



Elgin Park Secondary Parent Advisory Committee
(PAC) Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Zoom meeting online

AGENDA

1. Call to Order	9:00
2. Approval of Agenda	9:05
3. Approval of Minutes, November 18, 2020	9:10
4. Approval of Minutes, December 14, 2020.....	9:15
5. Notice of Election for Secretary.....	9:19
6. Dry Grad Planning Update	9:20
7. District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Update	9:25
8. British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) Update	9:30
9. Treasurer’s Report	9:35
10. Principal’s Report, Q and A	Jeff Johnstone, Principal 9:45
11. Any Other Business	9:55
12. Adjournment.....	10:00

Next meeting: February 17, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Zoom online meeting

Questions or suggestions for future meetings? Contact: elginpac@gmail.com

Kindly submit items for February 17, 2021 meeting by February 10, 2021

Elgin Park Secondary
PAC Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020



Zoom meeting

Attendance: Susie Lang-Gould (Co-Chair), Jodi Soheili (Co-Chair), Simon Padgett (Treasurer), Meredith Laird, Principal Jeff Johnstone and Darren Bedard, Principal of Grandview Heights Secondary School (guest) and parents in attendance

1. **Call to Order** -- Susie Lang-Gould called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Motion to Approve Minutes of the Previous PAC Meeting—Motion Approved
3. Motion to Approve Today's PAC Meeting Agenda—Motion Approved
4. **Presentation – Darren Bedard**

Darren Bedard gave a presentation and shared a link to a virtual tour of the new school building <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQQIppUwN2Q&feature=youtu.be>

- Grandview Heights will open September 7, 2021
 - A parent transition committee is being formed, with representatives from each feeder elementary school and secondary schools whose students may transfer to Grandview Heights. The next meeting will be held on November 26, 2020.
 - A parent representative from Elgin is sought to join the transition group; interested parents are asked to contact Jeff Johnstone.
 - Students within the new school's catchment who will be in Grade 12 for Academic Year 2021/22 will be able to complete their secondary schooling at their current school, and younger siblings with a Grade 12 student sibling will similarly be permitted to continue at their current school to assist families in arranging their school transportation; busing will not be provided.
 - The School District is working with Translink to review bus routes in the area and to address transit for Grandview Heights students.
 - Parents with questions are encouraged to connect with either Jeff Johnstone, or with Darren Bedard by email; the Grandview Heights webpage is live on the Surrey Schools site and parents can connect with him through it.
5. The committee's minutes of October 28, 2020 were approved as presented.
 6. **Dry Grad Update**
Dione Costanzo has agreed to act as coordinator for the Dry Grad Planning Committee and reported that she has begun conversations with several parents who are interested in organizing

this year's dry grad. The committee is seeking other members The event will depend on health advice at the end of this academic year, so the group is trying to propose a variety of options. They will provide updates at future PAC meetings.

7. A motion to approve the payment of membership fees for BCCPAC was carried.
8. Election of DPAC representative: First call: no nominations, Second call: no nominations, Third call: Charlotte Douglas nominated herself. Charlotte Douglas was acclaimed DPAC representative.
9. Election of BCCPAC representative: First call: no nominations. Second call: no nominations. Third call: Simon Padgett nominated himself. Simon Padgett was acclaimed BCCPAC representative.
10. Treasurer's Report: Simon Padgett reported that there was no change to the funds available to the PAC in the Gaming Account (\$48,811), the General Account (\$2,615.00), and the donations to PAC held at the school (\$21, 100) since his report in October, except for the monthly deduction of the banking fee.
11. The Co-Chairs informed the committee that all teacher and administration requests for funds had been reviewed by the executive, compared to previous requests, and assessed against the Gaming Grant program guidelines. Two items requested are ineligible for gaming grant funds, but could be paid from the general account.

A motion to approve all teacher and school administration requests for funds was carried.

12. Principal's Report – Jeff Johnstone

Jeff Johnstone shared a presentation with the committee. He highlighted:

- Some students may have their Q1 grades delayed by a need to complete their final assignments
- STUCO hosted a Hallowe'en costume contest and continues to meet
- Jeff Johnstone shared news about teachers joining or returning to Elgin this month
- Approximately 90 students are participating in blended learning at this time
- Approximately 280 courses (not students) have been registered at Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning (SAIL) from Elgin Park students
- The process to register in SAIL has changed: students are to speak with their counsellor about registering and this will then be forwarded to Jeff Johnstone to finalize the registration (parents should no longer use the website or contact SAIL directly)
- Extracurricular sports and clubs are continuing, including volleyball and badminton
- All extracurriculars adhere to current Fraser Health guidelines
- 1 star: the students at Elgin Park are known in the community for being respectful and kind
- 3 wishes: families are reminded that learning starts at 8:30 and 9:00 and to ensure students arrive on time, families are reminded to perform the daily health check and to

keep students home as necessary, and families are reminded to ensure students bring their mask to school for use in common areas

- Jeff Johnstone spoke about the Notice of Exposure Letter that was sent home and asked parents to contact him with any concerns or questions
- He highlighted the “Big 4” ways for all members of our community to combat the virus: the daily health check, using masks in public areas, frequent hand washing, and physical distancing.

13. **Adjournment** -- Susie Lang-Gould adjourned the meeting at 10:10am

Next PAC Meeting:

Please contact your PAC with any ideas, comments or concerns; we would love to hear from you.

E-mail your PAC Co-Chairs – Jodi Soheili or Susie Lang-Gould at elginpac@gmail.com.

Elgin Park Secondary
PAC Special Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2020



Zoom meeting

Attendance: Attendees: Simon Padgett, Meredith Laird, Jeff Johnstone, Michelle Smyth, Lisa Chornsky, Melinda Ellinson, Louise Witt, Owen Liu, Abedeen Hussain.

1. Call to Order: Meredith Laird called the Special Meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
2. Motion to Disburse Funds for Elgin Families in Need

Meredith Laird introduced the purpose of the meeting was to vote on the disbursement of funds to assist Elgin Park Secondary School families in need and described that the PAC has used funds in past years to support the Christmas dinner which was not taking place this year.

Simon Padgett, Treasurer, confirmed that funds are available in the general PAC account.

Jeff Johnstone described the initiatives the Elgin Park undertakes to assist families in need, including the angel tree and the food drive, and noted that this initiative was staff-initiated to help about a dozen to 15 families who were identified by the office, teachers, counsellors, or had self-identified to the school as requiring assistance.

The committee discussed how people were identified as needing assistance, the amount to be disbursed, and the manner in which it would be provided.

Be it resolved:

THAT the Elgin Park Secondary PAC disburse up to \$200 in food store gift cards for each of the dozen to 15 families identified by the school as being in need at this time, with the funds to be disbursed from the regular PAC account.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m