

Stride Avenue Community Council

General Meeting Minutes – 19 November 2025 at 630pm on MS Teams

**Council Member: Sara (Chair), Amy(Secretary-Treasurer), Joan & Amanda (Co-Chairs Fundraising)
Vinod (DPAC), Colleen (member of large)**

Parents: Charity, Lily, Lora , Priscilla, Sandy, Sany, Susie

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

Parks, Recreation and Culture: Brett Boland

Regrets: Jude(Chair – Education), Abisola (Chair - Special Events), Kotesch (Past Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Sara at 6:34 PM on Teams.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement by Chair, Sara N

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

2. Welcome and Introduction of Attendees

Attendees were welcomed and invited to briefly share how they are connected to Stride.

3. Approval of this Agenda

It was moved by Amanda, seconded by Joan CARRIED to adopt the agenda with change to move Brett up to after the approval of minutes from last month

4 Approval of the Meeting Minutes from 15 October

The motion was moved by Amanda and seconded by Amy

5. Parks, Recreation and Culture Update by Brett B

- The Fair Play Program, which has replaced the former recreation credit program, offers income-based benefits such as VIP family passes and recreation credits for both children and adults. The program also includes special provisions for children with disabilities and privately sponsored refugees. Please note that there is a waitlist; however, applicants may visit a recreation centre in person to obtain temporary access while their application is under review. (Under 14 yrs-\$500; 14yrs+\$250)
- The Gr. 5 Be Active Pass is available at no cost to all Gr. 5 students, offering access to a range of activities & recreation facilities. Its designed to promote healthy habits at a pivotal age.
- Wreath Making Workshop at Edmonds Community Center (\$30 per family, November 29th).

5. Parks, Recreation and Culture Update by Brett B continued...

- Annual Festival of Lights (free, November 29th, 2:30–5:30 PM at Edmonds Community Center), featuring indoor activities & a draw for child to help Mayor & Santa to light tree
- Program Surveys: Feedback is requested for after school and preschool programs, with no set deadline. Preschool programs were canceled this season due to low registration but may return in winter. Display the surveys around school in high traffic places
- Winter Program Registration: Programs for January–March are open for viewing and can be added to your cart. Registration opens Dec 1st for Burnaby residents & later for non-residents

6. Principal Update by Wendell H

- **Community Council** – I would like to thank Council for everything they are doing for the school and our students and for all the fundraising efforts. I have spoken with the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Emily Yung, regarding the proposed donation letter. I am waiting for feedback from her with regards to whether this letter should be coming from the school or Council. Please stay tuned.
- **Election of New Council** – I know it seems early to be discussing this, but I would like Council to consider doing elections for the new Council for the upcoming school year in the Spring of this current school year. This allows us to align better with most of the other schools and the district as they tend to request this information in early September.
- **Construction Update** – Staff will be visiting one of the classrooms in the new school on the Pro D Day on Friday. Most of the millwork is completed in the classroom and it will give teachers an idea of what the teaching space in the new school will look like. We will be visiting in small groups throughout the morning. I am working with the construction team from the district to begin ordering furniture as well.
- **Professional Development Day** – 21 November, staff will be engaged in a variety of learning opportunities as part of the Professional Development Day. We will be sharing Math games, working with our District Principal of Learning Technology, visiting the new school and then for the afternoon staff are participating in a variety of different activities.
- **Areas of Concern** – Parking tends to be an ongoing concern. I would like to thank Sandy for her ‘parking patrol’ efforts. It really seems to be helping. 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.

7. Treasurer, Amy H presented 2025-2026 school year budget approval by Colleen and Joan

- Financials were reviewed: Actual expenditures for 2024–2025 were \$4,785. The budget for 2024–2025 was \$6,225; The proposed budget for 2025–2026 is \$6,680.
- PAC organizes a variety of school events and programs throughout the year, including the welcome BBQ, popcorn and Hot Chocolate /slushy sales, and Sports Day.
- Example of class consumables” budget was explained: Each classroom teacher receives \$75 annually for classroom materials, with receipts required- for items like materials for garden projects or supplies for classroom activities, but not for things like bus tickets.
- The “gaming account” (a grant) is used for activities like soccer and tennis, with \$10 allocated per student for field trips. For the current year, 318 students are eligible, and the remaining grant funds will support Hand Ball & Pickle Ball that will be happening in January- March 2026

8. Education Chair Update by Sandhya on behalf of Jude

- Jude is working with Ms Pang to prepare for the upcoming book fair.
- Book fair sale dates are set for Tuesday to Thursday, December 2nd to 4th.
- Amy, Amanda, Joan, Jude have signed up for webinar training to help with book fair logistics
- The book fair will generally run from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Miss Peng will send a notice requesting parent volunteers for setup (Monday) and staffing tables during the fair.
- Only one credit card machine will be available for purchases due to school size.
- Family Justice Institute will host a guest speaker on family law and rights for parents on November 27th at 1:30 PM in the community room.

9. Fundraising Co-Chairs Update by Amanda & Joan

- 2025/2026 school year playground fundraising:
We raised \$158 from the Trunk or Treat Event (cup cake and cookie sale donated by a parent - Susie, chips sale and Guessing the Candy Jar)
- October and November Chip-In Wednesday Fundraiser, we raised approximant \$359 with sale + some donation, and one more Wed, Nov 26th to go.
- Upcoming Family Movie night/ fundraising for the playground on Nov 28th.
- As of today, we raised \$6,955 for the new playground.
- We have upcoming poinsettia and Purdy chocolate fundraiser for student activities & events

10 Special Events Update by Sara N

- Prepare for the upcoming Christmas movie night on November 28th, including Organizing treats for kids and coordinating between the special events team.
- Ensure the event flyer is clear and refer attendees to the related email for details. Set up pre-ordering for pizza and drink combos via school cash online, and organize concession items (popcorn, chips, drinks, candy bags) while supplies last.
- Collect donations for the school playground at the door during the event.
funding decisions: ensure all parents have a clear channel to raise concerns. The survey should be sent as a separate email, not just included in the newsletter

11.DPAC Update by Vinod G

- Send out a parent feedback survey to gather perspectives on recent changes and
- Continue building awareness about the introduction of AI in schools. The district principal of education and technology recently conducted an information session for staff, but no implementation dates or detailed plans have been provided learning about AI & related topics.
- Monitor for further updates regarding the timeline and implementation of AI in schools.

12. Coordinators Update by Sandy K –

- Breakfast and/or Snack Program Registration Forms – being send home – please return to Community Room by November 24th – if registered will get some support over winter break.
- Christmas Bureau Toy Drive – need for 0-2years or 8+years (no stuffies or board games) Collecting new toys – on Friday Dec. 5 & Dec. 12 – in bins in Coordinator’ office)
- Pancake Breakfast with Burnaby Fire Fighters on morning of Tuesday, December 2 in gym
- Holidays Crafts in classrooms with supplies from SACC since no formal Craft Day planned

13.Discussion, questions, and comments

An idea to hold a Craft Market was suggested by a few parents, on day of the Winter Concert however given the short timeline, will not happen since need to plan this months ahead.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37p.m.

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

General Meetings for 2025-2026 on Wednesdays at 630pm on MS Teams (unless otherwise stated)
January 21st February 18th April 15th May 20th
Other Upcoming Important Dates...
Wed from 245-330pm “CHIP IN” for \$1 for new playground , last one is Nov 26 th in basketball court

Addendum to Meeting:

The Special Events Chair position is vacant since Abisola stepped-down due to increased workload.