



PAC MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom.

1. Welcome/Call to Order
 - a. 10:02 am start
 - b. 48 attendees
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Majority approved
3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting ([Sept 20, 2021](#))
 - a. Majority approved
4. Principal's Report
 - a. **Highlights**
 - i. Athletics 8 fall teams' volleyball, cross country, swim, Jr girls made quarter finals this past weekend here at the school
 - ii. Truth and reconciliation day Sept 30, a great success, lots of activities
 - iii. Terry fox run raised over \$3000 – thank you to all our online supporters
 - iv. Very positive school culture taking shape
 1. Over 20 school clubs to get involved with: Student Council, Model UN, Business, Debate, Math Challengers, Eco Nation, Science club etc Students are encouraged to go on website and see what's available to join.
<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/grandviewheights/Extra-curricular/Clubs/Pages/default.aspx>
 2. Humanities 8 Cup
 3. Staff run school committees: Innovative learning and collaboration, Assessment, School vision and culture, Social and mental health, Technology and digital citizenship- over 30 teachers involved.
 - b. **Important Calendar Dates**
 - i. Oct 12-15 Interim marks reporting to parents
 - ii. Nov 2 UBC Virtual parent info night- 7-8pm
 - iii. Formal reporting period – marks posted in MyEdBC Nov 18th

- iv. Parent teacher interviews – virtual Mid- late November
- v. Nov 22 PAC Meeting 7pm

C. Things to know

- i. Furniture, equipment, technology order over \$300,000, expecting 320 new grade 8's next year
- ii. Pilot project BYOD (Bring Your Own Devices) with district just getting started
- iii. 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 and Culture - now's the time to work with kids to find out what GHS means. How does it come alive this year. School will be sending out a kids and parent survey, what you'd like to see in a school vision and what GHS means to you.
- v. Lot of parent feedback on bussing. 7 buses come to school every day. Added 2 more bus routes, to accommodate fee paying parents. The kids have to come a bit earlier and leave a bit later, school open at 7am, so staff are there and school is open
- vi. COVID safety measures and daily health checks, Gargle kits coming soon, available for students at school office if are leaving school sick and want to pick one up.
- vii. Scholarship donation opportunities for next year's Gr 12's -if there are parents are businesses wanting to donate, please email Karen (ponuick_k@surreyschools.ca)
- viii. PAC meeting presentation ideas are welcome-If parents are interested in any presentations by any of the other teachers, in or outside of school, let PAC know by emailing grandviewheightspac@gmail.com.
- ix. Reach out to the school anytime through App, Website, Email, or Phone

d. Questions and Comments

- i. **Do kids wanting to ride the bus and pay need to re-register?** Kids didn't have to re-register, if you were already on the bus list you would have been contacted. If you do want to register your child for paid bussing you can register here. INSERT LINK
- ii. **School Speed Zone has not been updated on 168th, still says 50km, can you contact City to change?** Mr. Bedard needs to check, as arterial roads don't have school speed limits as far as he knows. He'll look into it. Lakhbir requested some signage to indicate school area and watch for kids, even if they don't drop school limit.

- iii. Mr. Bedard has sent out Funding Request forms from the PAC to the faculty to see if any teachers and staff are wanting to apply for funding for extra equipment.

5. Reports

- a. President (Lakhbir)
 - i. We're working on Members at Large, arranging time with Mr Bedard to get into school, working with PAC to deliver best experience for our kids
- b. Vice President (Anjie)
 - i. Providing Member at Large and Committee update later.
- c. Treasurer (Suki)
 - i. Income Statement, October Gaming Account Balance \$1000 from Rosemary Heights and Community account balance as of today \$3925, total of \$4925
 - ii. Cumulative Report: September \$0 and October \$4925, YTD \$4925
 - iii. Lakhbir has sent over the number of students to each feeder school to request the \$20/child Gaming Fund money, response has been very positive and we're expecting to get these funds.
- d. Secretary (Chandra)
 - i. Posted Meeting Minutes from Sept 20 meeting to Facebook page, as well as emailed out. Have also been posting and emailing invites to this PAC meeting. Our Google Calendar is up to date and parents are welcome to visit it or subscribe to see upcoming meetings. We did receive some agenda item submissions from parents which have been added to this agenda. In future, parents are welcome to email grandviewheightspac@gmail.com at anytime with items you'd like added to the agenda.
- e. DPAC (Stephanie)
 - i. Carry over from last year, nothing of note from DPAC in September. Next DPAC meeting is next week.

6. Ongoing Business

- a. Approval of Members at Large (Lakhbir)
 - i. Have a lot of Members interested, and some overlapping committees with the school committees, will talk with Mr Bedard regarding adding a PAC parent representative to overlapping committees. Members at Large are approved as they volunteer, as PAC has already approved to accept Members at Large.
- b. Fundraising (Chandra)

- i. Meridian Meats - \$3925 in Gift Cards sold so far, contributing \$1177.50 to our school. All gift card orders need to be in by Oct. 31. You can collect gift card orders from friends and families. Once you're ready, fill out the form for how many cards you need of each value and e-transfer the total to our PAC bank account. We will have the gift cards ready to pick up at the school office by Mid-November, just in time for the holidays. [See info and order form here.](#)
 - ii. COBS Bread - keep mentioning Grandview Heights when you buy bread and baked goods at South Point Annex and Semiahmoo locations. 5% of all sales where our school name is mentioned at checkout will be donated to the PAC.
 - iii. Kripie Kreme - we are in the works of setting up a monthly Doughnut Day at the school. The Fundraising Committee will be working on the details of this in their first committee meeting, with the first date to come. We will be notifying parents on our Facebook Page and by email the day before so you can remember to send \$10 cash with your child if they wish to buy a box of doughnuts.
- c. Members at Large and Committee Formation (Anjie)
- i. 4 committees, each have an executive working with a committee, Dry Grad (Lakhbir), Fundraising (Chandra), School Culture (Suki), AP (Stephanie), will be communicating with members at large to get these committees going. Any parents interested in becoming a Member at Large and helping on these committees should email grandviewheightspac@gmail.com and provide their phone number and what committee(s) they are interested in (School Culture, Fundraising, Advanced Placement or Dry Grad).

7. New Business

- a. BC School Covid Tracker (Carolynn Stevenson)
 - i. Carolynn is a parent and family doctor, wants to make sure everyone knows about the BC School Covid Tracker. It's the best way as parents to share positive Covid results in confidential and anonymous way and to hear about Covid in the school. She encourages parents to reach out and let your child's teachers and Mr. Bedard know as well. The school is not allowed to share your kids info, so they are limited in their ability to share. Public health is doing the best they can, but there are huge delays. BC School Tracker is our best bet to quickly disperse transmission information.

1. Follow and report positive cases on the BC School Covid Facebook page here:
<https://www.facebook.com/BCSchoolCovidTracker/>
 2. Subscribe to exposures or report on Exposure Watch (website built by New Westminster dad, using BC School Covid Tracker info):
<https://exposure.watch/places/636ba/grandview-heights-secondary-surrey-bc-ca>
- ii. Carolynn recommends that if your child does get sick at the school, please drop by the office and get the gargle test. It often shows up as a cold, even if you're not sure, just go get the gargle test.
- b. Evening only PAC meetings?
- i. The reason Mr. Bedard and the PAC agreed to doing half evening and half daytime meetings to mix it up so more parents could attend. If the morning PAC's are not attended as well, then we'll consider evening only, but we are getting good attendance so far. We want to make sure all parents have an opportunity.
- c. School Incident
- i. We had a school incident a few weeks back, and Mr. Bedard was only able to share what was in the letter, can't say all due to privacy. In summary, two students who weren't ours, entered front doors at lunch, looking for one of our 11th graders and there was an incident. The boys were escorted back out. There was no physical altercation. RCMP were called. One of our students came down and reported that there may have been a weapon, the office let RCMP know, and then a dozen officers came to evaluate the situation and where the info came from. The school didn't go into full lockdown, which was in consultation with the RCMP. RCMP looked at video footage, and stayed for 3-4 hours. A letter was issued to parents. Investigation is still ongoing. At no time were any of the kids at risk. Unfortunately these things happen, but Mr Bedard was confident in the outcome and in making sure everyone was safe.
 1. **Follow-up Question to Mr. Bedard: How are access points monitored?** Front doors are open in the morning. The only other doors that are open are Atrium by the bus entrance and doors by the gym. Only these 3 entry points are open to the public during the day. Visitor signs were missing, but have since been added,

which were a new building deficiency. There are now signs at all 3 public entrances that say, "All visitors must report to the office".

2. **Follow-up Question to Mr. Bedard: How would lockdown situations be communicated?** Kids usually text their parents. But if there is a lockdown of some event, the school will send a letter out similar to what happened with the school incident above.

d. GHS app

- i. Lakhbir - Search up Grandview Heights in the App store. A great app to see what's happening in the school. Messages and a calendar. Talk to your kid and work with your kid to download and get set up.
Mr. Bedard - Kids often come ask about block orders. Block orders, late start, early dismissal all shown on the app and the kids can customize their app so it shows them block orders and classes.

e. PAC Donations

- i. Lakhbir - Talked to Karen and the school district. Donations to PAC are not eligible for a tax receipt. We can take cash/cheque donations and not give a receipt. If you'd like to donate, please drop or mail a cheque to the school office made out to Grandview Heights PAC. You can also e-transfer direct to the PAC at grandviewheightspac@gmail.com and add a note that this is a DONATION. The PAC has auto deposit set up for all e-transfers. NOTE that we cannot provide a tax receipt for any donations.

f. Parent Volunteers

- i. Lakhbir - Not able to do crossing guards due to Covid. But we can have parents assisting crossing or mask reminders. Any parents interested in volunteering at the school should email grandviewheightspac@gmail.com to let us know you want to help and when you're available. The PAC will help coordinate with the school.

g. Families in Need

- i. Lakhbir - Have always supported families at our school. Food hampers or dropping off food. If there is a need we want to know and want to support the need. We'll leave with Mr. Bedard to let us know.
Mr. Bedard added that the counselling department will look at this and let PAC know if there are significant needs. But he encourages parents who may know of other families with need to please step up to let PAC know so we can help.

h. Wednesday schedule, early dismissal/late start, can't we just have a fixed time?

- i. Mr. Bedard - After talking to staff and students, they really liked this schedule. Want to try for a year. After trying so far, both staff and students still really like it. Do have organizational issues with some students not remembering. According to Mr. Bedard, it's working amazing for the majority and will run with it this year and reevaluate in June.
- 8. Date of Next Meeting, Monday Nov 22nd, 7pm ([Subscribe to Google Calendar](#))
 - a. We'll get attendance numbers in advance to Mr. Bedard and we may be able to do the next meeting in the theatre. Room for about 80.
- 9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 - a. Email anything you'd like added to the agenda to grandviewheightspac@gmail.com
- 10. Adjournment 11:11am