



# ***Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC***

***(Parent Advisory Council)***

***6248-144 Street***

***Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1***

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***Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes***

***Monday September 25, 2023***

***7 pm - Via Zoom / Virtual***

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## **INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME**

### **PAC Executive:**

Darrin Winning - PAC President [president@sullivanstarspac.ca](mailto:president@sullivanstarspac.ca)

VACANT - Vice President - please submit nominations to [secretary@sullivanstarspac.ca](mailto:secretary@sullivanstarspac.ca)

Avinash Maniram - Treasurer [treasurer@sullivanstarspac.ca](mailto:treasurer@sullivanstarspac.ca) – (Not present at today's meeting)

Beth Cameron - Secretary [secretary@sullivanstarspac.ca](mailto:secretary@sullivanstarspac.ca)

### **Parents:**

\*\* parents attending in person at the school (Arminster Sidhu, Christy Daws, Hazel Hodder, Manj Bunwait, Shareen Singh, Stacey Blondhein, Dezzerie Brisley, Sophia Deboer, Delicia O'Neill, Arie Saeed, Pardeep Aggarwal, Yeetika Aggarwal, Amina Bhamji, Rajwinder Kawa, Patience Olulana, Jas Dhesi, Elaine Rorison, Shelly Haines, Trina Pacey, Kim Laing, Carrie Newman)

\*\* additional parents in attendance on line (16+).

Meeting recorded.

## **INTRODUCTION**

PAC Executive, parents introduced themselves.

Pac hosts 5-6 meetings/year.

Tonight we do have a guest speaker: Arminster Sidhu and Mark Dela Cruz re basketball program.

### **Staff:**

Mr. David Baldasso – Principal

4<sup>th</sup> year at Sullivan. 2<sup>nd</sup> year without extended day!

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

1. Please see the attached Principal's report for September 2023.
2. Important Dates:
  - a. September 28
    - i. Photo Re-take day
    - ii. Grade 11 & 12 Post Secondary Planning Assembly
  - b. September 29 – Orange Shirt Day



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- c. October 2 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. School Closed
  - d. October 4 & 5 – Grade 8 Camp-reinstated this year
  - e. October 16 – Post Secondary BC Event (6pm – 8:30pm). Short presentations from BC post secondary institutions
  - f. October 18
    - i. Robb Nash Concert – Grade 8/9 (Bell Theatre-re: Mental Health)
    - ii. Grad Boat Cruise
  - g. October 20 – Non-Instructional Day
  - h. October 26 – Early Dismissal – Open House - P/T Conferences
  - i. October 23 – 27 Haunted House
3. Highlights
- a. Opening Day – Great Start
  - b. Club Fair – Many Opportunities-encourage the kids to get involved
  - c. Pancake Breakfast & Terry Fox Run was a success
4. School Updates
- a. Enrollment up – 1912 students as of Fri Sept 22 (on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> we had 1860 students). We did have to re-balance the classes to accommodate the extra enrollment. Any additional students will be re-directed to other schools as we are pretty much at the capacity limit. Highest number is in grade 8s.
  - b. Many new students – familiarization to Sulli community
  - c. Hired 4 new teachers since September 5<sup>th</sup>. Still looking for 1 more teacher. Will also be hiring for classes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester as well.

## **School Goals**

- 1. Attendance continues being a focus for Sullivan. A school committee (VP and teachers) has been established that focuses on attendance.
- 2. Strengthening the School Community
- 3. Supports for students-attendance, mental health
- 4. Today's Pro D – (had speakers on mental health and National Truth and Reconciliation)

## **Sullivan Stars Basketball Program Presentation:**

Mark Dela Cruz (coach) and Arminder Sidhu (parent):



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Requesting support and funding for the purchase of athletic training equipment. Estimated cost is \$1250 for the equipment. Some pieces of the equipment would be available for school-wide use.

The basketball program (and other programs) should submit their requests for funding to the PAC using the forms distributed by Anita Taylor. There is a funding committee that will be set-up within the next month who will review the requests and allocate funds to each program as funds permit.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

The PAC has 3 sources of Revenues that we are responsible for:

1. ***Community Gaming Funds:*** Funded each year from the Provincial Government and based on the head count; generally, around \$20/head is allocated from numbers projected last year (1800 students). Has to be used for extracurricular activities. Teachers/clubs put in requests at beginning of each year and usually totals approximately \$60,000 in requests. The PAC will form a funding committee that determines the allocations of these funds (usually by Oct/early November). The current gaming balance: \$5580.
2. ***PAC (Legacy in trust at District):*** Legacy funds held at the district - we draw down on these funds as required for special requests, once these funds are gone, the account will close. This account may be used for special requests that are not allowed to be used by gaming funds. Current Balance: \$4450.
3. ***Sullivan PAC:*** Funded generally from parent contributions - we send out a request annually for a \$20 donation from parents to add to the pool of resources. This request has not yet been sent to parents but will be shortly (note this is over and above the school fees). With 1900 students, we would/could raise \$38,000. Typically, we raise only \$2000 through this. Current balance: \$3294

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**DPAC - at the District Level - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We are looking for volunteers to attend DPAC meeting and report back to the PAC from time to time. Please let us know asap of your interest. *Carrie Newman has volunteered-thank you Carrie!*

For More Info about DPAC: [www.Surreydpac.ca](http://www.Surreydpac.ca)

## **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

1. Gaming fund requires a functioning PAC to ensure the gaming funds will be received. Extremely important we get a new PAC executive to shadow current positions before they leave.



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2. A new PAC Executive is Needed
  - a. A request for nominations for all PAC positions is on the parents Facebook page - the existing council will support the incoming council members during the upcoming year. It is a great opportunity to have open communication with school administration and build trust. All positions are available, a VP can join now and shadow the President and then the president can stay on as past president for an additional year as needed. We need a full executive to ensure we get our gaming funds.
3. Other opportunities to get involved:
  - a. Those with students with Grade 11/12 students, another opportunity to get involved is with the dry grad committee. Important to get involved early as the venues need to be booked early and there is a lot to coordinate.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. No New Business

## **OPEN QUESTIONS TO PRINCIPAL:**

1. *What is happening with the yearbook?*
  - a. Yearbook class did not have enough enrollment so the class was cancelled, some grade 12s are looking at putting a club in place to support but it may just be a grade 12 memory book, a sponsor may still be needed. ACTION: Darrin will put out a note on facebook group and parent could contact Ms. Hill if they would like to assist the Grade 12s with this project.
2. *When are Grad Photos?*
  - a. Grad photos Dec 15-21. Students book their times.
3. *How many teachers at the school?*
  - a. There are 96(7) teachers.
4. *What is the time commitment for the executive?*
  - a. Usually 6 meetings/year-allocate an hour for each meeting. A bit of time outside prepping (treasurer may require a couple extra hours/month)

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:05 pm.

**Upcoming meetings for the Year: (VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON @ Sullivan Heights Secondary School in the Library at 7pm):**

October 30, 2023

Nov 27, 2023



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Feb 26, 2024

April 29, 2024

May 27, 2024