



Coast Salish Elementary

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

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM - 9:16 PM

Location: Learning Commons, Coast Salish Elementary

Attendees: Kit, Christine, Kamilah, Kay, Asana, Atash, Andrea, Lan, Frank Pearce, Grace, David, Ningning

7:35 – 7:45 PM - Opening Procedures

- **Call to Order:** Kamilah called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
- **Land Acknowledgment:** Conducted by Kamilah.
- **Adoption of Agenda & Minutes:**
 - Motion to adopt the agenda forwarded by Asana, seconded by Atash. All in favour, none opposed.
 - Motion to adopt the previous minutes forwarded by Grace, seconded by Atash. All in favour, none opposed.

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

Principal's Report:

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - December spirit days are scheduled.
 - **Winter Concert (Dec 19):**
 - Each family receives two tickets.
 - Dress rehearsal: Wednesday, Dec 18.
 - Full dress rehearsal: Thursday, Dec 19 (daytime).
 - Evening performance: Thursday, Dec 19.
 - A videographer is needed to record the concert.
 - **Report Cards:** Scheduled for release on Dec 19.
- **Breakfast with Santa & Book Fair:**
 - Both events were successfully completed.
- **Spring Term - After-School Programs:**
 - Registration opens Tuesday, Dec 10.
 - Programs begin Friday, Jan 10 and end Monday, March 10.
 - Email announcement to be sent on Dec 6.
- **Facilities Updates:**
 - East stairs are still awaiting city approval.
 - **Soccer Field Remedial Work:**
 - Ground settlement issues affecting wall stability.
 - Gravel replacement: Upgraded to finer, rounder material for better quality.

7:50 – 8:10 PM - Treasurer's Report (Grace and Christine, Co-Treasurers)

- **Breakfast with Santa:** Approximate profit of \$5,000.
 - High number of on-site sales.
 - Sponsors: Eagle Ridge GM, Blooming Dental, and Mr. Lightbright.
- **Hot Lunches and Treat Days:** Generated \$1,000 in revenue.
- **Current Bank Balance:** \$39,000
- **Motions Approved:**
 - \$3,000 pre-approved for the Spring Fair – Forwarded by Christine, seconded by Grace. All in favour, none opposed.
 - \$700 pre-approved for Movie Night (Feb 7, 2025) – Forwarded by Christine, seconded by Christine. All in favour, none opposed.

8:10 – 8:20 PM - DPAC Update (Andrea, DPAC Rep)

- **Nov 27 DPAC Meeting (agenda: <https://dpac43.ca/wp-content/uploads/DPAC-Nov-2024-General-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>)**
- **Nov 27 DPAC Meeting Highlights:**
 - Indigenous Graduation Support Programs from BCIT and other institutions.
 - Supporting Student Well-Being:
 - Students who feel connected to a caring adult show higher success rates.
 - Work needed to improve support systems for middle and secondary students.
 - MyEd System Updates:
 - Step-by-step guide available on DPAC website.
 - Future login system to transition to BC Services Cards.
 - Ongoing Challenges:
 - Middle schools dealing with increased reports of racial slurs.
 - Parents encouraged to model anti-racism behavior.
 - Payment System Issues:
 - Square is now requiring a business or incorporation number, which the school does not have.
 - If a workaround is unavailable, PAC will need to explore new payment systems.

8:15 PM - Upcoming Events and Committees

- **Review of recent events**
 - **Breakfast with Santa** - was very successful.
 - Successful event with great parental support.
 - Thanks to Andrea and Sanj for their efforts.
 - Next year: Consider an extra grill, 50/50 draw, and raffles.
 - Possible purchase of a PAC-owned payment device (tablet, phone, or computer).

- **Future events**
 - **Winter Concert (Dec 19):** 50/50 draw planned.
 - **Spring Fair (May 4, 2025):** Theme: Star Wars.
 - **Movie Night (Feb 7, 2025).**
- **Additional Fundraising Ideas:**
 - **Poco Bowl Event** - Targeting March 2025.
 - **Community Value Pack:**
 - Normally sold in fall; so we can consider for next school year.
 - Typically sold for \$35, with \$12.50 going back to the PAC
 - **Trailblazers and Giants Hockey Tickets** -
 - If over \$500 in sales, PAC receives a 15% kickback.
 - Home game schedule to be reviewed for potential event tie-ins.

8:50 PM - Roundtable Discussions

- **8:50 PM Traffic & Safety Concerns**
 - Flashing lights are needed at crosswalks.
 - Parents are encouraged to keep contacting the city to request improvements.
 - Parking Violations:
 - Ongoing issues with improper parking. Violators will be noted.
 - Staff Parking Lot: Parking passes are issued to designated staff only.

9:16 PM - Next Meeting

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Kamilah, seconded by Kay. All in favour. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2025

Recorded by: Kay Yoon, PAC Secretary.