

# PAC MEETING MINUTES

November 22, 2021

### Meeting held via Zoom.

- 1. Welcome/Call to Order
  - a. Start time: 7:06pm
  - b. # of Attendees: 81
- 2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Majority approved
- 3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (Oct 18, 2021)
  - a. Majority approved
- 4. Principal's Report

#### a. Highlights

- i. Sr Girls Provincial Tier Two Champions
- ii. Jr Boys Aquatics South Fraser Valley Champions
- iii. Volleyball, aquatics, cross country finishing
- iv. Jr/Sr boys and girls' basketball teams off to a strong start as we develop our basketball program. Rugby coming soon
- v. Halloween Fashion show
- vi. Remembrance Day ceremony/video

#### b. Important Calendar Dates

- i. · Midterm marks posted in MyEdBC Nov 19th
- ii. Parent teacher interviews tomorrow Nov 23 virtual through teams.
- iii. Music concert Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- iv. · Winter Break Dec 18-Jan 2
- v. Jan 17 PAC Mtg 10am

# c. Things to know

- i. 200K+ technology order as we grow our tech resources
- ii. 200K+ furniture to support learning
- Starting to look at what courses we are offering next year Hope to have a couple of AP courses, Science Coop, Careers pathways & Multidisciplinary courses
- iv. School vision / survey for staff, students and parents coming soon
- v. PAC meeting presentation ideas- what is important for you
- vi. School communication (APP, Website, School messaging, Phone calls)

#### d. Questions

- i. Virtual Meetings Frustration everything was gone when went in to book parent teacher time slots. So Lakhbir went through the Grandview Heights Secondary app and messaged the teachers and they have responded. Seemed better than email. Mr Bedard reinforced if your needs or concerns aren't met during Parent/Teacher interviews (or you weren't able to get one), then please reach out to the teachers directly via email or through the app.
- ii. What if we didn't get an email from the teachers by today for Parent Teacher interviews? Mr. Bedard says some teachers may be sending invites tomorrow morning. If you haven't heard and can't connect tomorrow, please email the teachers directly.
- iii. **City and Speed Signs update** Told that anything adjacent to school and pool is 30km. He hasn't heard anything back from City on 168th St, but not confident in the City adding speed signage. Just a reminder for everyone's safety to slow down in the parking lots.
  - Follow-up Question Su Kim seen signs to Reduce Speed to 30km when Kids on Road. Can we get something like that on 24th Ave and 168th? Mr Bedard will look into that. Chandra suggested a PAC committee for Safety to look into this. Mr Bedard will try to get higher up contact.
- iv. How do GHS programs tie to Grandview aquatics? Mr. Bedard has a good relationship and hopes to have weight training class using that. There's a new shared use agreement with the City, and working that out. Exploring different ways to work together and will continue that.
- v. Are we able to have a tour yet? Not quite yet, Mr. Bedard thinks we're almost there. There will be someone from the district coming in to do drone and video and will create a high end internal tour, that'll be coming soon. They are hoping to do an open house in Spring. Still in 4th way, so can't have over 1000 people through building quite yet.

# 5. Reports

- a. President (Lakhbir)
  - i. BC Gaming provides every student with approx. \$20 for their last years enrollment to go to school to use towards clubs, extracurricular activities and other student activities. In Oct. the funds come directly into your school account, but because our school didn't exist we couldn't apply, as our kids were at other schools. So the funds went to their old schools. We did an appeal to each of those PACs to ask for funding to transfer to us. But their banking has to be in order to send us the money.

ii. Committees - we are setting up committees and trying to make sure we have a representative from our executive to keep things moving forward that are important. We have a Fundraising, AP, Culture and Grad committee.

#### b. Vice President (Anjie)

i. Nothing new to report.

#### c. Treasurer (Suki)

- No activity in gaming account. In chequing \$6425 was gross sales of Meridian Meats fundraiser, also incoming was parent donation of \$250, so total in was \$6675. Paid \$4497.50 to Meridian and \$1.50 e-transfer fee.
   \$2176 left in our chequing. \$3176 combined in both accounts.
- ii. \$5380 approved transfer from Semi and waiting for amount from Earl Marriott. Hoping to have money coming over for sure in Jan. Shay Meszaros updated us that money is coming from Morgan elementary, it was approved at their last PAC meeting.

#### d. Secretary (Chandra)

- i. 322 new parents signed up to our PAC email list over the past month, for a total of 591 subscribers. Thanks to Head Secretary Karen for sending out the link for parents to subscribe!
- ii. This month emails have gone out with last meeting's minutes, fundraising updates, a UBC info session sign-up, and tonight's PAC meeting invite and reminder
- iii. Updates are also posted on our Facebook page which has 137 members

# e. DPAC (Stephanie)

Lots of administrative stuff, those meetings are open to any parent. Lots
of discussion around gaming funds and how the funds can be used.
Bylaws and changes to wording came up. We are now listed as 100%
complete on the buildings.

# 6. Ongoing Business

- a. Gaming Funding Received So Far (Lakhbir)
  - i. No funds this past month.
- b. Fundraising Committee Update (Chandra)
  - i. Our newly formed Fundraising Committee had our first meeting October 25th. We reviewed current fundraisers (Meridian Meats and COBS Bakery). And we discussed ideas for new fundraisers. Our committee meets again next Monday, Nov 29. Because we are a new PAC with no funds, fundraising is important for us. Any parents interested in joining our committee or helping with fundraising events please email <a href="mailto:grandviewheightspac@gmail.com">grandviewheightspac@gmail.com</a> to let us know.

- ii. Meridian Meats/Raph's Farm Market Gift Cards fundraiser has closed. The cards are now available for pickup at the school office, for those that ordered. An email was sent to parents who ordered gift cards with instructions. We sold a total of \$6425 gift cards and thanks to Meridian donating back 30%, we raised \$1927.50 for our school! Thank you to the participating parents for your support!
- iii. COBS is an ongoing fundraiser. Please keep mentioning our school when you're shopping at COBS at South Point Annex and Semiahmoo. 5% of all sales over the year will be donated to us.
- iv. Our first Krispy Kreme Donut Days will be in December. We have applied and received approval from Krispy Kreme in Delta. We will be sending out information to parents as well as posting flyers at school soon so the kids know in advance. We need parent volunteers to sell boxes of donuts at a table just outside the front door after school one time a month. If anyone is interested in volunteering for December or a future month please email grandviewheightspac@gmail.com.

# c. AP Committee Update (Stephanie)

i. Had a lot of interest from parents regarding AP but we also need interest from the students to move forward. Mr. Bedard has set up a way to gauge interest from the students and will be driving this forward for now. Mr. Bedard also mentioned co-ops that could be combined.

# d. School Culture Committee Update (Suki)

i. In-house school committee coming up with a survey that will try to reach parents, students and staff. Our PAC committee is working with them. The PAC Culture committee came up with a bunch of questions and finalized top 5 questions that they forwarded to Mr. Bedard to include in survey.

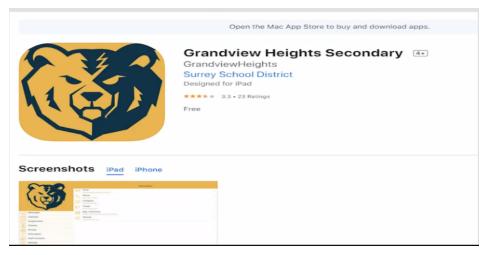
# e. Grad Committee Update (Lakhbir)

- i. Have had a few parents step up to chair this committee. Email <a href="mailto:grandviewheightspac@gmail.com">grandviewheightspac@gmail.com</a> if you're interested in helping on this committee, especially parents of grade 11's.
- ii. Mr. Bedard would love to have parents, businesses, or PAC donating towards in-school scholarships. These need to be in place ASAP so kids can apply. Lakhbir said this will be the first task of the Dry Grad committee.

#### 7. New Business

- a. Budget Requests from Teachers (Lakhbir)
  - i. Lakhbir put out requests to teachers and clubs to let them apply for funds from PAC.

- ii. Suki updated that we have more requests (over \$9000) than funds in our accounts, and we are expecting more funds in the new year. We don't have to fund all the requests fully. We need to figure out a way to vote on these.
- iii. Some parents expressed interest in wanting to donate to a specific fund request. Please see the APPENDIX including the full funding request list below. If any parent wants to sponsor a request directly please contact Karen ponuick\_k@surreyschools.ca
- b. Parent Concern Submitted by Tahir: Regarding parents making up their own personal dropoff and pickup zones. Instead of using the designated loop we have all sorts of things going on. Entering the staff parking lot for drop offs and pickups. From the north and south end both directions. Drop Offs and pickups from the athletic centre parking directly across from the loop. Some even use the bus only loop. Because of all this activity students are crossing at unmarked locations, creating even more delays.
  - i. Mr. Bedard is in the process of ordering more signs from the District. Mr. Bedard concurs that there are problematic zones, like all schools. Ideally parents should use 25th Ave and go all the way East (not down the bus lane) to drop off. Mr. Bedard will get a map drawn and sent out to all parents as a reminder. There's more than enough parking and roads, but ideally we need a safe flow and kids know where they should cross and not cross. His overall comment to us, as parents, is to please SLOW down and remind your kids to pay attention to where they are crossing.
  - ii. New PAC safety committee might help.
  - iii. Anjie wondering if we can talk to city to elongate the lights or somehow address so people can turn right. Mr. Bedard suggests mapping out top 3 concerns to approach the City with. This can be done by the new PAC Safety/Transportation committee. If you are a parent interested in being part of this committee email <a href="mailto:grandviewheightspac@gmail.com">grandviewheightspac@gmail.com</a>
- c. Lakhbir highly recommends you get the school App! The Grandview Heights Secondary App tells you everything you need to know about what's going on at the school and schedules. You can also contact all staff through the app. It looks like this! Search for it in your app store.



# d. PAC Donations

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- i. You can donate straight to PAC by e-transfer if you don't want a tax receipt. Send your donation to <u>grandviewheightspac@gmail.com</u>. We have auto deposit set up so you shouldn't have to enter a Question and Answer, but if you do use "Where is your school located?" with the answer "Surrey".
- e. How does a Business start a yearly scholarship?
  - There's a scholarship teacher at the school. Any business or parent interested in doing a scholarship should email Charlene Egitto at egitto c@surreyschools.ca
- 8. Date of Next Meeting, Monday Jan 17th, 10am (Subscribe to Google Calendar)
- 9. Agenda Items to add to Next Meeting? Email <a href="mailto:grandviewheightspac@gmail.com">grandviewheightspac@gmail.com</a>
- 10. Adjournment: 8:22pm

# **APPENDIX**

Funding Requests Received as of Nov 22, 2021

Department	Total Cost	Amount Requested
DANCE: Competition fees/costume fees - Andrea Smith/Jennifer Twigg	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
DANCE: Tap Shoes - Andrea Smith/Jennifer Twigg	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
ENGLISH: Book Club - Karen Brett	\$650.00	\$650.00
ENGLISH: Indegenious Cultural Presentor - Tina Patterson	\$500.00	\$500.00
ENGLISH: Writing Contest - Karen Brett	\$500.00	\$500.00
LANGUAGES/SOCIAL STUDIES: Maple Man/Cultural Workshop - Rosa		
Mendes	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
MATH: Contests prizes/fees - Sandra Crawford	\$1,600.00	\$1,200.00
MODEL UN CLUB: Student conference/debate - Edward Ewacha	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
MUSIC: Surrey Jazz Festival entry fees - Andrea Smith	\$700.00	\$700.00
SOCIAL STUDIES: Physical environment field study sea-to-sky corridor -		
Edward Ewacha	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
VISUAL ARTS: Art Supplies for Arts Club - Christina (Tina) Mears	\$350.00	\$350.00