

Stride Avenue Community Council

General Meeting – 15 October 2025 at 630pm on MS Teams

Meeting Minutes

Council Member: Sara N (Chair), Amy H (Secretary & Treasurer), Joan Z & Amanda K (Fundraising Co-Chairs), Jude I (Education Chair), Vinod G (DPAC)

Parents: Catherine S, Priscilla P, Lora A, Fiona L, Sandy H, Nicole W, Rosa, Lily Z

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

The meeting was called to order by Sara at 6:36 PM on Teams.

Territorial Acknowledgement

- We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.”

Welcome and Introduction of Attendees

- Attendees were welcomed and briefly shared how they are connected to Stride.

Approval of this Agenda

- It was moved by Amanda, seconded by Amy and CARRIED to adopt the agenda

Treasurer Update and by Amy H

- A Gaming Grant of \$6,540 was received on October 3, 2025.

Fundraising Update by Joan Z & Amanda K

- **Big Brother Clothing Drive:** October 14–23, 2025.
- **Chip In :** On October 15, 3 boxes of chips were sold, will continue every Wednesday

Principal Update by Wendell H

- **Community Council** – I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to be part of the executive for the 2025 – 2026 school year. We greatly appreciate you taking on the role that you have chosen and your willingness to work with us at the school to help enhance the experience of our students.
- **Enrollment** – remains constant at 322 as of 30 September and when the 1701s were submitted to the Ministry last week. We have two classes currently in Remedy.
- **Construction Update** – We were in the new school this week to tour the new Community & Indigenous spaces specifically. We also saw one of the classrooms and they have almost completed the millwork in this space.

- **Professional Development Day** – 24 October, staff will be engaged in a variety of learning opportunities as part of the provincial Professional Development Day. Some staff will be attending in person workshops and others will be doing their learning on-line.
- **Photo Day**-took place last week and re-takes will happen on Nov. 7
- **Areas of Concern** – Parents are continuing to use the Staff Parking Lots both before and after school. There was one day in particular a couple weeks ago, where the bus that picks up one of our students in a wheelchair, was unable to access the parking lot because of the parent traffic. This is simply unacceptable. I've actually been ignored when I have asked parents to move from the parking lot on more than one occasion!
- **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. Teachers will be starting these tests very soon.

Coordinators Update by Sandy K

- COSTCO Food Distribution – Usually Wed.230-3pm, on Oct. 22 it will run from 130-2pm
- Terry Fox Fundraising \$2297.25 – Top T-shirt Sales-Div.12; Top class \$ Div.3 & Div.7
Thank you everyone for your support to FINISH IT!!
- Out of School Time –start week of Oct.14th, questions to Ms. Philippa or Ms Krishna
- Boots for Kids – Volunteers coming week of Oct.20th to measure kids' feet in CR
- PE Activity- Week of Jan.5-9 and/or March 9-13 a small fee charged to all students
- School Spirit-Wear – any suggestions of items for t-shirts, toques, hoodies etc.?
- Return It Express refundable cans/bottles– Pls Enter 604-296-9032, donation to Stride
- Return It Express refundable to build playground – Need to set-up with 604-838-6280

Special Events Update by Abisola A

- A movie night is scheduled to take place in November, with further information to be provided later."

Education Chair Update by June I

- We are pleased to announce that a Book Fair will be held in December. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

All Parents/Caregivers including Class Representatives are invited to attend for important updates.

General Meetings for 2025-2026 on Wednesdays at 630pm on MS Teams (<i>unless otherwise stated</i>)				
November 19 th	January 21 st	February 18 th	April 15 th	May 20 th

Other Upcoming Important Dates...
Every Wednesday from 245-330pm at picnic tables “CHIP IN” for \$1 to fundraise for the new playground
Big Brother Clothing Drive from 845-9am at Gallery door & Kindergarten Undercover area – Oct.14 – 23 <i>(Please bring bags of your clean and gently used clothing to school and give to the volunteers, Thank you!)</i>

Discussion, questions and comments

- Add Brett B from Parks, Recreation and Culture to the agenda for the next meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.