



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday Sept 23, 2024

7 pm School Library

INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

PAC Executive:

President- Delicia O’Neil

Vice President- Sophia DeBoer

Treasurer- Beth Cameron

Secretary- Mandeep Dhaliwal

DPAC Representative - Carrie Newman

Parents:

Parents attending in person at the school-

Delicia O’Neil, Beth Cameron, Carrie Newman, Sophia Deboer, Mandeep Dhaliwal, Darrin Winning, Daljit Kaur, Amy Bateman, Erica Ellis-Madsen, Navi Ghuman, Daisy Shoker, Kiran Kooner, Amy Lucrezi, Stacy Blondheim, Mirella Lockhat, Kirsty Ellison, Manj Bunwait, Avinash Maniram, Pam Dhaliwal, Aneeta Jandy, Sukhi Mann, Rupe Mann.

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)

NEW PAC EXECUTIVE

1. 2023/2024 was the last year for Darrin and Avinash as PAC Executive, however they will be here to assist the new PAC executive team until the end of 2025 school year. Thank you to both Darrin and Avinash for their many years of serving on the PAC executive. New PAC executive effective May 27, 2024

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT



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Please see the attached Principal's report for May 2024.

Sullivan Heights Secondary School -Principal's Report

Start Up

The school year has started very positively! Students, staff, and the community are filling the classrooms, hallways, and common areas with heaps of enthusiastic and kind energy! Student registration numbers are at capacity, with some grades over projections and capacity. At some grade levels, in-catchment registrations have been redirected to other nearby secondary schools. At other grade levels, newly-registered students are being assigned hybrid schedules with a number of classes being taken in alternative settings.

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
420	412	389	362	390	1973

School Safety Update

Last week, a number of school communities in Surrey reported concerning social media posts that alluded to school safety issues. The police and District Safe Schools department investigated these reports and responded in school communities accordingly. Two community letters were distributed to SHSS studies, families, and staff.

September Highlights

Sullivan Heights Secondary is a big a busy place!

-Grade assemblies were completed in the first week of school and helped set a positive tone to the school year

-Clubs' Fair took place last week – many students and staff attended. There were approximately 30 clubs and student groups represented at the event.

-Athletics are up-and-running – the football teams hosted their first games at the adjoining community park. Teams also travelled to the Okanagan and Vancouver Island for games. Boys soccer, volleyball, field hockey, swimming, cross-country, and ice hockey are beginning soon.

Coming Up

-Orange Shirt Day is Thursday, September 26th – the school has coordinated activities leading up to and including this day to work toward Truth & Reconciliation.

-Grad Cruise is taking place on Thursday, September 26th – the school is very excited to kick off the year of grad events with this special experience!

-Grade 8 Retreat takes place October 2 and 3 – grade 8 classes are not in session these two days and grade 8 students attend one of the two full days. Daily rosters and bus lists will be posted in the school this week, Humanities teachers will also share with their students.



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-Photo retake day is scheduled for October 4

-CSL Week (Core Competency self-reporting) is scheduled for the week of October 15-18

TREASURER REPORT

Sullivan Heights Secondary School PAC Treasurer's Report

September 19, 2024

PAC Account: \$ 2,999.85

1. Opening Balance: \$ 2,999.85
2. Parent Contributions
3. SD36 annual PAC Contribution:

Gaming Grant Account: \$ 20,865.82

Dry Grad Account: \$ 6,327.30

The gaming grant is an annual contribution from the BC Gaming Commission that provides \$20/student registered at the school (based on previous years projections). We should find out end of September if the application was successful (applied June 6th, 2024). The annual report for how the funds were distributed is due no later than Nov. 30th.

The PAC sends out a request annually for a \$20 donation from parents to add to the pool of resources. This request is sent to parents in September and in January (note this is over and above the school fees). With over 1900 students, we would/could raise \$38,000. Typically, we raise only \$1200 through this. Last year \$2062 was collected. We will continue to send out this request frequently as a reminder to parents (through facebook and include verbage on school communications as well). **The PAC does no other fundraising.**

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. Can also provide a cheque (made out to Sullivan Heights Secondary PAC) or cash and submit in the school administration office.



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The PAC will form a subcommittee in late October to go through the teacher/club wishlists and allocate the funds from the PAC accounts. Noted the gaming fund can only be used for extracurricular activities and can not be used for scholarships, monetary gifts or gift cards, It cannot be used for things that the schools should be providing as part of the curriculum. Typically parent donations are used to cover items that are not allowed by the gaming fund.

Important Dates:

- Oct 5 – World Teacher’s Day

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC - at the District Level – Carrie Newman

For More Info about DPAC: www.Surreydpac.ca

First meeting of the DPAC is Wed Sept 25 by zoom. There is a lot going on at DPAC and BCCPAC-all parents can attend the DPAC meetings however only the registered representative can vote.

The goal is to lobby government to provide more funding for schools. In Surrey alone there are > 2000 new students registered/year.

DRY GRAD

Looking for parents volunteer. Meetings will follow the PAC meetings at 8 pm in the school library.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. No additional discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The gaming fund online application was submitted on June 6th.

OPEN QUESTIONS:

1. Received a request to send out the agenda prior to the meeting. Will do so going forward in 2024/25 year
2. Are there single use washrooms available (because of vaping)? Yes, in the E-wing (4th floor), across from careers (ask Nicole for key), and by the gym



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Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 pm

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

Oct 28

Nov 25

Jan 20

Feb 24

April 28

June 02