



# Earl Marriott Secondary School

## Parent Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Date: February 25, 2013

Executive		Name
Chair:	Lucy K	-
Vice-Chair:	Bob H	-
Treasurer:	Terri P	Present
Secretary:	Diana B	Present
DPAC Representative:	Mark F	Present
CPF Representative:	Trish S	Present
EMS		
Principal:	Peter Johnston	Present
Attendees		Regrets
Stacey MacDonald Sean Averill Karolyn Donnelly Polly Diether Lois Beck-Millman Shawna Edwards Cindy Fizzard Janice Scott Robin de Hoog		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call to Order</li> <li>Agenda/Minutes</li> <li>Motion to Adopt:</li> <li>Second</li> </ul>	Trish Terri	7:03 pm

Item:		Action:
<b>A</b>	<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	Review of January Minutes	<b>accepted</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Committees</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<p><b>New School Committee:</b> Funds have now been allocated for a new high school in the Clayton Heights area of Surrey. Earl Marriott is still on the wish list. The Ministry of Education is currently reviewing the wish lists provided by the various districts. As Peter said we have the land and the plans and once we receive funding we would be ready to build a new school in about 18 months. We just need the funding for the actual school. <b>We still need to keep up the letter writing campaigns to keep the pressure on government to provide funding for us.</b></p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Terri has started to put together a Procedures Manual for the Treasurer's job.</p> <p>Speakers: Last meeting we discussed possible speakers to bring to the school for either students and/or parents. Driver's Education(Road Safe BC) – no speaker program any more.</p> <p>Other speakers suggested: Teresa Campbell - Cyber bullying for parents; and/or students. SOLOS(Safety Online Outreach Society) is another program regarding online safety.</p> <p>We will decide on which speakers the PAC wishes to bring in this year. It was also suggested we bring in a speaker in the spring (around May) and then one speaker per year possibly in September to encourage parents to come to the PAC at the same time.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the school needs new wrestling mats and that there will be a request put in for any funding the PAC is able to provide.</p>	

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3.0	<b>DPAC:</b> Pink Shirt Day – February 27 <sup>th</sup> .	
4.0	<b>Dry Grad Committee:</b> Fashion Show date – changed to April 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm.	
5.0	<b>EMS Spring PAC BBQ Committee:</b> We have had a great response to our synervoice and email message requesting donations and volunteers. We have had hotdogs, ketchup and a catering truck donated by various parents to have or use for our bbq. Several volunteers have also stepped forward. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 pm in the EMS library. All are welcome to attend.	
6.0	<b>CPF(Canadian Parents for French)</b>  <b>CPF-Surrey chapter meeting:</b> <a href="http://www.cpf-surrey.com">www.cpf-surrey.com</a> or <a href="http://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrenchSurreyChapter">http://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrenchSurreyChapter</a> .  <b>French Café</b> 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 <a href="http://www.cpf-surrey.com">www.cpf-surrey.com</a> All information can be found on our facebook as above.  <b>SEVEC Trip To Quebec July 6 – 16, 2013:</b> is now full.  <b>Grants &amp; Funding:</b>  CPF this year has applied for government grants & funding. They will be donating from these funds \$500 to late immersion school libraries and \$1,000 to secondary immersion school libraries.  <b>Speech Festival</b> – May 4 <sup>th</sup> at SFU. Provincials will be early May	
D.	<b>Principal's Report</b>	
1.0	<b>School Speakers:</b> Peter is searching to book a speaker to talk to the Grade 11 & 12's about sexting. There is also a speaker coming in to talk	

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2.0	about Mind & Mental Health to speak to the Grade 11 & 12's. <b>Parent Teacher Interviews:</b> to be held Wednesday, April 10th	
3.0	<b>Course Selection:</b> Taking place this week. Students will enter their courses selected during class online.	
4.0	<b>Grade 7 Parent Meetings:</b> Peter has been visiting the feeder elementary schools and the Grade 7's have been visiting EMS for various activities to be introduced to the school. Feedback from the schools and parents has been very positive regarding EMS.	
5.0	<b>Water Cooler:</b> The School District will not fund a water cooler as they already supply clean water to the schools through the water fountains. Our school water fountains have now been fitted with apparatus that enables students and staff to fill up their water bottles. If we want a water cooler the PAC would have to buy it ourselves.	
6.0	<b>Parent Forums were held on February 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Attended by Terri, Lucy and Peter representing our school. Surrey School District is focusing on how we can make our education system better. The two week spring break was also addressed and the overwhelming response was positive to continue with two weeks at spring break. Key issues discussed were Assessment and Technology. Five EMS teachers will be trained to be our Assessment Team.	
7.0	<b>Grade 10 Prom:</b> May 22 at the Pacific Inn (Pink Palace) from 6:30 – 10 pm. For Grade 10's only	
E.	<b>New Business</b>	
1.0	<b>Stop sign yellow lines(directly in front of school:</b> A concerned parent noted they are fading and drivers are ignoring the stop sign. This is a safety concern. Peter will look into having them repainted.	
2.0	<b>School Play:</b> coming soon. Will be a spoof/comedy.	

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11.0	Meeting Adjourned @8:15 pm	
	Next Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2013 @ 7:00pm	