

Stride Avenue Community Council

Annual General Meeting & Elections

Thursday, September 25th, 2025, at 630pm on TEAMS

Council Member: Koteswara (Chair), Amy(Secretary), Joan(Fundraising) Colleen (MAL) Priya (Special Events Chair)

Parents: Amanda K, MJ, Sara N, Catherine, Priscilla, Jude, Lora A, Santoshi M, Charity L, Fiona L, Vinod, Josefina P, Abisola N, Presly E, Sandy H, Juanjuan L, Susie.

School Staff: Wendell Hiltz, Derek Cockram , Sandhya Krishna , Cheryl Chan

1) Acknowledgement of Territories by Kotesh

2) **Welcome and Introductions** -their connection to Stride including a few parents of students who are new to the school as well the new Principal Wendell Hiltz, and Head Teacher, Derek Cockram.

3) **Motion to Approve the Agenda**-moved by Joan Seconded by Jude

4) **Motion to Approve Minutes** from AGM September 26, 2024-moved by Amy, Seconded by Amanda

5) Principal Report-Wendell Hiltz

- Community Council – I would like to encourage all parents to become actively involved in Community Council as it is a great opportunity to learn about the school and become involved with the school community. There are many volunteer opportunities for parents here at a Community School and we hope you will take advantage of them and get involved with your child’s school!
- Enrollment - currently sits at 322 as of 23 September and we have 14 divisions. Classes are VERY full, and some could be pushed into remedy with the addition of even one more student.
- New staff – we are still looking to hiring for a .6 which includes a .2 for K, .25 for NIS and .15 for LSS and ELL. We have two new EAs on staff this year – Ms. Hansen and Ms. Ruminpunu.
- Construction Update – As part of the Superintendent’s Visit this week, we visited classrooms and staff and had a tour of the new school. The building is coming along nicely, and we are still being given April as the projected completion date.
- Professional Development Day on September 26, staff will be engaged in a variety of learning opportunities including discussions around School Goals and Behavioral Expectations, Resources, and Collaboration and Co-Planning in grade teams.

- First week of school introduced the book “Dear Earth” which focused on our theme of sustainability for the first week. The district has also launched a new recycling program for schools as well which we will be focusing on this year. Teachers will be sharing more about that program with their students, and you can learn about it here.
- Areas of Concern: Student absences/lates: We strongly encourage parents/guardians to make every effort to have students arrive to school on time. Traffic Safety: speak with your children about not walking through the parking lot; blue fences put up by the construction crew for safety, some community members moving them to cut through the school yard; speeding along 14th Ave, City & Bylaw officers contacted. Also, please respect No Parking Signs as posted around the school.
- FSA Tests – Students in Grade 4 and 7 will be writing the FSA test in the fall. It is important that students take part in these assessments as it helps provide a ‘snapshot’ of how students in these grades are doing throughout the province. Together with classroom assessment, and report card information, they can help provide parents with information on how their child is doing in regards to Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

6) Coordinator’s Report- by Sandhya Krishna

- Breakfast and Snacks to students in need: supported by President’s Choice CC, by Tzu Chi Fdn. & Feeding Futures Fdn Supported some families-donations from Costco, Cobs Bread, and BC Hydro Employees Holiday Giving
- Offered various Out of School programs with some funding from BASES/ASSAI but losing BASES funding this year
- Community Garden Program for students with their parents in partnership with UBC’s MEd teachers almost \$10K
- School-wide Capoeira(Afro-Brazilian dance), Soccer, Tennis + FHA Healthy Schools – School Garden project \$750 Calm & Confident Parenting Program through Burnaby Family Life offered in the spring each year
- English Conversation & Empowerment Circle and Cultural Cuisine with United Way funding – Published in UW Report
- Settlement Workers in Schools – Monthly Workshops for Parents/Caregivers in the Community Room
- Donation of Coats and Boots for families in need through local Rotary Clubs (Metrotown and Deer Lake Chapters)
- Youth Grants Large games & Board Games + Legacy Projects: Class of 2024:Picnic Tables, Class of 2025:Stride Mural

7)Chair Person Report by-Koteswara M

- actively contributed to the Burnaby School District's Strategic Plan by participating in dedicated focus groups
- led monthly Executive and General meetings-both virtually and in person, ensuring governance and effective communication
- attended three Community School Advisory Committee meetings collaborating with school representatives, City of Burnaby staff, and School Trustees
- supported various committee chairs and initiatives such as the school-wide Skate Day, while fostering community engagement and encouraging volunteerism
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for your continued support!

8) **Treasurer's Report -by Amy H**

As Treasurer, I maintained accurate financial records, supported fundraising initiatives, and ensured responsible allocation of funds. Through careful budgeting and reporting, I contributed to the smooth operation of school activities and preserved the school's PAC strong financial standing.

List:

- Maintained accurate and transparent records
- Supported and managed fundraising efforts
- Ensured responsible allocation of funds
- Contributed to smooth operation of school programs

9) **Fundraising Chair Report by-Joan Z**

- General Fundraising activities: to support student activities & learning experiences
 - Friday Popcorn & Slushie/Hot Chocolate Sale
 - Fall & Spring Clothing Drive in partnership with Big Brother to engaged wider community to promote recycling
 - Poinsettias plant sale & Purdy Chocolate Fundraiser for winter holidays season
 - Safety & Emergency Kits Fundraiser
 - Krispy Kreme Donuts sale
 - Sports Day Concession Stand & Lunch Preorders
- Playground Fundraising activities: to raise funds for our new school's new playground (Raised over \$6,000)
 - Wednesday Freezie Sale (May & June)
 - Baseball Cap Fundraiser
 - Walk-a-thon: school wide involvement with all staffs & students; pledge form
 - Lemonade Stand (initiated by several Grade 2 students)

10) **Education Chair Person Contributions by Munibah I.**

- Organized leveled readers and supported student literacy in the library. Assisted at the Scholastic Book Fair and prepared hands-on learning activities
- Volunteered in weekly popcorn and beverage sales and the parent-child gardening program
- Supported the Student Vote as a Ballot Officer
- Attended Executive and General Council Meetings and contributed to council activities

11) **Special Event Chair Report by Priya A.**

- Attended Executive and General Meetings and chaired meetings, as needed
- Collaborated and helped plan logistics as well as encouraged broad participation for the inaugural Skating Day Event at local ice rink
- Introduced an online system for planning and organization volunteers
- Lead brainstorming sessions with families for future events and programs - such as Movie Night, Cultural Connections Week and School Picnic
- Recommended service providers for Out of School Time programs

Election for Council 2025-2026

1. **Chair:** Sara N
2. **Treasurer:** Amy H
3. **Education Committee Chair:** Jude I
4. **Fundraising Committee Co-Chair:** Amanda K
5. **Special Events Chair:** Abisola N
6. **District PAC Representative:** Vinod G

Returning SACC: Past-Chair-Kotesh M; Secretary-Amy H; Fundraising-Joan Z; MAL-Colleen

Non-elected position: Class Parent Representatives (1-2 per class)

- Div. 1(Ms. Norman): Amy H
- Div. 2(Ms. Hylton): Lily Z
- Div. 3(Ms. Feretos): Najma A
- Div. 4(Ms. Varley): _____
- Div. 5(Ms. Janzen): Lanny W
- Div. 6(Ms. Chan): Sandy H
- Div. 7(Ms. Spence): Joan Z
- Div. 8(Mr. Hinmueller): Kam M
- Div. 9(Ms. Collier): Mandi M
- Div. 10(Ms. Sanghera): _____
- Div. 11(Ms. Pantusa): Fiona L, Nita C
- Div. 12(Ms. Lefley-Evans/Ms. Colussi):
- Div. 13(Ms. Thomas): Catherine D, Priscilla P
- Div. 14(Ms.Orologio): _____

Other Business: Future General Meetings planned for 3rd Wednesday of the month @630pm

Next AGM: Fall of 2026

Adjournment: 745pm