



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday March 4, 2024

7 pm School Library

INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

PAC Executive:

Darrin Winning - PAC President president@sullivanstarspac.ca

VACANT - Vice President

Avinash Maniram - Treasurer treasurer@sullivanstarspac.ca

Beth Cameron - Secretary secretary@sullivanstarspac.ca

Parents:

** parents attending in person at the school (*Sophia Deboer, Stacey Blondheim, Mandeep Dhaliwal, Delicia O'Neill, Dezzerie Brisley, Manjat Sidhu, Karamet Kaur, Arshfreet Kaur, Avinash Maniram, Darrin Winning, Manj Bunwait, Claudia Drummond, Michelle Carlos, Askar PV., Sibra Askar, Beth Cameron, Pam Dhaliwal,*)

INTRODUCTION

PAC Executive, parents introduced themselves. Darrin Winning chaired the meeting.

PAC hosts 5-6 meetings/year.

Staff:

Mr. David Baldasso – Principal

NEW PAC EXECUTIVE

1. 2024/2025 is the last year for Darrin and Avinash as PAC Executive, and will be here to assist the new PAC executive team until the end of 2025 school year.
2. Darrin motioned to elect new PAC executive to be effective May 27, 2024 (the May PAC Meeting) as follows:

President- Delicia O'Neill (second by Avinash) Majority in favor

Vice President- Sophia DeBoer (second by Stacy) Majority in favor

Treasurer- Beth Cameron (second by Desiree) Majority in favor

Secretary- Mandeep Dhaliwal (second by Pam) Majority in favor



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DPAC Representative (previously elected)- Carrie Newman

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Please see the attached Principal’s report for March 2023.

Important Dates:

- March 8 – Spring Band Concert
- March 11 to 15 – Communicating Student Learning Week
- March 15 – March 29 – Spring Break / School Closure
- April 2 – School Re-opens
- April 4 – Communicating Student Learning Event – afternoon/evening (Early Dismissal)
- April 17 – CSL Day (Early Dismissal)
- April 18 – Spring Fling Dance
- April 25 – Grade 7 Parent Night / Report Cards Published

Highlights

- Athletics – an excellent winter season of sports for Sullivan – basketball & hockey
 - Senior Boys Provincial Championships starting Wednesday, March 6
 - Ice Hockey Final – possibly March 14
- Surrey Jazz Festival held February 23 & 24 – a great showcase of Jazz Talent in Sullivan
- Pink Shirt Day & Black History Month – great overall show of support for these events
 - Supporting groups in our school community
 - Student Leadership is strong

School Updates

- Extended Day Announcement – currently not scheduled to be on an extended day – going to continue to do everything we can to avoid this schedule.
- Challenge is space for our school – utilizing every space available.
- Course Selection completed by the students– work begins now for the administration for next year

TREASURER REPORT

The PAC has 3 sources of Revenue that we are responsible for:

1. Community Gaming Funds: Funded each year from the Provincial Government and based on the head count; generally, around \$20/head is allocated from numbers projected last year (1800 students). **This year’s application was denied by the Gaming Fund.**



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Reason for rejection was that the application was received 1 day late on July 1st 2023 (rather than June 30th 2023). If granted, this money has to be used for extracurricular activities, and not things that contribute to the academic curriculum.

- a. The PAC will typically form a funding committee that determines the allocations of these funds once we know how much will be received. The current gaming balance: **\$5580.**
2. PAC (Legacy in trust at District): Legacy funds held at the district - we draw down on these funds as required for special requests, once these funds are gone, the account will close. This account may be used for special requests that are not allowed to be used by gaming funds. The expectation is that these funds will be used up this year in the absence of the gaming fund grant. **Current Balance: \$4450.**
3. Sullivan PAC: Funded generally from parent contributions - we send out a request annually for a \$20 donation from parents to add to the pool of resources. This request was sent to parents in September and in January (note this is over and above the school fees). With 1900 students, we would/could raise \$38,000. Typically, we raise only \$1200 through this. To date, this year we have approx \$1310 so far collected. We will continue to send out this request occasionally as a reminder to parents (through facebook and include verbage on school communications as well) **Current balance: \$4963**

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

- For 2023/2024 school year, total available funds of **\$14,993** that can be allocated to different requests.
- This year's wish list from teachers totals \$76, 392. Mr. Baldasso was requested to review the requests and provide guidance regarding any funding opportunities that may be available elsewhere. Mr Baldasso will review by the end of this month (March 31st). We do want to be able to help dry grad and give scholarships, etc but final amount commitments won't be made until it has been discussed in early April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC - at the District Level – Carrie Newman (absent at tonight's meeting)

For More Info about DPAC: www.Surreydpac.ca

DRY GRAD

Started selling early bird tickets at \$110 until March 31st. April 1st the price increases to \$130. A



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registration link is available that was sent to grade 12 families. 89 have registered, 40 have paid. May create flyer/brochure to post throughout the school as outreach to get additional students.

PLANNING FOR GAMING FUND APPLICATION

1. The gaming fund application is due June 30th. For the most part it is an online application however last year they did request copies of meeting minutes and by-laws..

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. No additional discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fundraising was brought up as an option to help support the “wishlist”, but in general the PAC executive doesn’t have the capacity to organize and do the legwork. They would support any initiative if a parent wants to take that on.
2. Discussed to change 1 line in the by-law:
 - Current bylaw states no limit to number of terms in an executive role, and would like to suggest to change it to a limit of 5 years for an executive role. With caveat that if willing and majority vote, an executive could step into that role if no one is available to fill the position.
 - Will be put forth to pass at the next meeting.

OPEN QUESTIONS:

1. No additional questions

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:32 pm.

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

April 29, 2024

May 27, 2024