

# **Minutes**

École Coquitlam River Elementary Parent Advisory Council

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## **1. In Attendance & Introductions**

### ***Meeting start at 19:04***

Nathan Budarick, Shijan Deng, Tanya W Oson, Chantelle Peddey, Tara Morton, Angie Morton, Alysha Hackett, Pamela Starcexich, Tanya Wu, Marina Bradshaw, Richard Xu, Tajana Ferns, Lina Grajales, Trevor Demoskoff, Kelly Abbott, Chelsea Giesbrecht.

## **2. Approval of Minutes – June**

Chelsea Giesbrecht, Tara Morton

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

Tanya W Oson, Marina Bradshaw

## **4. Principal's Report**

- Fun but chaotic start to the school year.
- We had seven new registrations but six people leave over the summer, so that worked out well.
- The district is fairly full this year, so it took longer to get the classes approved.
- We are at 308 students this year.
- On the English side we are very full. From K-5 we only have about seven empty seats.
- We have a few new teachers, you can see the full information on that in the newsletter that was sent out.
- We are looking to hire an Indigenous studies TA.
- We had new painting done on the driveway and parking lot. We are also going to have the sports lines redrawn as well. The wooden beams around the Kindergarten playground are going to be done, though that is with a different group of painters and a date has not been worked out yet.
- With the new TAs and teachers and the parking lot lines repainted, we may not be able to do the VIP parking raffle. This will be confirmed one way or the other over the next week, so stay tuned.

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## 5. Treasurer's Update

### Account Balances – Sept 12, 2024

Operating Fund - \$21,213.10

- Pending \$200.49 (cheques that have been delivered but not cashed)

- \$123.19 remaining to use for a popcorn machine or another item.

**Gaming Fund** - \$ 3,945.69

**Playground Fund** - \$13,206.55

**Grade 5 Account** - \$793.67

Note: The grade five account has been reduced to \$3.67 to keep it open, with the \$790 going to Miss Acorn. The PAC will typically donate \$500 to the grade 5 fund at the beginning of year, or when the grade 5 committee starts up.

## 6. Chairperson's Report

- Hot Lunch/Treat Days to start in October

For more information on how to sign up to Munch – A- Lunch see the upcoming PAC newsletter. This will detail how to add additional children to it.

- o Vendors for '24/'25 are Subway, Red Robin, Little Caesars, and Sushi Fu

- o ~~No Hot Dog days this year as we had no volunteers to run this.~~

We had Christi, Angie Morton, and Kelly Abbott volunteer to do hot dog days, we will add hot dog days back into the rotation.

- o TCBY - Fri. October 4th
- o Hot Lunch - Thurs. October 10th - Little Caesars
- o Treat Day - Thurs. October 18<sup>th</sup> We will send more information about this soon. We have not yet decided on the treat.
- o Hot Lunch - Thurs. October 24th - Sushi Fu
- o For all dates, see PAC Newsletter which will be going home early next week, with your kids.
- o Signup Link for Hot Lunches - coming soon.

Please note that there is a PAC Notice Board near the reception area at the school. This will have information posted there too, as well as a QR code that will direct you to the CRE PAC Facebook page.

- PAC Positions

- o We are looking for people to help on the PAC.
- o If you can help in any capacity, please let us know, either through the Facebook page, emailing to [crepacexecutives@gmail.com](mailto:crepacexecutives@gmail.com), or catching any of us at school.

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- Upcoming Fundraisers/Events
  - Sun Oka Apple Fundraiser - Ends Oct. 9th  
- <https://tinyurl.com/CREapples>
  - Purdy's - Ends November 22 - <https://tinyurl.com/CREpurdys>
  - Welcome Back Movie Night - Thurs October 24th - info to follow
  - Stay Safe & My Safe Life Courses - Fri October 25th - info to follow
  - Shopping Night – Thursday, November 14th 5-8:30pm. This is the same day as the Scholastic's night. Email [crepacexecutives@gmail.com](mailto:crepacexecutives@gmail.com) for application.
  - Snowflake Ball - Fri December 6th - information to follow. We need to reach out to Kim Photography for photo packages, as well as a Santa for it too. There may be a performance or concert done at the ball, or leading up to it. We are looking for volunteers to help out with this.
  - Holiday Movie Night - Fri December 13th - info to follow
  - Volunteer draw for movie passes - week of Dec 16th
  - West Coast Seeds – Dates are to be determined, but will be ready for spring planting.
  - Hip Hop Week – Need to work out dates with David. There is a possibility that it will happen in November, but it is more likely that it will happen in the new year.
  - Growing Smiles fundraiser – More information to follow. This will be Christmas/winter flowers, wreaths etc. There will be another one of these around Mother's day with a different selection or wreaths.
  - Community Book - This will be done through the whole school this time, not just the grade 5s. This is a coupon book.
- Ongoing Fundraisers:
  - **Cobbs @ Oxford crossing** – you can donate your points to the PAC.
  - **Mabel's Labels** – go to [mabelslabels.ca](http://mabelslabels.ca) and click "support a fundraiser" search for our school (CRE PAC) and get shopping. There is a wide variety of labels you can create.

- o **Return it Depot** - walk up with your bottle returns in a clear or see-through blue plastic bag and put in the school's phone number (604) 942-0241 into the express return machine – print out your labels and place them on the bags to leave in the express return area for your deposit to go to the fundraising efforts. Don't forget to scan the bag!! Also please note that there should be no glass in your bags.

## **7. DPAC**

No news, as there has not been a meeting yet.

## **8. Grade 5 Update**

- Donation of \$500 Grade 5 fund

## **9. New Business**

- PAC Wish List. This is going to help define what we are fundraising for. At the top of the list is a new popcorn machine. Our old one broke down, after many years of service, and we have not been able to find a replacement yet.
- PAC Zoom account: costs \$214 for the year. It will allow us to have unlimited meeting times, with one link, so it will be more accessible to parents. The link would go out ahead of the PAC meeting in the school newsletter, and we would have one person assigned to setting that up and managing it at each meeting. Allocating the \$214 from the budget for the PAC zoom account went to a vote with 15 in favour and zero opposed.
- We have petitioned the City of Coquitlam, and the City of Port Coquitlam to get a pedestrian controlled crossing, with lights, out the front of this school. This happened in May of this year, and we are still waiting to hear back from them. Hopefully this will be resolved soon.
- Costume parade for the movie night before the Halloween movie. This would be potentially organised by Marina. The idea would be that parents would donate costumes to the PAC, and then we would sell them off cheap ahead of the movie night, so kids can have costumes for it. Along those lines, we may end up hosting a Halloween night like we have in the past next year. It is a little late to organise it now.
- PAC donation information will come out with Munch-a-Lunch information as soon as prices for hot lunches has been finalized.

## **10. Next Meeting – October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**

## **11. Adjournment 20:11**

