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Sullivan Elementary PAC

Date / time **Friday, October 4, 2019 | 7:00 pm**

Meeting type: **Special General Meeting**

PAC EXECUTIVE

President	GREG MARTIN	Communications	KIRSTY ELLISON
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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jason, Briana, Andrea, James, Jenny, Carly, Ross, Rajesh, Aman, Amber,

Amzed, Bal, Manj, Meagan, Mike, Harjeet, Shareen, Satwant, Laura, S. Leddard

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INTRODUCTION OF 2019-20 BUDGET

The 2019/20 budget features the following items in the annual expenses;

- PAC Emergency Fund \$200.00 (reduced by \$50 from 2018/2019)
- Staff Lunches \$700.00 (Remains the same as 2018/2019)
- Staff Appreciation \$500.00 (Remains the same as 2018/2019)
- Social Refreshments \$200.00 (Remains the same as 2018/2019)
- Music Teacher funding \$100.00 (reduced by \$50 from 2018/2019 due to lack of space in the Library)
- French Teacher Funding \$100 (Remains the same as 2018/2019)

The 2019/20 budget features the following items in the program/events section;

- Art Start presentations x 2 \$900.00 (Reduced by 1 from 2018/2019)
- Field trips \$15 per student (Remains the same as 2018/2019)
- Grade 7 an additional \$20 per student (Remains the same as 2018/2019)
- Halloween dance \$200.00 (Remains the same as 2018/2019)
- Scholarship fund \$500.00 (Remains the same as 2018/2019)
- Teacher class supplies \$200.00/teacher totalling \$2,600.00

The 2019/20 budget items that have been modified;

- Teacher wish list (Previously \$3000.00). Teachers will be asked to provide funding requests to Mrs. Der for items that they would like for their classes as opposed to writing a check for \$3000.00 at the beginning of the year. Any requests made will be brought to the next PAC meeting for discussion by all attending members and then voted on.

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The 2019/20 budget items that have been removed;

- BC PAC Association \$75.00
- EZ Software \$400.00 (Hotlunch.net, no longer required)
- Hip Hop for School \$2,770.00 (No funding requested)
- Long & McQuade sound system \$1,500.00 (Funding not requested)
- Walkie Tallies \$517.49 (Funding not requested)

The changes to the budget were made with the intention of providing additional funding to our playground replacement fund which will be kicking off this year. Most parents are unaware that our schools playground will be removed at some point in 2021/22 as it has been slated into the Surrey School Districts playground removal process. In September 2020 the school will receive a letter from the school board advising of the recommended removal in 2022 which will essentially start the removal process. The School board has confirmed that our schools playground has not been included in the Playground Enhancement Program (PEP) as there are other schools with playgrounds that more closely match the criteria of age, condition and quantity of playground equipment.

While there are two funding grants of \$10,000.00 available to selected schools through the school board and the city of Surrey there is no guarantee that we will be selected for these grants.

The other funding option is for a BC grant to fund the entire replacement project but there are only 50 schools across the province that receive the funds and to date Surrey has only three schools that received the funding. You can read more about this program in an article provided by Pierre Burns. <https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/b-c-to-fund-50-new-school-playgrounds/>

The long and the short of the playground replacement is that the PAC will almost certainly have to raise the funds for the new playground ourselves. The estimated cost of the replacement project is \$100,000.00 – \$120,000.00 and the school board will not allow a replacement project to start until the PAC has 100% of the funds raised and in the account. The PAC has set up a playground committee and will be starting our fundraising campaign in the coming weeks.

We as a PAC have a large mountain to climb if we are going to provide our students with a new playground in 2022. It is for this reason that the executive group in attendance during the August 2019 Executive meeting concluded that we will need to run a tight budget over the next couple of years in order to meet our goal. This budget is the start of this process and we hope that you will see and share that long-term goal.

Mrs Der has confirmed that teachers are not upset with potential funding cuts as they know our school needs a playground. If tonight's vote fails then we will go back to do a new budget. We will then open lines of communication for feedback. Then the executive will meet again to draft a new budget. This would freeze funding until the budget passes.

Last years executive group met with this year's executive in August to draft this budget. The error was made when we didn't vote on the budget at the last general meeting.

3. VOTING

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4. TALLY OF VOTES

Those in Favour of the Proposed 2019-20 Budget: 18

Those Opposed of the Budget 2019-20: 10

Budget passes as propped

5. ADJOURNMENT 7:49 PM

<p>Next meeting: TBD</p>
