



PAC MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2021

1. Welcome/Call to Order

- a. 7:01pm
- b. Land Acknowledgement
- c. In attendance 65 people

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Agenda - approved as presented, majority in favour

3. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting ([June 10, 2021](#))

- a. AGM Minutes from Jun 10, 2021 - approved, majority in favour

4. Principal's Report

Highlights

- There is only one opening day of a brand new school- Sept 7th a great day!
- There are so many new beginnings and new legacies already happening
- Students are finding new friends, new routines and overall are excited about our new school – 3rd floor story
- Really positive energy from staff and many compliments of all our students
- Enrollment- as of today, 1150 up 286 students from original projection. 2 new teachers hired to help with larger classes
- Thank you for your patience as we balanced student schedules and made adjustments to the time table
- Athletics Gr 8, Jr, Sr girls volleyball, Gr8/9 & Sr boys volleyball, Swim team , X-country
- School photos- link to view and order sent out last week and again today to order
- Grade 8-9 Social Media preentation from the Whitehatter – great parent

- Work experinces starting with Gr 11 – planning for next year- coops / multi disciplinary courses
- PScholarship donation opportunities for next years gr 12s- contact the school

Important Calendar Dates

- Sept 27th Non instructional day – School closed
- Sept 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day – School closed
- Oct 8 Interim marks reporting to parents
- Oct 18th PAC mtg 10am.

Things to know

- New counseling Alpha splits coming- watch for email
- COVID safety measures and daily health checks
- School communication (APP, Website, School messaging, Phone calls)
- Parent Portal- MyEdBC

Parent Questions and Answers by Mr. Bedard:

- a. How do the Scholarships work? Parents and businesses can donate a dollar amount (i.e. \$200, \$500, etc) You cannot select who wins, the scholarship committee will decide, but you can provide some criteria.
- b. Can parents come to the school to see it? Still not encouraged for parents to come in, as much as the school is excited to share the school with all.
- c. Parent/teacher night? More info coming on that next week.
- d. Cafeteria have enough room to eat? That's the way the school was designed. Mr. Bedard feels there is enough room and kids are finding spots to eat.
- e. Not enough busses, causing lots of traffic and unnecessary emissions, how do we get more buses? Our school actually has 7 full buses, which is a lot. Earl Marriott only has 2. There is an application package that parents can complete if you haven't already, and commit to paying \$300, but your child will only get a spot if there's room on the buses which won't be announced until November. Mr. Bedard and the school does not have any control over bussing, the decision is made by the district.
- f. Hockey program? Or other clubs coming? Mr. Bedard updated PAC that they have some staff interested in clubs. It's still early, but it's definitely starting to

percolate. Co-op, work experiences and other programming will be looked at in October.

- g. Parents have heard of crowded changerooms, is there enough room? Mr. Bedard will talk to PE head tomorrow and find out if any issues. If there are, they will problem solve.
- h. Absenteeism this week? Attendance has been very good this week, and better than anything Mr Beddard has seen.
- i. AP Programs will be looked at in October. Many will be started, however if not enough kids sign up for a program they will not run it.
- j. Library doesn't have a lot of books? Mr Beddard feels there are lots, over \$100K were ordered. They will top up and order more every year.
- k. Served line-ups really long, no cell service in the building so the debit and credit machines didn't work the first week. Now have new machines that plug direct in dataports. Mr. Bedard apologizes for the inconvenience.
- l. Issues around lack of bathroom facilities? Mr Bedard hasn't heard of issues.
- m. Bells? Only have 2 bells, Welcome and Welcome back. Most kids are getting to class on time.
- n. Covid cases? All directed by Fraser Health at the moment, the school no longer does letters. The school works with Fraser Health. If there is a COVID case that FH becomes aware of, Mr Bedard would be notified.

5. PAC President Report

- a. [Constitution and Bylaws](#)
 - i. Lakhbir reviewed Constitution and Bylaws that was developed by the PAC Executive based on another district high school. The Constitution and Bylaws were included as a link in the Meeting Agenda for parents to review in advance. Lakhbir asked for a vote to approve. The Constitution and Bylaws were approved, with the majority in favour. Some parents were asking for the link to view again, which [can be found here](#).
- b. Lakhbir provided update that PAC formation was given go ahead by Board of Education on Sept 15, 2021, and a bank account has been set up (although we have \$0 balance)
- c. Gaming Funds Update
 - i. Lakhbir provided an update that no funds are coming this year, but our PAC will be requesting the funds distributed to other PAC's for kids that

moved over to GH. Mr. Bedard will provide Lakhbir with the numbers of students that came from different schools in the district, so our PAC can write requests.

6. New Business

a. Members At Large

- i. Anyone interested in being Members at Large? We need as many as possible to help our PAC and work on special initiatives. Please email the PAC now and we will vote to accept Members at Large at our next PAC meeting October 18th. Members at Large will be able to assist with special committees and initiatives, working on behalf of GH PAC to do things like Parent Initiated Buses, Fundraisers, etc.

b. Fundraisers

- i. Cobs Bakery - we're signed up for the Dough Fundraiser. Mention Grandview Heights at Semiahmoo or South Point Annex location and 5% of your purchase goes back to the PAC next July.
- ii. Meridian Meats - we are signed up to fundraise with gift card sales, we just need to set a date and communicate the details to parents. We will set up a Fundraiser Committee to help coordinate this.
- iii. DPAC sent out an opportunity to fundraise with Freshii as well that we will review.

c. PAC Facebook Page ([please follow](#))

- i. Chandra requested parents follow PAC on Facebook, where the PAC will be posting and sharing information on fundraisers and other PAC activities
- ii. One parent also requested that information be emailed, as they are not on social media

7. **Date of Next Meeting** has been confirmed as Monday Oct 18, 10am ([Subscribe to Google Calendar](#))

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting?

- a. Email anything you'd like to add to the Oct 18th agenda to grandviewheightspac@gmail.com

- b. Mr. Bedard also welcomes any questions by email: bedard_d@surreyschools.ca

9. **Adjournment**, 8:01pm