

**École Crescent Park Elementary School –
Parents’ Advisory Council Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015

In attendance:

Jackie Vuilleumier	President
Erin Mazza	Co-Treasurer
Laura Langton	Co-Treasurer
Pam Robertson	Secretary

Mr David A’Bear	Principal
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Hilary Gottschalk	Kimberley Severson	Kathy Matty
Melany Barnsley	Katy Messcu	

1. Welcome

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. PAC president Jackie V. welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table.

2. Minutes from the November 2015 meeting

Motion was made by Jackie V. to approve the minutes from the November 2015 meeting, seconded by Melany B., motion passed.

3. Principal’s Report

New Curriculum and Communicating Student Learning

Last week we had approximately 150 parents attend the information session on Communicating Student Learning. A reminder that report cards go home with students next Monday, December 14th, if your teacher is using the traditional report card or the new template. Parent-teacher interviews will happen on December 16th and it is early dismissal that day at 1:33 p.m.

Teachers using FreshGrade have contacted their parents. Those classes will be having student-led conferences during the reporting period. After the break, we will work toward having an info night focused on the new curriculum. So far, discussion about the future event suggests it will be experiential so families can get an idea of some of the shifts.

Movie Night

Our first Movie Night was awesome. Student leaders did a great job and I will be meeting with them this Friday to reflect on their individual roles.

Christmas Hampers

Christmas Hampers are going great with lots of donations coming in. One of the trees will go outside by the playground on Tuesday. I am looking for volunteer hamper packers and drivers. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Christmas Concert

A reminder that our Christmas concert will be on Thursday, December 17th. Shows will be at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Free tickets will be made available via the office. Look for more info via email from JoyLynn in the office this week.

Crescent Park Annex

As you know our Crescent Park Annex has gone through some changes for this year. There are Adult ELL classes happening upstairs on Monday-Friday mornings and we have a new preschool program downstairs, beginning in January. See attachment [at the very end of these minutes].

Plans have begun for next year and we will be offering a multiage experience once again (with a commitment of numbers) but with a shift to K/1/2. This will help us align with the early learning program that will begin in January.

An information session will take place in the new year.

Dates to Remember:

December 14 Last day for hamper donations, report cards home

December 16 early dismissal at 1:33 p.m., Parent-Teacher Interviews

December 17 Christmas Concert (1:30 & 6:30)

December 18 last day of school before winter break

January 4 school back in session

4. Parking Lot and Traffic Concerns

Mr. A'Bear opened our discussion of traffic and parking concerns by telling parents that our school has in the past four years grown from 279 students to a current amount of 379, and we will continue to grow in the new year. That kind of an increase in numbers has put a lot more cars in the parking lot and in front of the school for drop off and pick up times, and we would like to try to find solutions that will improve the situation for not only parents and other local residents using the streets, but most importantly our children, whose safety is compromised every day. That said, the parking lot is not controlled by the school but by the city of Surrey, through their Parks and Rec department, so they ultimately have control of the rules about how it is used and

what traffic control measures might be put in place. Mr. A’Bear has a key to the gate but only for emergency purposes (awful weather, late-evening events at the school). He also noted that the BCAA Crosswalk Program has been researched but it requires an extensive parent volunteer commitment before an application can be submitted.

General discussion focused on issues surrounding the difficulties kids encounter walking or riding to school, and one parent mentioned that it would be great to get a more organized system of “walking groups” together where kids could meet up and feel safer walking with other kids. Mr. A’Bear mentioned that he has seen that sort of thing used at other schools. Other parents noted that many families have to drive to school, not walk, due to the fact that parents are on the way to work or other commitments, or for the simple reason that our catchment is so large and it is often just too far for students to walk.

Mr. A’Bear suggested that the best route forward in having our voices heard would be for the PAC to put together our thoughts and concerns – including our perspective as neighbourhood residents – and he can bring that information to the school district, and they could potentially arrange a meeting with city planners to get a conversation going.

Erin M. pointed out that even if the parking lot is city-run, it is being used as a de facto school lot even in the city’s view, and city planners know that; school parents are stakeholders in any conversation about revising the traffic patterns around the lot and the school, and any changes that put more pressure on parents bringing their kids to and from school will increase safety concerns. It would be great if the PAC could meet with the district representative and write to the city both as individuals and as a group.

One parent noted that the morning is certainly more of a congestion concern than the afternoon. It is certainly a good idea for us to encourage students to walk to school, but it was also noted that our school has a large cross-boundary population, particularly due to core programs that serve the broader south end, and walking is just not an option for many families.

Katy M. noted that the last time city planners came in to hear the concerns of the school and school parents they seemed to end up with solutions for the traffic concerns around 24th & 128th that involved some improvements but other problems have persisted. And it is not just a matter of traffic for our school but for other schools like Elgin and the broader neighbourhood.

Melany B. made the suggestion also made by another parent at our last meeting that we find a way to have the curb between and immediately around the parking lot exit and entrance marked as no parking. Kathy M. asked whether the crosswalk at 25th & 128th could have a delay on it, if the constant crossing is a concern. Or if it could have an actual red/green flashing light.

5. Treasurers’ Report

Erin M. presented the monthly treasurers’ report:

Crescent Park Elementary PAC

2015-2016

December 2015 PAC Meeting Treasurer Report: financials for Nov

Prepared by: Erin Mazza & Laura Langton

Bank Balances		
Gaming Casino Fund School Grant	30-Nov-15	\$ 5,493.57
Crescent Park PAC	30-Nov-15	\$ 20,789.00
GIC Invested in 1 year term at 1.5% (Mar 30, 2015)	30-Nov-15	\$ 15,619.05
District Held PAC	30-Nov-15	\$ 1,476.45
		\$ 43,378.07

Activity: to Nov 30, 2015

PAC General Account: Nov 30, 2015	Income:	Expenses:
Hot Lunch	\$ 1,217.76	\$ 4,516.69
Income other - Surrey Eagles tickets	\$ 130.00	\$ 500.00
Books for library		\$ 1,013.49
Wonder pack and rocket launcher - library commons		\$ 458.77
Speakers - Principal's wishlist		\$ 39.64
Donation - Christmas hampers	\$ 50.00	
	\$ 1,397.76	\$ 6,528.59

Gaming Account: Nov 30, 2015	Income:	Expenses:
Floor Ball Sticks		\$ 461.52
New Jerseys		\$ 378.00
Swing Dance Lessons		\$ 1,000.00
Bank Fees - October		\$ 2.50
	\$ -	\$ 1,842.02

School Held Account: Nov 30, 2015	Income:	Expenses:
Dash and Dot Robotics - Library Commons		\$ 342.55

A few notes from Erin:

- Sales of Surrey Eagles tickets are going well and we've made a profit of about \$700 to date – it looks like it will be a successful fundraiser.
- Movie night was a big success, bringing in about \$1,300 after costs, and was a great community-building event as well.
- We've received a number of cash donations towards the Christmas hampers, which will be good to use towards gift certificates to grocery stores in our sister school's neighbourhood, so the families can buy fresh food.
- Spirit Wear sales have also brought in good money this year. Great work Hilary G., big thanks.
- These types of fundraising activities that involve community building, not solely making money or selling merchandise, are exactly the types the PAC would like to continue seeking out.

Then Erin very briefly went over our current spending and the updated budget sheet [which appears at the end of these minutes].

6. Spring Fling Update

Our coordinator Ally couldn't be at this meeting, but another parent updated the PAC on her behalf. The date for our annual parents' night out fundraiser is set for April 23rd, thankfully not the same weekend as the Sun Run this year. Location is the Crescent Beach Legion on 128th, and the theme is set: Mad Men (awesome!). Plans are coming along great and the next planning meeting for the Spring Fling team will be happening January 26th at 7:30 at the Legion – please come if you'd like to help out! Or contact Ally at aulmer99@gmail.com.

7. Other Business

- Kathy M. asked if there would be a way to pre-order tickets to the movie night. Jackie V. and Mr. A'Bear will be discussing the ticketing soon.
- Pam R. mentioned that Mr. A'Bear confirmed that we can go ahead with booking the Body Science sessions with Saleema Noon. We will aim for a date in later June to coordinate with the curriculum and to allow for a lot of communication time in advance with school families. Pam R. will book asap.
- Erin M. mentioned that the PAC will be getting small Christmas gifts for the crossing guard and the custodian on behalf of all parents. Another parent wondered if we should include the lunchtime monitors as well, and it was agreed among the parents in attendance that we should.
- Jackie V. noted that some positions on our PAC executive will be turning over in the coming school year, so we should start the search for volunteers in January.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:12 p.m. by Melany B. and seconded by Laura L. Minutes recorded by PAC secretary Pam R. Note: these minutes are posted for early reference but will not be adopted until the next meeting. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 11, at 9:00 a.m., in the school library.

[budget sheet and Crescent Park Annex preschool program info sheet follow this page]

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY - PAC

2015-2016 Budget

Category Description	2015-2016 Approved	2015-2016 Current	Actuals (Nov 30)	Difference (Current- Actuals)
INCOME				
Fundraising Income				
BBQ's (Meet the Teacher Night)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 216.32	-\$ 16.32
Family Portraits	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Fun Fair	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Spring Dance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00
TOTAL Fundraising Income	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 216.32	\$ 13,383.68
Hot Lunch				
Hot Lunch Income	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 26,889.91	\$ 33,110.09
Hot Lunch Expenses	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 11,660.25	\$ 38,339.75
TOTAL Hot Lunch	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,229.66	-\$ 5,229.66
Grants & Misc.				
Gaming Grants	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,100.00	\$ -
Income Interest	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Income Other t-shirts and SD36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180.00	-\$ 180.00
TOTAL Grants & Misc	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,280.00	-\$ 80.00
				\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 30,800.00	\$ 22,725.98	\$ 8,074.02
	2015-2015 Approved	2015-2016 Current	Actuals (Nov 30)	Difference
EXPENSES				
Administration				
Administration exp. including bank fees	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 97.18	\$ 302.82
Hospitality	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 168.81	\$ 231.19
TOTAL Administration	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 265.99	\$ 534.01
PAC Programs				
Emergency Preparedness	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00
Gift Account - Leaving Teachers	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
Scholarship Elgin & EMS	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00
Integration Room Supplies/Special needs	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Sports Day Snack	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Grade 7 Grad Donation	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Student Education Programs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL PAC Programs	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ -	\$ 5,300.00
School Programs				
Computers & Technology	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,340.00	\$ 6,247.63	\$ 92.37
Field Trip Expense 374kids/\$15	\$ 5,610.00	\$ 5,610.00	\$ 5,610.00	\$ -
Fine Arts Performances	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 2,705.00
Library Fund	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,013.49	\$ 786.51
Fine Arts Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
PE Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 839.52	\$ 280.48
Sports (tennis, gymnastics, inline skating)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,600.00
Classroom Improvement Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 276.98	\$ 223.02
Garden Maintenance	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Teachers Fund \$250/13 divs+Music+FSL+LST+IN	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ -
School Mural (left over from 2014-2015)	\$ -	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 1,200.00
Library Commons (left over from 2014-2015)	\$ -	\$ 3,048.30	\$ 801.32	\$ 2,246.98
Intermediate Fieldtrip (2015-2016)	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -
TOTAL School Programs	\$ 26,960.00	\$ 37,288.30	\$ 26,453.94	\$ 10,834.36
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 33,060.00	\$ 43,388.30	\$ 26,719.93	\$ 16,668.37
NET (Income - Expenses)	-\$ 2,160.00	-\$ 12,588.30	-\$ 3,993.95	-\$ 8,594.35



Crescent Park Elementary Annex

A creative, engaging and activity-based early learning opportunity for preschoolers of the Crescent Park community

Parents and caregivers of pre-school aged children are invited to come and enrich their child's learning through a variety of play-based activities.

Together we invite children to wonder, invent and explore the beauty of the world around them as we:

- Build positive peer relationships
- Promote social, emotional and intellectual development
- Develop and enrich oral language

Amidst the beauty and inspiration of the Crescent Park Annex environment, the program will seek to use this unique site as a source of inspiration, adventure and delight as well as a home and companion for all young learners.

Program Hours: Tuesday / Thursday – 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
OPENING – Tuesday, January 12, 2016

For information, please call Crescent Park Elementary School at 604-535-9101