

# **SPUL'U'KWUKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

**Present:** (via Zoom online)

#### **Attendance:**

**Present:**

- Elaine Stapleton (Principal)
- Jenny Slinn (Vice Principal)
- Phoebe Li (Chair)
- Nicole Zhou (Treasurer)
- Marco Li (Treasurer)
- Crystal Wu (Secretary)

**Absent:**

- Henry Fung (Vice-Chair)

#### **1. Land Acknowledgement**

- We would like to acknowledge and give thanks to the First Peoples of the hən'qəmin'əm' language group, on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

#### **2. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 9:35am, by Chair Phoebe Li

#### **3. Amendments/ Approval of Agenda**

- MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. Moved: Nicole Zhou / Seconded: Crystal Wu /Carried.

#### **4. Review/ Approval of Minutes**

- MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2025, as presented. Moved: Nicole Zhou / Seconded: Crystal Wu /Carried.

## 5. Reports

### a) **Administration** (by Principal Mrs. Elaine Stapleton)

#### i. **Technology Update**

After doing an inventory of our devices and looking at the “end of life” dates, we have created a new technology plan for purchases. We are looking at:

- 15 refurbished laptops (coming in September from Principals and Vice Principals) - \$6600
- 3 new ipads + AppleCare - \$2181
- 5 new Apple TVs - \$1200
- Resource Room Projector - \$2070

#### ii. **Pocket Forest Fundraisers**

Currently there are a few fundraisers underway. Wednesdays are hot chocolate days, there are Emergency Kits available, and there are financial donations being accepted. Please check the newsletters for more information and links. We appreciate your support for this special project!

- iii. **Conferences** are coming up on Tuesday and Thursday, February 25 and 27. All students will be dismissed at 1:45 on both days, even if they do not have a conference scheduled. We encourage all parents/caregivers to make an appointment to see their child’s teacher.

#### iv. **Parent Education Session**

This is an important session that all parents/caregivers should attend. Our staff have had the opportunity to attend sessions with Hannah Beach and she is helping us to understand what we are seeing in our students and how we can help.

#### **[Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression](https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/reclaiming-play-revitalizing-childhood-combat-anxiety-and-aggression)**

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**Presented by Hannah Beach**

**February 25, 2025 | 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Children are becoming more anxious and aggressive. The common thread? A stark decline in free play. After this session, you may never see play the same way again. Our current culture has replaced play with entertainment and structured activities.

We are now seeing the emotional side effects of the loss of play in the lives of children as aggression and anxiety in young people is at an all-time high.

The research is clear: children learn and develop best through play. And yet, children are playing less than ever. In fact, this is the first generation of children that does not have a play-based childhood. The side effects? Children and youth are struggling. It has become harder than ever to lead and care for kids.

This conversation has never been more important as we look at how we can support children's emotional health and learning. We'll unpack the science behind play and how it lowers anxiety and aggression, builds resilience, and fosters social and emotional health.

Little changes can have big effects. Join Hannah for a powerful workshop that will help you discover practical ways to transform your family culture and support your children in becoming their best selves.

Closed captioning in multiple languages will be available for participants.

[Click here to register](#)

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v. **Childcare Centre**

On Wednesday, students must stay away from the north side of the site due to moving vehicles and the crane.

On Wednesday, students will not have access to the school doors (Door 23) on the north side (by Ms. Rakhra's and Mrs. Shackles' rooms), except in the case of an emergency (fire, earthquake, other evacuation).

Div. 1, 5, 8, 11,12, and the MLC will be able to use their outside doors for drop-off, pick-up, recess, and lunch, but access will have to be from around the west side of the school. Students in the MLC will not be able to use the north doors to enter the school. They will need to go to the doors by the multi with the class fob. The current fence that is blocking access to the basketball court will be removed by Wednesday.

Divisions 2 and 3 can use their outside doors; however, they must go south around the building at recess and lunch. For drop-off and pick-up, Div. 2 and 3 can continue as usual.

vi. **District's Strategic Plan**

The Richmond Board of Education has partnered with Roots & Rivers Consulting to create a Strategic Plan that will guide the Richmond School District over the next five years. As part of the development of the 2025– 2030 Strategic Plan, we are seeking input from students, staff, parents/caregivers, partner groups, and the greater Richmond community through a survey. Additionally, there will be four open houses and a virtual session.

Feedback gathered will help shape the priorities that will guide the district for the next five years.

The online survey is anonymous and takes approximately 5–15 minutes to complete. All responses will be reviewed and analyzed to help refine our strategic priorities, and the collective input will be presented to the Board of Education as part of the engagement process.

The survey will be open until Sunday, February 23, 2025, and can be accessed here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8PQpzIaCBDUrk6BK9E5mUvBxfNaq\\_d2Jq8tAyr7dIDclrrNg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8PQpzIaCBDUrk6BK9E5mUvBxfNaq_d2Jq8tAyr7dIDclrrNg/viewform)

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**b) Finance** (by Treasurer Nicole Zhou)

i. **General Account**

- Opening Balance: \$32,759.41
  - Paid bank monthly fee: \$6
  - Paid regular transaction fee: \$2.50
  - Reimbursement to Hot lunch Coordinator Terris Tsang: \$154.20
  - Paid \$2,000 to purchase the new electronic scoreboard in the gym
  - Paid \$526.15 to Hot lunch vender Fresh Slice
  - Paid \$789.75 to Hot lunch vender Fukuroku Sushi
  - Paid \$1,093.5 to Hot lunch vender Just Poke
  - Paid \$1,050 to Lion Dance for Chinese New Year Celebration (the Payee has not deposited our cheque yet)
  - Deposit \$14,207.43 from Hot lunch via Munch A Lunch's website
  - Received \$177.75 from a school's cheque
  - Raised \$1,050.00 from Family Photos
- Planned expense: \$0

ii. **Gaming Account**

- Opening Balance: \$3,298.33

- Received bank interest: \$5.97
- o Planned expense: \$0

iii. **Fundraising Account**

- o Balance: \$0

**c) Chairs** (by Chair Phoebe Li)

- i. **More Parents to Join PAC** – The PAC is happy that we have recruited a few more parents volunteers for future events at the school Krispy Kreme fundraising last week. We are excited that more parents want to be involved as we continue to build a community and positive environment for our children.
- ii. **Summer Carnival Fair** – Spul'u'kwuks Summer Carnival Fair will be held on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2025. Planning is underway. This year, it will be slightly different than last year. Besides having carnival games, we will also be recruiting local vendors to sell goods, local artists to offer art activities and also origami artists. This even is opened to the community. More details to come.
- iii. **Community Celebration Grant** – Community Celebration Grant has been submitted and if it is approved, the grant will be used towards to the summer carnival fair.
- iv. **Potential Soccer Sessions** – We are currently looking into having soccer sessions for the students by Fusion FC Soccer Club (Canada National Youth Licensed Club in Richmond). We are waiting to hear back about the quotes and their offerings.
- v. **Sponsor for Grade 7 Farewell** – For the upcoming grade 7 farewell, the PAC is pleased to provide \$15 per student to help celebrate this special occasion as they reach this important milestone.

**6. Other and sharing:**

- a) **Fundraising for Library** – In the previous years, PAC supported the library operation with funds. PAC is wondering if the school would need any support from PAC. The School Administrator will check with the librarian and will get back to PAC.

**7. Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 9:30am

**8. Adjournment at 10:07 am**