



Frank Hurt Secondary - Parents Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021 at 6:00pm
Held at Frank Hurt Secondary School Gym

PAC Executive In Attendance:

Rina Diaz - President Lisa Saxon - Vice President Paul Hayer - Treasurer
Trish Hall - Secretary

Parents in Attendance:

Kam Bains	Meena Bhagat	Anna Eurich
Maureen Gorst	Minet Haile	Debra Hudson
Gladys Mekubo	Kelly Moorman	Vishell Raj
Harbhajan Ranuuta	Norma Shaw	

School Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Tait - Principal

Call to order at 6:06pm

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Deferred to next meeting

3. New Business

a. Approval of budget

Provided an update on discussions to date and Executive meeting held last week. Reviewed recommendations that have been made by PAC Executive. Paul is still reviewing the previous PAC's financials to get a clear understanding of the current funding available. We have not yet confirmed that new Gaming Funds have been received. Aiming to keep a cushion of \$15,000 in the bank from year to year. We're trying to clarify past spending and set up a clear system for going forward.

Reviewed requested funding with recommendations made by PAC Executive.

- Shifted food trucks to "need more information" - will vote at next meeting
- Shifted athletics practice balls and PE before and after school balls to "need more information" - will vote at next meeting
- Some curriculum focused requests don't fit under Gaming Funds but the PAC may be able to do additional fundraising if parents want this

- Question: are any Gaming funds currently set aside for grad? Not currently
 - Mr. Tait reported that there was a Dry Grad committee previously and he would try and confirm the amount of any funds from previous years remaining

Motion: To take \$20 per grade 12 student and allocate it to graduation events (Debra / Meena)

CARRIED

Motion: To approve the budget line items in green contingent on receiving this year's Gaming Funds (Rina / Meena)

CARRIED

b. Parent discussion on the following topics:

i. Attendance concerns at the school (re. Mr. Tait's email to the Frank Hurt community)

1. Mr. Tait - staff spend a significant amount of time on attendance. We talk all the time about the importance of being in class. Casual approach to getting to school (partly due to traffic issues also on the agenda) 5-10 minutes late in the morning or after lunch adds up considerably. They're really good kids but they're losing out because of this lost time. The intent of the email was for people to have a discussion with their kids about the intent and purpose of time at school. Aiming to work in partnership with parents so we're all on the same page. The fastest way to get info to everyone is by email.
2. Rina - there's one thing to get an email from the school, but another to have discussion among parents. We're looking for ideas for ways that we as parents can reach the entire parent community. Possibly sending out an email from the PAC to other parents encouraging discussions on this issue at home. frankhurtPAC@gmail.com is the email for the PAC that parents can share ideas with.

ii. Traffic violations and speeding near the school (especially during drop off and pick up times)

1. Very dangerous conditions occurring on a daily basis. Kids should be using the crosswalk. Presentation about safe driving?

iii. Safety of the forest area behind the school

1. Would need to approach the City to put in a request for more lighting in this area. The Executive will write a letter. Possibly bring it up with DPAC.
- iv. **Bathroom access (especially gender-neutral bathrooms)**
 1. Bathrooms are being used for non-bathroom activities (vaping, etc.) and limiting access for students needing the gender-neutral access. Possibly a presentation on inclusivity and LGBTQ issues?
 2. Mr. Tait - some of this issue is because of the extensive amount of damage and vandalism happening in some of the gendered bathrooms causing them to be locked and inaccessible.
- v. **Vaping and drug use (including in the bathrooms mentioned above)**
 1. Mr. Tait - not unique to this school, but very infuriating. Very difficult to enforce. Best way is for students to not be vaping. Trying to get students to be respectful of others and have pride in their school. District video coming out that the school will watch.
- vi. **Bullying and fights**
 1. There was a parent who brought forward a concern about a fight at Frank Hurt. Mr. Tait confirmed that if a fight happens, the police would be involved, there would be review of any video to ensure the safety of the school members and the general population. There's been one true fight here this year. It's dealt with differently than friends acting up. The school is acting in the best interest of safety of all students.
 2. How is the school addressing bullying? Ongoing harassment in an intentional way. Try to teach students to be good people. Obviously with 1400 teenagers in a building, it isn't a perfect system.
 3. Keep the awareness alive beyond February.
- vii. **Question re. \$25/student fees - where does that go?**
 1. Directly to the students - lockers, some for athletics and other departments.
- viii. **Make the next PAC event more of a social event?**
 1. Bring back the community building events (like previous meet the community event).

4. Open Discussion

- a. Mr. Tait - there's a perception about Frank Hurt. When we speak of Frank Hurt, it needs to be one of pride. We live it. What other people say is one thing, but we know what's actually happening.

- b. Can focus on the negative. Find ways to focus on the awesome things happening in the school? PAC Newsletter?
- c. Frank Hurt swag? Merchandise? Something PAC could promote.
- d. Rina - asks everyone go to district school website and look for policy 4200 and how long it takes for you get the information, to see your school's budget and the policy for a parent to appeal a decision of the school's administration.

5. Principal's Report

- a. Recent activities include Grade 8 breakfast, Grad breakfast, 5 Remembrance Day assemblies
- b. November 4th Diwali celebration - teacher and students raised funds to buy everyone a samosa. Bhangra dancing celebration. Two students who had rehearsed the presentation made space for an excited BASES student who wanted to join in. A truly beautiful moment.
- c. Penguins at Halloween.

Adjourn at 8:00pm

If we receive funding, we'll hold a meeting in December 14th with an email blast whether we've received the funding or not. If not, the next meeting will be the one scheduled for January 18, 2022.