



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday Feb 24, 2025

7 pm School Library

INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

PAC Executive:

President- Delicia O’Neil president@sullivanstarspac.ca

Vice President- Sophia DeBoer

Treasurer- Beth Cameron treasurer@sullivanstarspac.ca

Secretary- Mandeep Dhaliwal secretary@sullivanstarspac.ca

DPAC Representative - Carrie Newman

Parents:

Parents attending in person at the school-

Beth Cameron, Carrie Newman, Sophia Deboer, Mandeep Dhaliwal, Darrin Winning, Pam Dhaliwal, Cleveland Lu, Marilon Cagurangan, Stacy Blendhein, Joyce Zhou, Gurpreet Biran, Mandeep Biran, Ata Sohrab, Ata Hamasa, Lani Paetteker, Ranjith Thachappilly, Vivek Thacker, Julie Thacker.

INTRODUCTION

PAC Executive, parents introduced themselves. Sophia Deboer chaired the meeting.

PAC hosts 5-6 meetings/year.

Staff:

Mr. Nik Kirincic - Principal 2024/25 school year (effective July 1 2024)

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Evacuation

On February 6, our school fully evacuated as a result of a threat that was received by telephone. Fire and police responded immediately to investigate the concern. They were unable to substantiate the threats and, as a result, they gave us the greenlight to return to the building after approximately one hour and 15 minutes. Our school evacuated in approximately three minutes, and things were reasonably ordered while staff and students waited on the field.



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

We have taken time to get feedback from staff after this event. There are a number of small things that do not emerge when you run a drill. We will continue to collect and act on this feedback.

February Highlights

- This week is Sullivan Heights' Indigenous Knowledge and First Peoples in Residence week. Ms. Conn and Ms. Stanley have coordinated a number of opportunities for classrooms to learn from indigenous cultural facilitators.
- This week also marks the end of Black History Month. A number of initiatives have been visible in the school – from displays in the library by the Global Issues Student Group and by Humanities teachers on the fourth floor of the E-wing, to students presenting on Sullivan Heights' Black Student Union at the Black in BC: Celebrating Black Excellence event at the Surrey Art Gallery.
- Initial feedback on the school's renewed focus on appropriate personal digital device usages has been positive. Students have adapted to the new, more-explicit expectations.
- On Wednesday, February 19th, our Counselling department, Community Leadership class, and the District coordinated an incredibly successful Mental Wellness Day, which included participation from over 20 community partners and vendors.
- The winter sports' seasons are coming to a close – including playoffs for many of the school's teams. In particular, the Junior Boys Basketball team qualified for Provincials and will be playing for fifth place provincially.
- The District hosted the annual Surrey Schools Jazz Fest at Sullivan Heights on February 21st and 22nd. Many schools from around the province participated and the Sullivan Heights bands performed well!
- We are excited to welcome 12 teacher candidates from SFU for the next five weeks. It is exciting for our staff and students to have exposure to teachers who bring new ideas and enthusiasm into our classes.

Coming Up

- There will be a Communicating Student Learning week during the final week before Spring Break (March 10-14). During this week, students will reflect on their learning, revisit their goals set earlier in the year, and receive informal reporting from their teachers.
- The second semester Parent/Guardian Communicating Student Learning evening (i.e. Parent-Teacher and Student-Led Conferences) is scheduled to take place on April 3rd. Teachers will directly communicate with students, parents, and guardians on their formats and availability for that evening.
- Information will be coming to grade 10 students next week about the Grade 10 Provincial Assessments, which are scheduled to be completed April 7th-9th. Students in BC are required to complete two grade 10 provincial assessments, Literacy and Numeracy, in order to graduate.



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

To facilitate room and invigilation, regular classes for grade 10 students will not be in session on these days. More details will be communicated with students, parents, and guardians in the provincial assessment le

TREASURER REPORT

Sullivan Heights Secondary School PAC Treasurer's Report

Feb 23, 2025

PAC Account:	\$ 4,497.12
1. Opening Balance:	\$ 2,999.85
2. Parent Contributions	\$ 2,252.46 (67-70 people)
3. SD36 annual PAC Contribution:	
4. Disbursed	-755.19
Gaming Grant Account:	\$ 49, 438.54
Dry Grad Account:	\$ 5,788.38

Treasurer's Comments

1. SHSS PAC receives funds from 2 sources-the BC Gaming Grant (\$20/student projected from previous school year) and the requested \$20/ student donation from parents/guardians. The PAC was successful in obtaining the BC Gaming grant for the 2024-25 school year, and the money has been deposited to the account.
2. Parent donations are over \$2000 so still minimal with the number of kids at the school. We need to target parents for donations earlier in the school year, and perhaps attend more parent nights at the school (grade 8 night, course selection night, etc although if this is done earlier in the school year more productive...after Christmas doesn't really seem to have big results). Maybe in September we could put a reminder on star gazer app every 2 weeks for a few months?
3. Each year, the teachers and clubs submit requests for funding to the PAC. These requests were received and total \$78,770. This year a total of \$54,199 was allocated from the gaming fund and to date \$8927.48 has been disbursed. A total of \$2500 was allocated from the PAC fund and to date \$755.19 has been disbursed. We should remind teachers/sponsors to get their expense requests in asap and a few days before a PAC meeting is ideal! Beth will discuss with Anita.
4. Current account balances are as follows- Gaming fund **\$56,390.20**; PAC fund **\$4451.57** (67-70 people donated \$2252.46 to date in 2024-25); and we also manage the Dry Grad fund **\$5788.38**



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

If you haven't made a \$20 contribution yet, please consider doing so to enable further support of school activities. This is the only fundraising the PAC does. Etransfers can be sent to treasurer@sullivanstarspac.ca

Important Dates:

- Dry Grad Meeting – See Dry Grade Newsletter

Highlights

- Athletics – See Principal's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC - at the District Level – Carrie Newman

For More Info about DPAC: www.Surreydpac.ca

D-PAC is inviting all PAC members to attend the meetings.

BCCPAC Meeting in Prince George in May.

DRY GRAD

See Dry Grad Newsletter

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. No additional discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

The current domain for emails (@sullivanstarspac.ca) and storage are managed (and paid for) by Darrin Winning. Since Darrin has his last child in grade 12 this year, we discussed whether we had to make a change. Darrin agreed to continue to manage the domain and will invoice the PAC going forward for this fee (typically about \$35/year); this way the emails don't have to change.

OPEN QUESTIONS:

1. Parent- Are we piloting online learning?



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

Principal- Not yet.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 pm

Upcoming meetings for the Year: (IN PERSON @ Sullivan Heights Secondary School in the Library at 7pm):

April 28

June 02