

GENERAL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Nov 24, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Executive

President : Tanya Burnstad
V P : Mina Sahota
Treasurer : Marissa Tucci
Secretary : Sharon Ferguson
DPAC rep : Neetu Lalli
CPF: Angela Oliver (absent)
Total parents in attendance: 11

1. Welcome / Call to order – Welcome to our November 2025 PAC meeting. Quorum met. Tanya motioned to approve agenda and last meeting's minutes, Marissa seconded.

2. Principal's Report

- There have been many events and activities in the school since our last PAC meeting such as the retreat at Camp Alexandria, Spirit week and a Remembrance day Ceremony.
- There was a community forum at Clayton recreation centre held 3 weeks ago with Safe schools, SD36, City of Surrey and RCMP. This was in response to events that happened in the community
- Salish shared with the Chief the school and how the school has developed and grown since his initial visit when the school opened.
- Band fundraisers are underway and there is a band concert scheduled in December.
- Multiple field trips are underway to various locations.
- Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Day was acknowledged with a wind speaker.
- Report Card updates went out last week
- On November 20 there was a course selection fair for the first time at Salish. The departments showcased their courses and provided information to students interested in registering for their courses for the next school year. Course selection begins November 25.
- There was a post Secondary mini fair at the school and University of Alberta visited.
- Fall sports are in the process of wrapping up. The Salish athletic teams have excelled and had great seasons.
- Ice Hockey is continuing throughout this semester and the next. Basketball has just started and is already in full swing.
- Integrated Child & Youth Programme (ICY) is a programme that was started last year in partnership with Surrey Schools, Fraser Health and the Ministry of Children and Family development. It is an outreach team offered to students and their families so they can get support in the community. Salish is working with them to refer students to them for support. ICY wants to know how they can support parents in the community. For example: What topics for presentations would parents be interested in? What communication methods do parents prefer? Mina will follow up with Michael about communicating these questions to parents.
- The Feeding Futures programme is a government sponsored programme created in 2023 that was created to support students and their families with food needs. It is overseen by the Salish Youth Care worker, Brittany Sheridan. The number of spots at Salish increased from 50 to 75 spots since last year and as of now 73 have been assigned. Participating students get one breakfast and one lunch item. A catering company provides the meals and the district is billed for the costs. The school does not receive the funds to distribute, buy or purchase. The programme has provided funds to purchase a fridge to store frozen food items that will be provided for the students to take home as needed.

3. PAC President's Report

- Neufeld's fundraiser ran in October.
- Discussions regarding PAC scholarship selection will be happening soon.
- The PAC is planning on reviewing and perhaps revising the C&B in the new year.

4. Treasurer's Report.

- The programmes which were allocated funds in the budget have started to access their funds.
- From the general banking account, there has been a sub account created for Dry Grad funds.
- There was clarification on the budget regarding Helping Hands. At the budget vote in September, \$1,000 was allocated from Gaming and \$1,000 from General to Helping Hands. The \$1,000 from the General account will be used for Christmas hampers as some of the hamper items (ie. food & gift cards) are not eligible to be used from gaming funds. The \$1,000 from the gaming account is used for eligible items such as student support (ie. grad tickets, spirit wear, etc.).
- Pac is supporting 10 families for Christmas Hampers this year.

5. DPAC Update

- No update

6. CPF Update

- No update

7. Dry Grad Committee Update

- They are planning to send out an email update to parents shortly.
- Several fundraisers have run or are currently ongoing and some sponsorship has been secured.
- Thank you from the committee for everyone's continued support of the Salish grads.
- There are several ways to connect and stay updated with the dry grad events: the parent FB group, email at Hello@Salishgrad.com, or the website Salishgrad.com.
- There will be a holiday skate on December 14 for grads.
- There will be a pub night fundraiser on February 27th for parents.
- The next dry grad committee meeting will be January 6th at 7pm.

8. New Business/Questions

- A parent requested better communication from Admin. Request for pop up messages or emails.
- The principal spoke to the price of the Dry Grad Events. While there was never a cap on the tickets for Dry Grad, the committee is encouraged to keep it lower than the cost of the graduation dinner/dance price. Last year's dry grad cost was \$120, the year before was \$100, and the year prior was \$115. He would like to keep it affordable for all families. The dry grad committee is hoping to keep the cost low with fundraising and sponsorship.
- What was the cost of the dinner/dance? Last year was ~\$125.
- How much money is needed to be raised above the cost of the extras?
The intent is to keep costs low. Fundraising money will fund the "extras" for the kids.
- Can the admin communicate dry grad fundraising/sponsorships to all Salish parents? The principal said that is possible and he will look into that.
- A parent was having a hard time with communication/responses on fb with the dry grad group regarding fundraising ideas and posts not being approved and wondered why? The dry grad committee will address this and other concerns at the next dry grad meeting.
- Is it possible to put a message out in the weekly newsletter for dry grad sponsorship requests? That is a possibility and Tanya will pass the idea on.

- Can there be signage in the parking lot to indicate traffic patterns more clearly? The principal confirmed that a request has been put in for the arrows to be repainted in the Spring. He has been reevaluating the flow of traffic in the lot and he also noted that the far road is a two-way city road and although not often used as an exit, it may be an option to alleviate traffic. Other options for creating a pull out were discussed. Michael noted that the extended day has alleviated some of the school traffic congestion.

9. Dates of General Meetings for 2023/2024 school year:

September 22, November 24, February 23, April 20, June tbd (AGM)

Meeting adjourned 7:49 pm