget-dependent).
 - Graduation trip and hoodie design in progress.

8:50 PM - Roundtable Discussions

- **Communication:** Consider creating WhatsApp groups for updates.
- **Fundraising Tools:** PAC will explore making fundraising thermometers to track progress.
- **Winter Concert:** Tentatively scheduled for December 19; details to be confirmed.

9:03 PM - Next Meeting

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Kamilah, seconded by , all in favour, meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Next Meeting: December 5, 2024

Recorded by: Kay Yoon, PAC Secretary.