

SMILING CREEK PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SCPAC)
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

In attendance:

Jacquie Bekar, Lily Cheng, Stacey Cruz, Eva Dias, Vicky Davis, Terry Denney, Tanya Eich, Jimmy Fung, Julie Gray, Tanya Hassard, David Hu, Allison Johnson, Helen K, Jon Kennedy, Joyce Lawrence, Daniel Liao, Hamid Moghaddam, Annie Moore, Caroline Ou, Frank Pearse, Ashley Pozzobon, Mariana Marina Rico, Damian Stanley, Stacey Stephen, Karen Sze, Christine Teoh, Mike Toporowski, Stacey Toporowski, Lindsay Trudel, Connie Wu, Crystal Y

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
Call to order 7:03pm	
Motion to approve minutes agenda	Moved by Tanya Hassard Seconded by Eva Dias PASSED
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Coast Salish Elementary update (Frank Pearse - new principal of the school)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Frank has been an educator in SD43 since 1999, and was previously principal of Birchland and currently principal at Seaview Elementary. He has been communicating a lot with Mr. Collins who was the principal was Smiling Creek first opened. * Site progressing well with the bottom floor now fully enclosed. School is still planned to be opened this September. * Ms. Wright will be secretary of the school. A temporary office for the school is set up in a classroom at Birchland Elementary. Phone and email are operational (coastsalish@sd43.bc.ca) * Registration for students for the school have started, with families that are currently in elementary school and living in the school catchment notified. Kindergarten registration for the school will start the same time as the rest of the school district. * Currently looking at starting the PAC, and start the process needed for the PAC * Visioning ideas are starting (colours, logos, missions, etc) and want to involve parents * Once we know registration number, hiring for staff will start * <i>Q: How many students will transfer from Smiling Creek to Coast Salish at this time?</i> <i>A: 100-150 students were offered placements (mostly from Leigh and Smiling Creek). It looks like most students from Smiling Creek have chosen to remain at Smiling Creek.</i>

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Principal's Report (Allison Johnson)	<p>Covid update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Staggered start/end times lead to minimal changes to activities at school. * Taking care to utilize more outdoor entry/staircase and to avoid congestions in indoor areas * Play zones remain in place with children rotating in different play zones depending on grades * School can not ask families with illness to disclose additional information. It is up to the families themselves to let others know. * Student absence rate is not that much higher than previous years * There has been more staff absence than normal, but with TTC as well as staff stepping up to teach classes, school is still going as normal * District is trying to do everything possible to prevent functional closure * <i>Q: If a kid is away from school, when can they come back to school?</i> <i>A: If you are below 18, test positive for COVID-19 and not fully vaccinated, you need to self isolate for 5 days and until you no longer have a fever and your symptoms improve. You do not need to be re-tested for COVID-19 after your self-isolation period ends to return to normal activities. Also see Ross' email for additional guidelines</i> * <i>Q: Are they play zones similar to how they were at the beginning of the school year?</i> <i>A: We are keeping grade group in different play zones (but with more than 1 class in a zone)</i> * <i>Q: Is the recess time the same across the whole school?</i> <i>A: Recess is common for the whole school, but children are assigned specific play area</i> * <i>Q: Any chance to review mask policy?</i> <i>A: All students and staff will still need to wear masks.</i> <p>Other updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * After volleyball intramural, we were considering running basketball intramural after winter break, but will now postpone to February or even after spring break * Kindergarten registration: Emails have been sent out with information on kindergarten registration and program of choice (like French immersion and Montessori program). Note that our school does not offer any program of choice. Deadline to apply for program of choice has passed. Kindergarten registration is Feb 1-3, with cross catching on Feb 4-9. Families are encouraged to submit documentations electronically now, but in person appointment can be made with Ms. Hartman as needed. Cross catchment will most likely be difficult to accommodate, as based on current numbers the school looks like it'll be at full capacity. * Curling started last week and will finish up this week. Kids are having a great time. School paid for the program. * PAC has organized Saleema Noon Mar 1 (parent presentation online), Mar 2,3 will be small grade group in person presentation. Every age group will be covered. PAC will pay for the program * Hip hop returning two weeks before spring break starting Feb 29 -

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Treasurer's Report (Tanya Hassard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cash donation for playgrounds received so far add up to \$6500 * Classroom funds have only been used by 4 teachers so far. PAC has sent out a reminder email to staff about the fund * Spent \$300 on holiday gifts for the staff (Starbucks gift cards and a greeting card) * Holiday Purdy's sale raised \$1200 * Poinsettia and wreaths sale raised \$1200 * Holiday gift cards raised \$800 * Term 2 hot lunch/treat days raised \$3700 and \$2500 * Currently we have about 23k in the bank, and around 21k on hold for the playground and 9k in gaming grant
Playground Update (Stacey Cruz, Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In November we emailed a few developers to request funding support for our playground. Currently Foxridge has donated \$5000, and Noura Homes has donated \$1000. Mosaic Homes and ADN Refrigeration LTD (a Smiling Creek parent company) have pending donation for \$1000 each. * We are also in correspondence with two other developers that have each offer to donate \$20k, with one of the developers pushing for a wheelchair accessible option for the playground. * Our original quote for the playground was around \$45k, but showed a wheelchair accessible option that will be \$83k (see attached documents for the latest design) * We will have a plaque on the playground to thank the donors * We had a poll with the two playground design and 86% of the 201 votes voted for the more traditional playground, so we will no longer pursue the natural playground option * With the 2 large pending donations we have around 73k in our playground fund, so we are still shy of the 83k needed for the wheelchair accessible option. We have a couple potential leads that we will pursue to hope to bridge that gap. * Once fund is secured, we will seek approval from the school district for the playground, with a target installation this summer. Design and planning is still preliminary. Please reach out if you have feedback. We are still looking at options for rubber flooring instead of wood chips to make the playground even more accessible but that will be significantly more expensive as well.
Crosswalk Safety (Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Rapid lighting systems have been installed * Thank you for everyone that has been involved pushing this along with the city

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HEPA filter (Stacey Cruz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Thank you to our classroom liaisons who took that Mike and Stacey started and ran with it. * We currently have 9 full units donated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tim Marlowe * Monika & Graham Qually * Mike & Stacey Toporowski (2 units) * Amelia & Sven Wagner * Ksenia & Dimitri Bushmin (3 units) * Devan Wilkie - Bell & Burnaby Funeral Chapel * A few other classes are close to getting a unit as well * Parents are starting to order and have them delivered to the school. Please ensure division/location is clearly marked on the address
Lunchbox Theatre (Damian)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The exec team along with Ross and Allison have decided to cancel the winter session, but will re-evaluate to decide if we will run a spring session
DPAC (Jimmy Fung)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Virtual meeting tomorrow * Last meeting was back in Nov 24 where they talked about family smart resources (www.familysmart.ca): offering emotional support, help navigate children's and family mental health support
Spirit Wear (Ashley Pozzobon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ordering will happen again and will be putting it out to new kindergarten families joining our school in September * We are still in discussion around whether we can incorporate a new mascot to our spirit wear, which can affect when the spirit wear sale will start. More details will be sent out once that is decided
Other Upcoming Fundraisers (Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Purdys sale will go from Feb 21 to March 4. Pick up date will be after spring break and will be confirmed soon. * There will also be a dine-in night before spring break. More details to follow. * <i>Q: What fundraisers will happen in spring?</i> <i>A: Neufeld, gift card fundraiser and plant sale (for mother's day) are planned for the spring</i>
Upcoming AGM (Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * All of the exec positions will be up for elections and some will be critical to fill as the volunteers' children will be aging out of the school * We will also be looking for a popcorn coordinator since our amazing coordinator Nicole's son will not be at the school next year!
Hot Lunch (Eva Dias)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Q: What should we do for hot lunches if our child will be absent</i> <i>A: Please email smilingcreekhotlunch@gmail.com or smilingcreekpac@gmail.com with child's name, division and food item ordered so that the hot lunch coordinators can put aside the food for parents to pick up at the multi-purpose room from 12:30-1:15.</i>
Upcoming Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Feb 1: kindergarten registration * Feb 14: spirit wear (red & white) * Feb 23: pink shirt day

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Meeting adjourned	* 7:49