

1. CALL TO ORDER @7:30

1.1. Call to Order

Attendance: Polly, Megan, Yvonne, Kristina, Tanya, Janelle, Olessya, Peter, Melody, Nadine, Iain

Quorum met.

Approval of Agenda by Megan seconded by Peter

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CARRIED OVER FROM LAST MEETING

2.1 Circle Garden Update:

Materials have been ordered. Habitat estimated time to completion is 10-12 weeks so hopefully it will be installed before the winter break.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Principal's Report/Questions and Answers

Things have started off smoothly. Mr. Gardner would prefer to have questions before the PAC meeting to answer rather than repeating the newsletter. If you have questions send them into PAC (cheam-pac@sd33.bc.ca) in advance so they can be answered fully.

Things to look forward to: letter went home today (Sept 20, 2021) regarding attendance permission for the Terry Fox Run. The school will be going to F.G. Leary as we have in past years. Students will run around their play field and Walden Park.

Kids will be bussed down with their class. The run is set for **Oct 1, 2021** between **12:30-1:30**. There is a large parking lot at Walden Park for parents to come out, meet and enjoy the event with your child(ren).

Information about school based teams will be sent home. This is to inform families of what supports are available to students at the school level.

Iain also wants to use PAC meetings to give information on school growth and how we are progressing; and hoping to get family feedback.

3.2 Reports

Treasurer

Not a lot to report. Had to pay for munchalunch service charge this year; \$336.00 with a \$1.00 etransfer service charge. There is a bit of a balance left over from last year in the gaming grant and we are expected to get more this year. We have a commitment on account; Guerilla Q has not cashed their cheque from the staff appreciation lunch last year so our balance will be \$330 less than stated.

DPAC

DPAC meeting: First meeting is coming up Sept 22, 2021 @ 7pm.

3.3 Committee Formation and Reports

Spirit

Our new spirit leaders are Yvonne and Olivia. Some inclusive family friendly spirit days are being considered; details will be announced as they become finalized. We are limited to a maximum of 2 spirit days a month as we need to balance between fun and getting things done!

Hot Lunch

Kristina and Olessya have signed up for Hot Lunch to help Carla. There are four hot lunches planned for this season:

Oct 7 - Fuel Catering

Oct 29 - Sin Amen Bun Co

Nov 19 - Jim's Pizza

Dec 10 - Fuel Catering

We are still trying to use companies that, for the most part, organize by division for us as we are limited to how many volunteers can be in the school at one time. Always taking ideas for suppliers but know that this is a big part of our decision for current ordering. Ordering is coming along for these hot lunches!

Fundraising committee

Carla, Olessya and Kelsea are our fundraising committee members this year. Due to Neufeld Farms' new online ordering system, we may not be able to use them this year, as they require a school list which we cannot share. Looking into a chocolate fundraiser, a winter DeVry plant sale has been set up, and we will likely do a spring one as well. As Neufeld was a very big fundraiser, we will take ideas to replace that loss.

We have made just over \$400 profit in coupon book sales.

Special Events

Kristina, Olessya and Kelsea are our special events members.

Outdoor events are ok, indoor events are not possible due to current COVID restrictions.

We can have parent volunteers in the school; there are protocols in place and will need to be reviewed before coming in. The number of volunteers in the school at one time still needs to be approved due to Cheam's small halls and lack of multipurpose rooms; we cannot have too many adults in the school preventing students from moving around.

More information on special events will be coming!!

Yearbook committee

Tanesha will spearhead our yearbook committee this year. She would like 2 more people to help her. If you would like to help out with the yearbook, please reach out to PAC at cheam-pac@sd33.bc.ca.

Green committee

Melody is looking for someone to help with the green committee; looking for fresh ideas if someone wants to help!

We have room for two more trees to be planted; one from last year died. Melody is looking into getting trees planted in October rather than April as fall planting is better for tree survival. Compost bins are at the school now.

Grad committee

No one volunteered yet. Reach out to PAC if you would like to help with the grade 5 grad committee, cheam-pac@sd33.bc.ca.

Post meeting sign up via email: Janelle and Charlene volunteered to help PAC where it is needed. Mr. Losiak has volunteered to help with yearbook. Diane is joining the hot lunch committee and getting the grade 5 grad committee its first member.

Thank you to all the volunteers willing to spend their time helping our school out!

3.4 PAC email sign up

Let fellow parents know to sign up for PAC emails! Pink slips were handed out last week. We have some returned but not all. If you want to keep up to date with what

is going on with PAC and Cheam Elementary, please send in your emails as soon as possible.

3.5 Letter to teachers regarding budget and due date for reimbursement

A letter has been drafted and will be sent out to all Cheam teachers informing them of the money they have available to them to spend on extra classroom necessities. There is also a field trip fund available this year for each teacher, split evenly among the 244 students registered at Cheam, in lieu of a school wide field trip.

3.6 Welcome Back Meet and Greet

There will be limited access to the school. For the tour, teachers will have doors open but blocked off a little. Parents will be able to **peek only**. This is to limit the amount of cleaning needed to be done prior to students returning the next morning. Children will have access to the bathrooms near office, and the two staff washrooms by library will be available to adults. Masks are required in all indoor spaces. There will be two food trucks onsite in the bus lanes. Need some extension cords for the food trucks, if you have some to lend drop them off at the office (make sure to label them with your name). The food trucks need to be in the bus loop, please refrain from using this lane. Early dismissal on Oct 8, 2021, is when you can get in and talk to teachers about your child's progress. Please try to book your time, however you will not be turned away if you did not sign up. Four tents are available to be scattered in the event of rainy weather. The neighbours along the school where we park have been invited to attend the outside portion of the meet and greet.

3.7 Parking lot

The parking lot is one way. Make sure to enter on the north side (near the school building) and exit on the south (next to the farm field/garbage cans). Bus lanes are only available to be used **if directed by staff**. Pedestrians **must** cross at designated cross walks. Please be cognisant of leaving your vehicle running, there are young lungs at work! There are two new no idling signs in the parking lot.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION

5. Meeting adjourned at: 8:48pm

Business carried over:

Next PAC MEETING

Oct 18, 2021, 7:30