



SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL
General Meeting Minutes
By Elaine Cheung

November 22, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00pm
14033 92 Ave., Surrey, BC, V3V 0B7

Time (Est)	Item	Lead
6:45pm	Registration: 33 attendees plus guests Antonio Vendramin & Bob Holmes	All
7:05pm	Meeting called to order 1. Adoption of Agenda - Motion by Rosemary Heights; 2nd by Highland Elementary. Motion APPROVED 2. Welcome and introductions - Special guests: Antonio Vendramin & Bob Holmes;; DPAC board members absent: Peter Johal and Elizabeth Garduno. Sireen EI-Nashar arrived 7:30pm and left at 8:48pm. - Reminder for PACs to register for BCCPAC in order to vote. Deadline Dec 15, 2017 in order to vote. \$75 fee.	Karen All
7:10pm	3. Approval of minutes of the previous General Meeting - Motion by Colebrook Elementary; 2nd by Rosemary Heights. Motion APPROVED. 4. Reports: President's Report - See handouts - Follow up from last meeting: - Still waiting for answer Re how schools actually get money from donation site. - Lots of grants available. Ie. Student Learning Grant \$50/student; grants for teachers www.Myclassneeds.ca/en/ Canada Post Grant canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/community_foundation/criteria.page - To get a list of grants, contact Karen directly and she will email you the list. - Proposed question to ask Rob Fleming was discussed. If you have any suggestions to email Karen directly.	All Karen
	Treasurer's Report - As of end of October: Account balance (chequing) \$5222; Gaming Account \$5863;	Sonali

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	Committee Reports	DPAC Directors
	- <u>Second language group</u> : Language survey: next step to go deeper into the results	Karen
	- <u>Naming of the new schools</u> : Grandview secondary school and a new school in Clayton. No decision made yet.	Lisa
	- <u>Montessori committee</u> : There are waitlists at Choice schools. - Class size and composition is the biggest challenge. Teacher recruitment very difficult.	Vicki
	- <u>Surrey traditional schools committee</u> : 250 in waitlist. All teachers using fresh grade. No year end rewards First year with split classes. Enrolment based on lottery system.	Lisa
	- <u>Board of trustee meeting</u> : In Sept/Oct, there were public consultations for new high school and elementary schools. - Had health and safety audit, the board saved 15% in premiums which works out to \$450K	Dean
	- <u>French immersion Committee</u> : trying to find new teachers very difficult. Every department is looking for people.	Dean
	- <u>Capital plan committee</u> : We are encouraged to contact our MLAs and put pressure on them to get money for Surrey schools	Dean
	Board of Trustee's Report	Bob Holmes (Gary T on vacation)
	- TTOC shortage: not a money issue but finding people issue.	
	- Bob encourage parents to continue advocating for Surrey schools	
7:40pm	5. Parent Information Education: Update on Curriculum and Communicating Student Learning - Powerpoint presentation (vendramin_a@surreyschools.ca)	Antonio Vendramin, District Principal
9:00pm	Q&A	ALL
9:03pm	Adjournment <i>No GM in December</i>	ALL <i>Merry Christmas and have a wonderful Holiday Season!!</i>
Next meeting:	Jan 24, 2018 from 7:00 – 9:00pm, Registration at 6:45pm	Topic: Surrey DPAC C&B; Parent Information topic <i>tba.</i>

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