



Earl Marriott Secondary School

Parent Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 26, 2012

Executive		Name
Chair:	Lucy K	Present
Vice-Chair:	Bob H	Present
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 Janice Scott		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order 7:03 pm • Agenda/Minutes • Motion to Adopt: Lucy • Second Terri 		

Item:		Action:
A	Old Business	
1.0	Review of October Minutes	accepted
2.0	It was agreed that for future meetings attendees of the meeting will be informed that their names will appear in the PAC Minutes which are published on the PAC Website.	
B.	Committees	
1.0	<p>New School – Sub-committee:</p> <p>Stacey went to both the Vancouver Sun and Peace Arch News with the EMS Staff Response Letter. Stacey was interviewed by Rob Ferguson of the Peace Arch News and an article was published regarding the fight for a new school. Peter was also interviewed by Mr. Ferguson.</p> <p>Bob Holmes from the DPAC was told we really need to push MLA, Gordon Hogg and Minister of Education, Don McRae regarding the urgency of our need for funding for a new school.</p> <p>The PAC decided we will put a request out to the parents of the school on our website requesting they contact Gordon Hogg and Don McRae via email, phone or fax. Contact information as well as a sample letter will be posted on our website.</p> <p>We also requested that Peter send out a message on behalf of the PAC via synervoice. Lucy will draft the message and send to Peter to forward on the PAC's behalf.</p> <p>Upon our request, Peter will also forward our request to our associate schools.</p> <p>Linda Stromberg, Member of the ADHOC Committee, sent letters to each of the 4 MLA's from the top political parties in the province asking if they could include in their platform our need for a new school.</p>	
2.0	<p>Budget Committee:</p> <p>Terri said that funds are continually being dispersed according to the approved budget.</p>	

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3.0	<p>Dry Grad Committee: Melanie Andriesse absent</p> <p>Pasta Dinner- was a success. Raised about \$4,000</p> <p>Fashion Show – April 30</p> <p>Plant Sale- May 10</p> <p>Dry Grad – June 15 Dinner and Dance at the Hyatt Vancouver YMCA from 12 – 5 am – games, photo booth, hypnotist etc, followed by breakfast at the Turkey House on King George Hwy in Surrey</p> <p>*Grade 11 parent volunteers needed to help run dry grad at YMCA (meeting will be coming soon)*</p> <p>Contact: Melanie Andriesse - melanie.andriesse@shaw.ca</p> <p>It was noted that the PAC appreciates the Dry Grad Committee reps when they attend the meetings to keep us updated on events.</p>	
4.0	<p>DPAC: Bob Holmes reported that he was told we need to keep the pressure up on our local politicians regarding funding for a new school.</p> <p>Parent Meetings on Bullying: to be held on January 23, 2013 and February 27 at the District Education Centre, 14033 92nd Avenue, Boardroom – 2nd Floor, Surrey. Registration at 6:45. Meeting at 7:00. Roundtable discussion to follow. Everyone welcome.</p>	
5.0	<p>EMS Spring PAC BBQ Committee: to meet January 14 at 7 pm in the library. All volunteers welcome.</p>	
D.	Principal's Report	
1.0	Duke of Earl – May 9th	

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2.0	Pancake Breakfast – December 21 st . 7:30 – 9:15 am is breakfast for all staff and students. Ugly sweater contest and Country dance Hoe-Down will be held at the common extended lunch hour. PAC will be volunteering serving hot chocolate. This is the last day of school before the Christmas break. Students to bring non-perishable item for the food bank. PAC to donate coffee for teachers.	
3.0	Anti –Bullying: In May there will be a course to educate teachers to be certified to deal with bullying issues involving students. Certain teachers will be designated to be contact persons for students regarding bullying incidents.	
4.0	Senior Boys Rugby Team has been invited to an invitation only tournament in Japan in April. They will be fundraising in March by selling Safeway and Save-On Foods Gift Cards.	
5.0	Winter Band Concert- December 12. Jr/Sr Jazz Bands performing at the school	
6.0	One Act Plays – December 6 & 7 written and performed by the drama department – tickets available	
7.0	Increasing School Spirit - It was suggested by Trish that we should have more pep rallys for all school type events/teams.	
8.0	BC Education Plan: Peter was talking about the plan to individualize students learning. Many Grade 11 and 12 teachers at EMS are already embracing the plan. We, as the PAC, need to support the plan and be prepared for feedback. Our parents need to be educated about what their children's learning will look like. See http://www.bcedplan.ca/theplan.php	
9.0	Technology: Our school and educators are trying to embrace technology and use it to their best advantage. Peter is blogging more to inform parents and students about what is happening with the school. He is also using video such as youtube for staff	

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	briefings to be viewed prior to staff meetings. This way the staff can watch before their meetings, which are time constrained, and then use their time to discuss or ask questions.	
E.	New Business	
1.0	<p>CPF(Canadian Parents for French)</p> <p>CPF-Surrey chapter meeting: CPF has a new website – www.cpf-surrey.com as well as a facebook page. http://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrenchSurreyChapter.</p> <p>These two websites have updated information for all activities, opportunities and awards for CPF students, parents and teachers. This will be CPF's main method of communication.</p> <p>French Café – monthly social meeting for Grade 8 to 12 students to promote conversational French. Held at Tim Horton's at Hwy 10 & 152 on last Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 pm. Temporary contact person is Ellen at www.cpf-surrey.com All information can be found on our facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrenchSurreyChapter.</p> <p>Camp Bonjour: cancelled this year.</p> <p>SEVEC Trip To Quebec July 6 – 16, 2013:</p> <p>50 kids(Gr 8 – 12) to participate this year. 21 days including students from Quebec here from June 24 – July 4, then students from BC go to Quebec from July 6 – 16. Contact person is Nicolas Rebselj, French Immersion Teacher at École Earl Marriott Secondary, at 604-531-8354, email - rebselj_n@surreyschools.ca</p> <p>CPF Award Coordinator – Trish Silvester-Lee</p>	

Item:		Action:
	Carnvial D'hiver – At Peace Arch School–February 20, 2013,	
	at 6 pm	
11.0	Meeting Adjourned @8:55 pm	
	Next Meeting: Monday, January 28, 2012 @ 7:00pm	