



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday Oct 28, 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

Darrin Winning – Outgoing PAC President president@sullivanstarspac.ca

Avinash Maniram (absent) – Outgoing Treasurer treasurer@sullivanstarspac.ca

Beth Cameron - Outgoing Secretary secretary@sullivanstarspac.ca

Parents:

Parents attending in person at the school-

Beth Cameron, Carrie Newman, Mandeep Dhaliwal, Darrin Winning, Stacy Blondheim, Darrin Winning, Kirsty Ellison, Cleveland Lu, Arminster Sidhu, Loni Poetteker, Pam Dhaliwal

INTRODUCTION

PAC Executive, parents introduced themselves. Beth 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



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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Please see the attached Principal’s report for Oct 2024.

Sullivan Heights Secondary School -Principal’s Report

October Highlights

- Grade 8 Retreat took place at the beginning of October. The vast majority (more than 90%) of grade 8 students participated in full days of activities at Camp McLean. Approximately 100 student leaders were essential in supporting the activities, team- and community-building of the event – along with the staff volunteers, the event would not have been possible.
- A number of school gatherings (assemblies) took place in October – these included presentations by MADD, Robb Nash, as well as presentations from the school’s counselling department. There are at least three additional presentations scheduled for November.
- Sullivan Heights’ Communicating Student Learning Parent/Guardian evening took place on October 17th. It was wonderful to see so many students, their families, and Sullivan Heights staff discussing student learning, successes, and areas for growth.
- Many of the school’s sports are up-and-running, including football, swimming, volleyball, track and field, and cross-country. Basketball tryouts are also underway. You may have noticed that the school’s south field is having some remediation work done to areas off of the playing surface.

Coming Up

- All grade 12 students are scheduled to complete their Literacy 12 assessments this week. The vast majority of students are scheduled to complete their assessments on Wednesday, October 30th – students, parents, and guardians received notifications about the assessments and scheduling. Students can confirm their exact locations and times at the library. Grade 12 classes are not in session on Wednesday to accommodate assessment rooms and invigilation.
- Grade 9 *Take Your Kids to Work* day takes place on Wednesday, November 6th.
- Remembrance Day school gatherings are scheduled for Thursday, November 7th – we are grateful to the staff and students who participate and present in these important.
- Midterm report cards will be published on Thursday, November 21st.
- October Monthly Principal’s Update is scheduled to occur this week – it will include highlights from the past month, notice of upcoming events, and other important updates for students and the school community.



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TREASURER REPORT

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. Parent donations are coming in, usually a bit of activity after every FB post reminding parents of this request.
2. The BC Gaming fund can only be used for extracurricular activities. It can NOT be used for scholarships, monetary prizes or gifts, to benefit staff, or anything that is considered a part of the curriculum. Applications are accepted between April 30 and June 30; and a summary report is due by Nov.30 for the prior year. This report was submitted Oct 22, 2024.
3. Each year, the teachers and clubs submit requests for funding to the PAC. These requests were received and total \$78,770. The PAC will form a subcommittee to allocate the funds appropriately. The requests usually surpass the amount of funds available so the subcommittee tries to be fair and allocate across the requests over the years (ie one year the request gets funded the next year it may not).

Volunteers for the subcommittee will meet in the coming weeks (via zoom or teams) to go through the requests (probably 1-2 hours of time)

4. Current account balances are as follows- Gaming fund \$58,465.82; PAC fund \$4539.81 (44 people donated to date in 2024-25); and we also manage the Dry Grad fund \$6323.30. The PAC opened a 3rd account for the Dry Grad funds last June to keep it separate from the PAC funds. Cheques were ordered last week, and it is set up for auto-deposit using the drygrad@sullivanstarspac.ca email (no password is necessary).

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Treasurer's Report at:	October 28, 2024	(Amounts shown after disbursements)
PAC Account:	\$ 4,539.81	
1. Opening Balance:	\$ 2,999.85	
2. Parent Contributions (44 people)		\$ 1,539.96
3. SD36 annual PAC Contribution:		
Gaming Grant Account:	\$ 58,465.02	
Dry Grad Account:	\$ 6,323.30	



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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:

- Nov/11/2024- Remembrance Day

Highlights

- Athletics – Various sports activities available at School for students to register.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC - at the District Level – Carrie Newman

For More Info about DPAC: www.Surreydpac.ca

DPAC Registration is free, you can go on website and register.

DPAC requesting parents to send letters to MLA to request funding for the new Schools.

DRY GRAD

Looking for parents volunteer

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Issues with buses- Students miss classes and arrive home late due to issues with buses.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPEN QUESTIONS:

How can students apply for scholarships?

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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Nov 25

Jan 20

Feb 24

April 28

June 02