

**Sherwood Park PAC Minutes**  
**Meeting date: September 26, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Sanjeet Johal, Karmyn Turner, Jeannette Schisler, Tristan Newby, Natalie Lai, Maryam Mahanian, Amber Fraser, Robyn Whyte, Jennifer Reid, Jessica Kym, Beth Rossiter, Sarah McCurdy, Julie Mayor, Christine Chatelain, Rachel Douthwaite, Meredith Briden, Anthony Lyons, Marina Hartvik, Gina Madeo, Chris Ricard, Sharon Boglari

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm**

*The PAC would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Tsleil-Waututh Nation and the Squamish Nation, on whose traditional territory our School District resides. We value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.*

Motion to approve the May 30, 2018 minutes made by Karmyn Turner and seconded by Jeannette Schisler.

**Mr Johal's Report**

- Enrollment: This year we have 426 students, and 21 divisions. The teaching staff has seen very little turnover with only 2-3 staff moving. This is a positive reflection of our school being a desirable place to work.
- Staff collaboration days: Staff are using a district grant to participate in a 4-part series of professional development. The focus is on helping students with self-regulation and following agreements, and creating stimulating classrooms. As part of this focus, each class has been allocated designated entry and exit doors based on where their classroom is in order to create more order during transition times.
- Key dates:
  - Orange shirt day: October 1
  - Grade 4 FSAs: October 1-18
  - Open house: October 10, from 6-7pm.
  - Halloween parade: October 31
  - Curriculum implementation day (no school): November 2
  - Remembrance day assembly: November 9
  - Staff collaboration day (early dismissal at 2 pm): November 28
  - School-based pro-d day (no school): November 29

**Hot lunch**

In an effort to reduce waste, this year's hot lunch will not include cutlery. Parents are reminded to pack their own cutlery on hot lunch days (extras will be available at the front office for students who forget). We are also changing the juice supplier in order to eliminate straws.

Next term, the hot lunch team will be adding a gluten-free option for Subway lunches and they are also looking into a plant-based vendor to create more options for families.

Hot lunch volunteers are still needed on hot lunch days to help hand out meals. If you can help out, please email the hot lunch co-ordinator at: [sherwoodparkschoollunch@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparkschoollunch@gmail.com)

**Canadian Parents for French (North Vancouver Chapter)**

- **French Film Festival** is confirmed this year for February 13, 2019 at a new location, Centennial Theatre.
- **CPF Membership Drive runs until October 31.** During this period, local chapters receive 90% of the membership fee back (rather than 80%). This money goes directly into programming by way of funding, event support, subsidies, socio-cultural grants, etc. PAC would like to explore ways to boost CPF membership numbers at Sherwood Park. CPF members can attend the summer BC Family French Camp in Nanaimo, Shuswap, and in Gwili Lake. For more information, please contact Emina at [emina@shaw.ca](mailto:emina@shaw.ca).

## After school programs

Information about after-school programs for Term 1 was sent home in the Daily Digest on October 1. Programs this year include Sole Girls, Girls with Grit, Parkour, Coding, and Art. Soccer will return next term.

## Traffic safety

There has been lots of interest among Intermediate students to volunteer as crossing guards and students are now being trained. The program still needs more parents to help oversee the volunteers. If you can help out in the morning between 8:30 and 8:50, please email the PAC.

## Communications

The school district is using a new app (Sangha) to communicate with parents. Look out for the Daily Digest from the school in your inbox.

The PAC is also moving to a central communication tool and will be collecting parent emails from class reps. Parents can unsubscribe from PAC emails at any time and can also let their class rep know if they do not want their email address forwarded to the PAC. PAC emails will be kept to a minimum and we will not share your email address with anyone else. All PAC members have signed a confidentiality agreement to ensure parents' privacy. The PAC email signup is here: <http://eepurl.com/dGq5D1>

## Budget

The new bank of swings should be installed by the end of Thanksgiving weekend. Thanks to Chris Ricard for his diligence in working with the district and vendor to make this happen!

The year-end budget for 2017/18 was reviewed and there were no questions from parents

## Volunteers:

The list of volunteer positions was reviewed. Vacant positions for next year include:

- Sign-up Genius administrator
- Fruit and Vegetable program co-ordinator
- Trivia Night – looking for people who have their Service it Right licence (PAC will pay for this)
- Traffic drop-off attendant/parent supervisor
- Kindergarten welcome event (for next year)
- Carnival – midway games co-ordinator

For descriptions, please visit <http://sherwoodparkpac.weebly.com/get-involved.html>

Thanks to all parents who volunteer their time to help with school and community events

## Mark your calendars: Dates for next year:

### PAC meetings:

- Nov 14, 2018
- Jan 23, 2019
- Apr 10, 2019
- May 29, 2019

### Events:

- Trivia night - Nov 23, 2018
- Spring dance - Mar 8, 2019
- Pancake Breakfast - Dec 21, 2018
- Carnival - June 20, 2019

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm. Next meeting: November 14 @ 7pm in the school library

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