



Earl Marriott Secondary School

Parent Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 29, 2013

Executive		Name
Chair:	Lucy K	Present
Vice-Chair:	Bob H	--
Treasurer:	Terri P	Present
Secretary:	Diana B	Present
DPAC Representative:	Mark F	-
CPF Representative:	Trish S	Present
EMS		
Principal:	Peter Johnston	Present
Attendees		Regrets
Stacey MacDonald Polly Diether		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order 7:03 pm • Agenda/Minutes • Motion to Adopt: Trish • Second Terri 		

Item:		Action:
A	Special Presentation: Senior Student Government	
1.0	<p>Senior Student Government gave a presentation and video asking for the update of our Girls' Washrooms titled "Change our Washrooms". Their request is for: all toilets to be working and locks and hooks on all washroom doors in the girls' washrooms. Their extended wish list includes: some type of shelves where they can put their belongings (purses, books), sensor sinks for better water conservation, more efficient hand dryers and dual flush toilets.</p> <p>They also requested to have a drawing contest to design murals for all the girls' washrooms to be judged by student government and sponsoring teachers. They also requested funds for paint and supplies for same.</p> <p>The PAC response is that Terri Pacheco, Treasurer, will send a letter to the Schoolboard requesting the above. Along with the letter the students' video will be attached.</p> <p>The PAC agreed to the pay for the paint for mural painting. Peter said yes to a drawing contest to design the murals. He would like it to keep with the theme of positive messages similar to what is currently in the boys' washrooms.</p> <p>It was noted that on May 7 the Green Giants Club from EMS would be giving a similar presentation to the Surrey Schoolboard regarding improving energy efficiency in our washrooms.</p>	
	Old Business	
1.0	Reviewed March Meeting Minutes	Accepted
B.	Committees	
1.0	<p>New School Committee:</p> <p>It was noted that we received great media coverage at our LAST CHANCE for new school flyer handout to ask parents to contact the government requesting funding for our new school. We wait</p>	

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2.0	<p>to see what will happen after the May 14 election.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report: At the beginning of the school year we committed \$46,000 in funding from our gaming grant to support many initiatives. To date we have written cheques for \$30,000. There are still some outstanding funding requests from clubs/groups that haven't been submitted. If they are not claimed by June 27 the money will roll over into next year's funds.</p> <p>Outstanding requests include the Grade 8 welcome, Football and Athletics.</p> <p>PAC Accounts Balances: Gaming Account - \$21,000 General PAC Account - \$1,400 Savings - \$4,000</p> <p>The savings account is holding \$4,000 to put towards a new stage (funds from dry grad 2012). Peter said some repairs have been done to the stage and a few things still are outstanding to be done but doesn't look like we need a new stage. We will pay for any outstanding work. If extra funds left over there was a suggestion that we could pay for a new PA system. Terri to send a courtesy letter to person in charge.</p>	
3.0	<p>DPAC: Voted for BCCPAC AGM resolutions – will be sent to Bob Holmes to take to represent our PAC at AGM at Spring Conference. Bob, Terri and Diana to attend BCCPAC Spring Conference</p>	
4.0	<p>Dry Grad Committee: May 11 – Plant Sale/Carwash/Trunk Sale in EMS Parking Lot. June 15 – Dry Grad</p>	
5.0	<p>EMS Spring PAC BBQ Committee: BBQ was a big success again this year. Weather was fabulous and lots of parents showed up to help out. Only positive feedback from students and staff.</p>	
6.0	<p>CPF(Canadian Parents for French) CPF-Surrey chapter meeting: www.cpf-surrey.com or</p>	

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	<p>http://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrenchSurreyChapter.</p> <p>Awards: Have been selected. Two EMS students won awards this year.</p> <p>French Café A monthly social meeting for Grade 8 to 12 students to promote conversational French. This month at Scottsdale Bowling Lanes @ 7:30 pm. Temporary contact person is Ellen at www.cpf-surrey.com All information can be found on our facebook as above.</p> <p>SEVEC Trip To Quebec July 6 – 16, 2013: full and all booked.</p> <p>Grants & Funding: At the School Trustee Meeting on April 18 the grants & funding for Surrey school French immersion libraries was received in the amount of \$22,000 for the district. This will be used for French related library equipment and supplies such as books, dvd's etc.</p> <p>Speech Festival – May 4th at SFU. Provincials will be early May</p>	
D.	Principal's Report	
1.0	<p>Student Planning Counsel: Peter reviewing with Department Heads. Polly Diether volunteered to be involved.</p> <p>2.0 Duke of Earl May 9 – 7 pm at EMS</p> <p>3.0 Interviewing for New Staff: Peter has been in the process of interviewing for new staff. Currently three new teachers have been hired: a Band Teacher, Greg Farrugia, a Modern Language Department Head and FSL Teacher, Pepi Kotalsalis and a Science Teacher, Alycia Dodge. One more new teacher is still to be hired. A new student Counsellor will also be hired.</p> <p>Retirement: Mr. Roy, our school Librarian, is retiring this year.</p>	

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4.0	Learning Improvement Funds: This year we are applying for a fifth counselor, French LST time, SLO time, library time(Learning Commons) and for the Compass as well.	
5.0	Inquiry Group: District Committee Pilot Project: Extending Learning Commons (library), receiving a \$20,000 grant for computers, IPAD grant continues	
6.0	Blended Learning Pre-Calculus 11 & Planning 10 will have access online through Surrey Connect. This is for students who are consistently missing period 5 due to other activities	
7.0	Navigations Program: This is a program at EMS for at risk Grade 8 & 9 students who are taught in smaller groups. Social skills are taught along with regular subjects. The objective is to help give these students individual help and to try and help them get them on the right track to success. This has been a successful part-time program which has now been funded for full-time (4 blocks per day). This will now be a full-time teaching position.	
8.0	Junior Department Heads: To encourage more/improved communication within departments we will have Junior Department Heads next year in Math, Socials, Science and English.	
7.0	Grade 10 Prom: May 22 at the Pacific Inn (Pink Palace) from 6:30 – 10 pm. For Grade 10's only	
E.	New Business	
1.0	Speed Bumps at south side of school: Was suggested due to the speeding of some students/parents during drop off and pick up.	
2.0	School Play: The Servant of Two Masters was a success!	

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11.0	Meeting Adjourned @8:35 pm	
	Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 @ 7:00pm	