

# Stride Avenue Community Council

General Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2026 at 630pm on MS Teams

**Present:** Sara(Chair) , Amanda, Jude, Vinod

**Class Parent Reps:** Santoshi (Div.6) , Fiona (Div.11), Priscilla (Div.13);

**Parents:** Parisa

**School Admin & Staff :** Wendell H, Derek C, Sandhya K

## Agenda

1. **Territorial Acknowledgement by Chair, Sara N**
2. **Welcome and Introduction of Attendees**
3. **Approval of this Agenda** – Moved by Vinod and Seconded by Santoshi
4. **Approval of the Minutes from 19 November** – Moved by Sara and seconded by Vinod
5. **Principal Update by Wendell H**
  - **Community Council** – thanks to council for their ongoing support with events to support our school community and students. The opportunities you provide are greatly appreciated. I know that some teachers are planning to use their fieldtrip funds and others have done so already so thank you so much for all your fundraising efforts that allow this to happen.
  - **Construction Update** – We have been given a new tentative date of the end of May as a moving date move to the new Stride building. We have had updates from several of the subtrades and construction is moving along well. We are focusing now on packing, disposing of unwanted items and what the move will look like. There is lots of do before the spring.
  - **Professional Development Day** – 27 February is the next Pro D Day and it is a district day, staff will be engaged in a variety of learning opportunities as part of the Professional Development Day. There are several sessions being offered off-site on that day.
  - **Festive Season** – I understand that the last two weeks leading up top the winter break had lots of fun activities including a Spirit week and of course the Winter Concert. I am so sorry to have missed that very ‘active’ time here at school but know that Mr. Kanno did a wonderful job while I was away.

- **First Term Reports** – By now I certainly hope that parents have had an opportunity to review their child’s first term Learning Update and speak with your child’s teacher if there were any areas of concern.
  - **Areas of Concern** – Parking tends to be an ongoing concern. We almost have all staff displaying the SD41 Parking passes and we are placing ‘No Parking’ reminders on vehicles who do not display this placard as a reminder that this is a Staff Only Parking Lot. Thanks for your support.
  - **Stride Farewell** – Planning tentatively an event for former Stride students (Alumni) and former staff members on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 (Open House). A chance for Alumni to walk through the school and classrooms (if open) and gather in the gym for some light refreshments, share memories.
6. **Treasurer on behalf of Amy** – Sandy reported that the PAC grant was received from the school district which is about \$172 (0.50/student) – used for parent education, parent recognition and miscellaneous office supplies etc. The Gaming Grant from the Prov. Gov’t was received in November for about \$6000 which works out to about \$3000 towards school field trips and the remaining \$3000 is used for physical activities like handball, pickleball and cultural experiences like dance performances or in-school residency prog.
  7. **Education Chair Update by Jude I** – Literacy Week is taking place at Stride from January 26 to 30<sup>th</sup>. Working with Ms. Pang to organize some guest speakers and writers to visit classrooms as well as the library. When kids see their parents reading they become readers and view as positive experience. Derek Cockram, Head Teacher also added the guest readers include Mayor Mike Hurley and different theme days such as Wear Your Words T-shirt, Read in the Dark with a Flashlight, Classroom Door Decorating contest and Monthly Assembly to share learning from the week as well as the month of January.
  8. **Fundraising Co-Chairs Update by Amanda & Joan** – thank you for all the fundraising support. **Popcorn and Hot Chocolate** sales starting on Fridays in the Gallery \$1.50 each, **Pizza Day** for kids not on the Hot Lunch Program (HLP getting Pizza that day already) order via School Cash Online by the end of the month and delivered on **Friday, Feb.6<sup>th</sup>**; **Family Movie Night** on Thursday, Feb.26 from 530-830 – Movie will be Bad Guys, pre-order pizza by the box; a concession stand for popcorn, candy; Collect donation for the playground.
  9. **DPAC Update by Vinod G** — shared the results of the Parent Feedback Survey with over 200 responses: parents identified key areas of concern such as lack of funding for supporting student learning, loss of programs etc. there was an MP and the assistant to MLA Anne Kang also there. More information will be shared in upcoming newsletter; the 3 year calendar from 2026 to 2029 has been shared with families, to see how certain Stat holiday impact school closure, so that feedback can be provided by Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. This info will also be included in the upcoming newsletter.

**10. Coordinators Update by Sandy K**

- **Winter Break 2025-** gift cards provided to 60 families of students accessing food support
- **Interm. PE Activity**(Div.1-6) Week of Mar 9, 3 days for Pickle Ball, \$5 requested thru SCO
- **OST Programs** – Winter session, a few programs will be starting in the coming weeks
- **Gr.6 Girls Group** offered Feb.5, 12, 19, 26 + Mar.5 & 12 from 12-1pm on Thur in CR
- **BASES Thrift Store additional funding** – programs for students & adults; ‘Kindness Hands’ class-wide activity 1x/winter term on Friday at lunchtime with Annette & Sandy (sign-up at desk); offering **Adult Food Safe Level 1 Course (\$105pp-subsidy available)** – 1 day course in early-mid February
- **SWIS parent mtgs**– 1x/month from 915-1030-**Jan.29 & Feb. 12** (+ alt week, drop-in)
- **English Conversation Circle:** Wed. 115-230 in CR (no child-minding available)
- **BFL: Parent Learning Event 2026: Parenting, Technology & Digital Use** *Saturday Feb.21 (0-5yrs) and Sat., Feb.28 (6-15yrs) from 930am to 12pm @ Pioneer Community Resource Centre (4535 Kingsway, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor)*
- **Stride Farewell**– **Thurs., April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm** (*alumni & past staff visit classes & gym*)

11. **Discussion:** Please look into the pre-school program to see if it is running.

12. **Adjournment: 7:26pm**

**All Parents/Caregivers including Class Representatives are invited to attend General Meetings below:**

<b>General Meetings for 2025-2026 on Wednesdays at 630pm on MS Teams</b> <i>(unless otherwise stated)</i>
<b>February 18<sup>th</sup>    April 15<sup>th</sup>    *May 20<sup>th</sup></b> <i>*Possible date for Spring AGM &amp; Election</i>