



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 22, 2024
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-

Delicia O’Neil, Beth Cameron, Sophia Deboer, Mandeep Dhaliwal, Darrin Winning, Cleveland Lu, Avtar Dhanjal, Devinder Gill, Wendy Meza, Joyce Zhou, Denise Browne, Amy Lucrezi, Stacy Blondheim,

INTRODUCTION

PAC Executive, parents introduced themselves. Delicia O’Neil 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

Sullivan Heights Secondary School -Principal’s Report

SHSS Parent Advisory Council

Principal’s Report – 2025/04/22

Extended Day

Before Spring Break, the District and school jointly announced that Sullivan Heights will be one of the eight Surrey secondary schools with extended schedules for the 2025-2026. This is a big change for the school and a return to the schedule structure from the 2022- 2023 school year. Extended schedules add blocks to the school day, which can alleviate enrolment capacity issues. Moving to an extended day schedule will allow the school to accommodate more in-catchment registrations. While we are finalizing exact details on how the schedule will look for



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next year, we anticipate that it will look similar to the 2022- 2023 Sullivan Heights extended day schedule in many ways.

March & April Highlights

-Students in Grade 10 completed their Literacy and Numeracy Provincial Assessments. These mandatory assessments are not directly connected with any classes and do not contribute to student grades in any classes.

-The District's Unified Basketball League, a league designed to be inclusive of all students, began for the 2024-2025 school year. Sullivan Heights hosted one day of games involving teams from across Surrey. The final day of play will be held at Sullivan Heights on Tuesday, May 6.

-On April 14th and 15th, Vaisakhi celebrations took place at the school. On April 14th, a Langar Lunch was held and was available to all students and staff. On April 15th, bhangra performances took place in the cafeteria area.

-Parent and Guardian Communicating Student Learning open house was held on April 3rd. The school had great attendance and participation in the event – we are glad students and their families were able to speak with teachers and staff about learning, successes at school, and goal-setting for the future.

-Spring sports are well underway, including Badminton, Girls Soccer, Track & Field, Ball Hockey, Rugby, Flag Football.

Coming Up

-Jazz & Juice music performance – Thursday, April 24 @ 6:30

-Grade 7 Parent & Guardian Information Session – Tuesday, May 6th @ 6:00

-Spring Musical Theatre Performances (Matilda) – Wednesday, May 14th- Friday, May 16th - Carnival – Friday, May 16th @ 3:30-6:30

-Grade 7 Articulation – May 21st-22nd

-Grad Dinner Dance & Dry Grad – Friday, May 30th – Saturday, May 31st

TREASURER REPORT

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. The application for the BC Gaming Grant was submitted April 17, 2025. The new online system is very easy and quick and even reports the amount the school will receive for the 2025-26 school year (we should receive a grant of \$39,400).
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 \$16,064.68 has been disbursed (approx. \$38,000 still



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to be disbursed). A total of \$2500 was allocated from the PAC fund and to date \$1253.50 has been disbursed. Beth discussed with Anita to send reminders to teachers/sponsors to submit their reimbursements, and she has sent an email to remind them.

4. Parent donations for 2024_25 are \$2200-\$2300. so still minimal with the number of kids at the school. In 2025_26 year 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?
5. Grade 7 parent night is Tuesday May 6. I mentioned to the VP in charge (Chris Kelly) that the PAC would like a few minutes to introduce the PAC to the parents and he agreed. Need to decide who wants to present...there is a small poster board with a bit of info that can be set up on a table along with printing the sheets with QR codes.
6. Current account balances are as follows- Gaming fund **\$49,063.72**; PAC fund **\$4899.57** (67-70 people donated \$2252.46 to date in 2024-25 and we received a \$453 cheque from Surrey School District); and we also manage the Dry Grad fund **\$31,429.72**.

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:

- See Pricipal's report

Highlights

- Athletics -See Pricipal's report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC - at the District Level – Carrie Newman

For More Info about DPAC: www.Surreydpac.ca

DRY GRAD

- Dry Grad Meeting – See Dry Grade Newsletter

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. No additional discussion



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NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN QUESTIONS:

Parent: How and where does the PAC allocate its funds?

Answer: The Treasury provided a breakdown of how the funds are allocated.

Parent: Are there trade courses available for high school students?

Principal: Yes, we offer trade courses and currently have five full-time teachers dedicated to them. The biggest challenge we face is finding qualified instructors for these programs.

Delicia advised parents to remain informed by regularly using the SH StarGazer app and visiting the official Sullivan Heights Secondary website for the latest updates.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 pm

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

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