



Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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PAC Annual General Meeting Minutes Thursday May 22, 2025

Attendees: Sara Block, Rachael Marples, Heather Neilson, Nina Hemmes, Sheri Hardcastle, Tara Sheldrake, Megan Bane, Sandra Todd, Amanda Lowe, Zita Wang, Doris Du, Ishwarya Anand, Amy Zhao, Parveen Sangha, Karen Fadum

Meeting called to order at 9:04am

Motion to Approve Agenda

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Rachael Marples, Tara Sheldrake

Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Nina Hemmes, Tara Sheldrake

Principal's Report and Updates - Karen Fadum

🌱 **Enrollment & Staffing**

- Current Projections - Estimated 437 Students for next year with 19 divisions
- Ms. Funk will be retiring at the end of the year
- Congratulations to Ms. Plumb on having new baby boy Everett

🌱 **Jog-a-thon**

- Thank you to PAC for organizing this fundraising event

🌱 **Construction**

- Currently waiting for City of Surrey to complete inspection before student entry permitted into building
- Fencing will remain up to protect landscaping over the summer (6 months)
- Gaga Ball pit is up and running - kids are learning how to play the game

🌱 **Elementary Band**

- No Grade 7 Band for next year
- Parents can look into doing a 'Club' for Music or Band during lunch break or after school. Teacher sponsor must be present.
- Potential for PAC sponsored sessions from outside agency should parents try to organize something like this

New Playground

- Removal is set to July 2026
- Plan to meet with staff/parent committee early June for fund review/goals
- Late August - SchoolCash Online will open up donations giving link




Track and Field - May 23rd

- Happening tomorrow at South Surrey Track, all participating students have been notified of events they will participate in
- Our PAC Running Concession

Fall Opening Celebration

- Open House Community Event - September 19th (4:30-6:30)
- PAC is organizing now to lessen workload over the summer - booking Food Trucks, Games, Concession, look into Raffle/Prizes
- PAC can advertise on hot lunch site for donations

Treasurer's Report - Nina Hemmes

-  **General Account: \$88,089.74**
-  **Gaming: \$13,764.34**
-  **Total Assets Available: \$45,571.01**

2025/2026 Budget Vote

- All Present Voted yes for Proposed 2025/2026 PAC Budget

DPAC Report - Sheri Hardcastle

Education Sessions

- Education Sessions for fundraising for large projects ie. playgrounds, dry grads, capital projects. Creating budgets, grant applications, district guidelines
- Sub-committees fall under PAC for Gaming Licensing, funding and project proposals
- Good idea to have funds reserved for unexpected costs in overall budget
- Next Education Session - Risk Management

Advocacy for funding

- Rally for Public Education in Victoria - May 26th at Legislature to advocate for more funding, many districts will be in attendance, a few band teachers to attend
- Student walk for funding planned in White Rock

- [Surrey Students Deserve Better](#) - Joint campaign (DPAC, STA, CUPE)
- [Petition to Premier Eby](#) - Invest in BC's Public Schools Now
- [Surrey Schools 2025-2026 Annual Budget](#)

🌱 **Annual Liaison Meeting**

- Topics brought forward to Surrey Board of Education: Inclusive Education, Vaping, District Website Value & Effectiveness

Business - Sara Block

🌱 **Yearbook**

- Submitted, tried to make sure all students were included
- Mid June Availability

🌱 **Jog-a-thon 2025**

- Amazing amount of funds raised, ice cream parties for classes that raised the most money

🌱 **Games Day**

- June 6th - Tara doing snacks for students

🌱 **Track and Field**

- Tomorrow, Nina and volunteers running concession

New Business - Sara Block

🌱 **Fall Carnival - September 19th**

- Jelk Company has been booked for providing carnival games
- Alohaaaa - local food truck vendor - Voted on at meeting - 6 Voted Yes
- Pizza will be sold at PAC concession
- All voted in favour of TCBY over Kona Ice - May have to order dry ice or bring multiple coolers to keep these items frozen during event
- One or two hired face painters?
- Grade 7 or past students running games/concessions to help?
- Raffle was voted by all over Silent Auction for Donated Baskets - Donations being requested on hot lunch site - All voted yes to spend up to \$500 of PAC funds on baskets - Potentially use Zeffy as digital payment site for raffle to alleviate PAC from selling tickets for hours

🌱 **Bottle Depot Fundraiser**

- All voted in favour of PAC Bottle Account being converted to Grade 7 Grad Fund Account

2025-2026 Executive Member Vote - Sheri Hardcastle

- 🌿 **President - Sara Block**
- 🌿 **Co-President - Rachael Marples**
- 🌿 **Secretary - Heather Neilson**
- 🌿 **Treasurer - Nina Hemmes**
- 🌿 **DPAC - Tara Sheldrake**
- 🌿 **Members at Large : Wincy Li, Amanda Lowe, Brandon Heuser, Megan Bane**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am

**Next Meeting
June 19, 2025**

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson