



CHEAM PAC Meeting

Date: February 10th 2025

Time: 7:02pm

Location: Cheam Elementary Staff Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Welcome & Acknowledgements

1.2 Attendance: Melissa Graham, Nadine Mackay, Tanya Cannon, Dave Williams, Shawn Gieselman, Alyssa Blondin, Iain Gardner, Laurel Thornton

1.3 Ensure Quorum

1.4 Approval of Agenda: Motion – Rachelle Seconded – Tanya

1.5 Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Motion – Melissa Seconded – Shawn

2. REPORTS

2.1 Principals Report

Before After School Care (BASC) open now with a max of 24 spaces – currently 13 signed up. Away for a bit in Montreal at a conference attempting to recruit French teachers. Carnaval kicked off today. Tuesday there is Francophone music by Cous Cous. Family Skate Wednesday. Lately, there has been a lot of kids and staff sick, but operations at the school have still run smooth.

2.2 Chair Report

No report this month

2.3 Treasurers Report

Hot Lunch & Fundraising on target (likely to exceed Fundraising goals!). New process for applying for Gaming Grant, requiring a Bceid, and interacting with a new interface. There will be a PAC specific webinar upcoming.

2.4 DPAC Report

Rohan – Strategic Planning (open to answer questionnaire until 21st). SD33 has a new Communications Manager. Webinar on AI in January. Boundary review process required, all affected schools have been connected/contacted. Trustee By-election March 1st. BCCPAC AGM held in Norther BC this year (Prince George). Band/Instrument survey going out, related to ongoing concerns and issues with instrument restrictions on buses.

2.5 Committees Report(s)

Special Events:

Hot Lunches: Booked until June

Fundraising: Purdy's upcoming, Neufeld booked for May, then Summer Fun Day Concession and Break the Rules day in June.

Yearbook:

Grade 5 Grad:

Bulletin Board:

Constitution Committee: Draft 95% ready for PAC review

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CARRIED OVER FROM LAST MEETING

4. NEW BUSINESS

- District's Preliminary Meeting with Parents set for March 3rd 6:30-7:45pm in Cheam gym. According to the District: "In preparation for the new elementary school opening on the east side (Rosedale Elementary) and an anticipated boundary review process, we're preparing to meet with your school community for a preliminary discussion about how this might impact Cheam Elementary."
 - Cheam PAC Chair, Vice-Chair, and DPAC Rep met at SD33 with District Superintendent, a Vice-Superintendent, and the Communications Manager on Friday February 7th. District faced with an upcoming boundary review. New Rosedale Elementary school will have space for 500 students. 250 elementary students will move from Rosedale Traditional School immediately when the new school opens. This leaves 250 elementary spaces vacant, along with 250 vacant spaces at what will become a middle school where Rosedale Traditional Community school is.
 - Options for filling elementary spaces at new school? Current discussion around moving French Immersion program (160ish students) and changing boundary lines moving most Cheam english/catchment students to new elementary school as well (currently 80ish english, however uncertain where boundary lines will impact those students specifically).
 - Additional options for filling 250 spaces at Rosedale Middle? Current discussion around moving Early French Immersion program from CMS to Rosedale Middle.
 - How will this impact the Cheam Elementary community?
 - Discussed barriers: Ministry of Education has declared they will not fund upgrading/rebuilding Cheam. Ministry's goal is to eliminate portables with building a new school.
 - PAC's expression of impact:
 - Location of new elementary is prohibitive for families living on the Southside of Chilliwack. Access to new elementary school is not equitable for all Chilliwack families.
 - Also, concerns around busing: cost of busing and time spent on buses due to geographic location, especially for kindergarten students.
 - Culture. Cheam has a rich and lengthy history, noted as a very tightly knit school. This history and the smaller size of the school are some key reasons parents have identified why they choose Cheam.
 - What about Staffing? Will Rosedale staff get priority? What about Cheam English program staff?

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

- 150 year Celebration set for Saturday May 10th from 11am to 3pm. Does PAC want to do concession including hotdogs? Consensus yes and Melissa will Coordinate. Carnival theme (games!), couple of classes doing displays (history, diorama, etc), CSSS band to perform possible. Utilize some talents from May 9th talent show to display too. Working with teachers to create a time capsule.
- Dave's cookbook idea. A Cheam cookbook with recipes submitted by families. Can be structured as a fundraiser. Lowest quote to produce: \$5.50 per book, order 100 minimum. Capable to sell PDF versions too. Call for recipe entries – goal would be 100

recipes. PAC likes the idea, but agrees 100 minimum is too many. Decision to gather recipes and then get additional quotes. Dave will post a call for recipes soon.

6. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Communication Policy for PAC (only if interest in developing this still exists)
 - Related to Email, Facebook group, school website. Purpose? Frequency? Structure/templates?

7. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: March 10th 7:00pm

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned – Rachelle Seconded – Melissa
Time: 8:50pm