



# Earl Marriott Secondary School

## Parent Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Date: September 27, 2012

Executive		Name	
Chair:	Sean Averill	Present	
Vice-Chair:	-	-	
Treasurer:	Karolyn D/Terri P	Present	
Secretary:	Diana Bonner	Present	
DPAC Representative:	-	-	
CPF Representative:	Trish Silvester-Lee	-	
EMS			
Principal:	Peter Johnston	Present	
Attendees		Regrets	
Stacey MacDonald			
Margeaux Leckie			
Algemicro Almeida			
Violet Dwyer			
Janet Schreier			
Mark Fester			
Bob Holmes			
Eve MacLennan			
Jennifer Ngo			
Karolyn Donnelly			
Alex Ken			
Mykila Misink			

Item:		Action:
<b>A</b>	<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Review of June Minutes</b>	<b>accepted</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>PAC Executive Elections:</b> Sean Averill, PAC Chair is stepping down as of the end of September due to work commitments. We thank Sean for all his efforts and hard work. PAC Elections will happen at the October 29 <sup>th</sup> PAC meeting and we are looking to fill the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and DPAC Representative. If anyone is interested please contact Sean and/or attend our meeting in October.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Treasurer`s Report:</b> Last year we allocated \$41,745 for school requests and spent \$39,503. This year we have about \$10,000 in the PAC bank account and received \$38,040 gaming funds from the government (\$20 per student) giving us \$48,040 to spend for school clubs via teacher`s requests. Traditionally the PAC holds back about \$2,500 for miscellaneous requests through the year. We have approximately \$92,000 in requests. A budget committee needs to be formed to decide how and where the money should be allocated. Committee members stepped forward: Terri, Diana, Eve, Bob, Mark and Margeaux. A meeting date will be determined at the end of the PAC meeting. Committee needs to complete money allocation by next PAC meeting.	
<b>B.</b>	<b>Committees</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>New School – Sub-committee:</b> Ongoing. Stacey McDonald is on the sub-committee and Bob Holmes is on the DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) so they will keep us updated. A letter writing campaign will start up again. A discussion was held regarding the need for a new school.	

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<b>D.</b>	<b>Principal's Report</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<p><b>New School Year:</b></p> <p>There are approximately 1950 students at EMS this year. Junior and Senior Staff had several staff meetings together. Moving forward there will be separate Junior and Senior Staff Meetings through the year due to the split time schedule.</p> <p>There is no longer music playing at class change time as it disturbs ongoing classes.</p> <p>Lockers, course selection/changes and fee payments: huge lineups were experienced the first few days in these areas and the administration is looking for solutions moving forward. A possible solution being looked at is online payment of school fees and set up of counseling appointments.</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b>Clubs and Teams:</b></p> <p>All school teams and clubs are up and running. EMS is looking at having separate Junior and Senior clubs over their respective lunch hours moving forward.</p> <p><b>Clubs Day</b> is October 10<sup>th</sup></p> <p>There will be meetings in the gymnasium over both Junior and Senior Lunch to learn about and join our school clubs.</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>Surrey Schools.ca :</b></p> <p>A new communication tool for the Surrey School District has been introduced. Each teacher will have a HUB and be able to provide information for both parents and students to access including: assignments, notes as well as any other important information. School forms will eventually be available on this website as well. We will look into whether we can put PAC information here as well. This is a communication tool that will eventually replace Edmodo.</p>	
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>BYOD(Bring Your Own Device):</b> Our school is number 1 in Surrey with approximately 1000 - 1100 users at any given time using a wireless internet device. This includes the use of</p>	

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	laptops, phones, ipods and ipads being used as a tool in learning.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 25.</b> Parents need to book appointments online.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Foods Department Renovations</b> completed over summer.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Exchange trip to Japan:</b> Peter travelled to Japan with some students from EMS this summer to compare educational systems and look for new and improved learning ideas.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>EMS Spring Break Trips:</b> This year there will be 6 school groups travelling abroad including trips to Kenya(Me to We), Guatemala, Europe and Peru.	
<b>E.</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>BC Education Plan:</b> Changes in the BC Education Plan involve more personalized learning to better prepare students. This is a new plan that is in the early stages. Website:www.bcedplan.ca	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Parent Contact List:</b> PAC Committee looking for a way to engage and be able to contact school parents for volunteering that may be needed through the year. Further discussion to be had on this subject.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>CPF(Canadian Parents for French)</b>  <b>CPF-Surrey chapter meeting:</b> CPF has a new website – <a href="http://www.cpf-surrey.com">www.cpf-surrey.com</a> as well as a facebook page. <a href="http://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrenchSurreyChapter">http://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrenchSurreyChapter</a> .  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.	

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	<p><b>CPF Membership Drive:</b> by October 31<sup>st</sup> – to win incentive prizes. A percentage of money from all CPF memberships comes back to Surrey schools for our programs and awards. The CPF is encouraging all French immersion schools, students, and families to become members. Membership is online at <a href="http://www.cpf.bc.ca">www.cpf.bc.ca</a> or Trish has brochures with the hard copy/mail in membership form.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Trish has heard from Panorama Ridge and Lord Tweedsmuir reps that French students are encouraged to do outside school events for credits. She has emailed Mme English to see if EMS offers the same opportunity.</p> <p><b>SocioCulturalGrant</b> – CPF is applying for this grant for CPF-BC &amp; Yukon for 2012 and 2013 French events.</p> <p><b>CPF Upcoming Events:</b></p> <p><b>Surrey Schools French Film Festival – November 14, 2012</b> Held at the Empire Theatres in Guildford for Grades 1 – 12. CPF-Surrey coordinating volunteers and helping financially with buses. Secondary Grade 8 – 12 movie is Tin Tin.</p> <p><b>Carnival Night – February, 2013</b> This will be in place of Père Noel due to film festival being in November. To be held at a French Immersion elementary school – possibly Laronde or Peace Arch. Will need secondary student volunteer help.</p> <p><b>French Immersion Celebration Week – February 3- 9, 2013</b></p> <p><b>French Café</b> – monthly social meeting for Grade 8 to 12 students to promote conversational French. Held at Tim Horton's at Hwy 10 &amp; 152 on Wednesday, October 24 @ 7:30 pm. Usually will be held the last Wednesday of each month. 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 page at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrenchSurreyChapter">http://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrenchSurreyChapter</a>.</p> <p><b>SEVEC Trip To Quebec:</b> SEVEC exchange trip to Quebec in</p>	

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	June/July2013. More details in a few weeks. Contact person is Nicolass Rebselj, French Immersion Teacher at École Earl Marriott Secondary, at 604-531-8354, email - <a href="mailto:rebselj_n@surreyschools.ca">rebselj_n@surreyschools.ca</a>	
11.0	Meeting Adjourned @8:08 pm	
	Next Meeting: Monday, October 29, 2012 @ 7:00pm	