

CHEAM PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12th, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Welcome & Acknowledgements

1.2 Attendance: Emmy Kerr, Ashley Klaassen, Tanya Cannon, Ivy Williams, Ian

Gardener, Kaitrin V, Ana Lawrence

1.3 Ensure Quorum

1.4 Approval of Agenda: Motion - Alyssa Seconded - Ana

1.5 Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Motion - Ana Seconded - Ashley

2. REPORTS

2.1 Principals Report

- Grateful for the pancake breakfast. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and PAC members who made it a success.
- Tradanza has been rescheduled for the end of January. Students will be paired up with other classes in preparation for a dance performance on January 29th at 1:00pm. Parents are invited to attend; however, the performance will be filmed for review.
- The principal's office is busy planning for next year. The deadline for Early French Immersion applications for the 2027-28 school year is closed, and early numbers indicate the strong interest in Early French Immersion next year. The goal is to accept as many students as possible, while remaining considerate of our current capacity; however, the number of applications exceeds the number of enrollment spaces available. The principal's office will be following up with applicants to confirm interest by may have to use the lottery system when selecting applicants for the 2027-26 school year.
- The boundary review and future of the Early French Immersion Program (location) is still in the planning stages and has not been finalized. Once the formal plan is presented, hopefully this month, and the plan is accepted, there will be a 60-day formal consultation process with a final decision made by the summer.

2.2 Treasurers Report

- Munch-A-Lunch is down slightly. A parent has expressed that they were having difficulty accessing the system.

- Fundraising account is strong thanks to the Art Cards and Mabel's Label's initiatives
- Special Events budget was largely allocated in support of the Pancake Breakfast

2.3 DPAC Report

- DPAC meeting held Dec 4th, 2025
- DPAC meetings have been largely focused on the boundary restructuring and future of the Early French Immersion Program in Chilliwack
- DPAC is encouraging parent/families to engage in consultation opportunities with district staff
- DPAC hosted two informal Townhalls, one for the Northside and one for the Southside. The Northside Townhall was attended by our DPAC rep, some PAC members, Cheam parents and Cheam teachers who were able to vocalize their concerns about the following:
 - Longevity of the Early French Immersion Program – does the district recognize the value and importance of this program? How is the district planning on investing in the continued success of the Early French Immersion program? How do these decisions support the future success of the EFI program?
 - Consideration for families in the English program at Cheam and how this will impact them. English program families feel forgotten in this process and would like answers about how boundary restructuring impacts their families.
 - Bussing and transportation concerns – these are not new concerns
 - Child Care – will there be before/after school care at the new school? How will current daycare enrollment be addressed if students are forced to relocate due to boundary changes?
 - Staffing concerns – will our EFI teachers move to the new school? Do we have enough EFI staff to support the EFI program at the new school? What is being done to recruit EFI support staff (EAs?)
 - How moving the EFI program further outside city limits may impact enrollment
 - Investment in the Early French Immersion program as a whole and questions about student/teacher access to French Immersion Resources

2.4 Committees Report(s)

Special Events:

Hot Lunches: PAC to check with organizers regarding issues with system glitches.

Hot Lunch day on Jan 29 (McDonalds) + Feb 12 (Hot Dog) – ordering will close one-week prior to the day (Jan 22 + Feb 5th)

Grade 5s will be assisting with the distribution of the Hot Dogs on Feb 12th and the raised funds will be allocated to their fundraising efforts.

Fundraising:

Yearbook: Please submit your yearbook photos to the yearbook committee

Grade 5 Grad: To assist with the hot dog day on Feb 12th

Bulletin Board: Bulletin board has been looking great! Thank you for your creativity!

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CARRIED OVER FROM LAST MEETING

3.1

- Movie night – finalizing dates
 - Request volunteers – Special Events committee
 - Feb 20th movie night confirmed by Mr. Gardner
 - Looking for volunteers to run this event
- Follow up on Muddy Buddy request (Mrs Zacharias)
 - PAC did not receive responses to our request for more information. PAC to follow up with Mrs Zacharias and table for next meeting.
- Zoom PAC meeting document to be approved
 - PAC meeting document to be presented as a visual document by Ana Lawrence
- Constitution and Bylaw Committee to rewrite them
 - Committee members are currently Ashley Klaassen and Ana Lawrence.
 - Constitution and bylaws to be reviewed, edited and presented at our AGM for final approval
- Grade 5 Grad Committee update
 - No updates

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1

- Grade 5 Grad committee request for profits from next hot dog day - Approved by PAC
- Summary of the DPAC Boundary Review Townhall - Included in DPAC report

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Open call for the position of secretary to be emailed to the community**

6. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Monday, February 2nd 7pm

7. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- **Follow up to Mrs Zacharias' request for Muddy Buddies for Kindergarteners**
- **Follow up to visual document for PAC ZOOM meeting code of conduct**
- **Follow up on interests in vacancies for the role of secretary**
- **Movie night – volunteers needed to organize this event**

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned - Ashley Seconded - Tanya

Time: 8:07 pm