



Sullivan Heights Secondary – PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

6248-144 Street

Surrey, B.C. V3X 1A1

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday Nov 25, 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, Carrie Newman, Mandeep Dhaliwal, Darrin Winning, Erica Ellis-Madsen, Stacy Blondheim, Pam Dhaliwal, Nikolas Kirincic, Tanya Snow.

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)



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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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

Sullivan Heights Secondary School -Principal’s Report

Social Media Update

-I distributed a letter to the school community on Thursday, November 14th titled “Sullivan Heights Social Media Update.” This letter was written with the District and school administration in response to a number of public claims being repeatedly made about Sullivan Heights students. We informed the Parent Advisory Council and STA about our response before distributing it. As always, the school and District will work with students and their parents or guardians if any concerns arise.

November Highlights

- Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work day took place – over 300 grade 9 students participated in workplace experiences with their parents and guardians.
- Students reflected and received formal feedback on their learning in the CSL Week and S1 Written Learning Update (e.g. midterm reports). Students, parents, and guardians are reminded to review this update on MyEducation BC and to direct any questions, concerns, or feedback to the appropriate teacher.
- Sullivan Heights observed National Aboriginal Veterans Day and Remembrance Day on two ceremonies held on November 8th in the Bell Performing Arts Centre. The ceremonies were very thoughtfully planned and presented by a number of staff, including students and staff from the Music, Dance, Visual Arts, and Modern Languages departments. We also had the good fortune of having the honour guard comprised of students who are Air and Sea Cadets.

Coming Up

- The snowball junior (Grades 8 & 9) dance is scheduled to take place from 6PM to 9PM on December 4th at in the Hub (cafeteria) area. Tickets are still available on SchoolCashOnline until November 29th.
- The winter band concert is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, December 11th.
- A student spirit week will take place in the final week of school before the winter break – Monday, December 16th through to Friday, December 20th.
- Course request processes will begin in the new year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to speak with their children about the courses they are considering, graduation and post-secondary program requirements, etc.
- Winter season athletics begin this week: basketball, ice hockey, and wrestling (TBC).



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TREASURER REPORT

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Treasurer's Report at: November 24, 2024

(Amount shown after disbursements)

PAC Account: \$ 4,937.31

1. Opening Balance: \$ 2,999.85

2. Parent Contributions (59 people) \$ 1,937.46

3. SD36 annual PAC Contribution:

Gaming Grant Account \$ 58,465.82

Dry Grad Account \$ 6,463.38

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. Each year, the teachers and clubs submit requests for funding to the PAC. These requests were received and total \$78,770. The funding subcommittee met Nov 14 to allocate the funds as fairly as possible. Consideration was given to the number of students to benefit from the request, whether they have been funded in the past, whether duplicate requests (eg. 4 different requests for Cricut machine and accessories), etc. This year a total of \$54,199 was allocated from the gaming fund and \$2500 was allocated from the PAC fund for a total of \$56,699.

Motion that the recommended allocations be approved by the PAC by Carrie Newman.

Motion seconded by Stacey Blondheim.

All in favor. No one opposed.



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Now that the recommended allocations are approved we can inform the teachers this week.

3. Anita can no longer support the PAC with disbursement of funds to the clubs so this year the teachers will have to go through the PAC treasurer directly. To help ensure they receive reimbursement in a timely manner, we may need additional signatories on the bank accounts (currently Beth, Delicia and Avinash still on there). Suggest we keep Avinash for the rest of year and add 1 more person (Carrie)-would need to be available to go the bank (BMO).

Also, a new form for re-imbusement has been developed which will be distributed with their funding notifications.

4. Current account balances are as follows- Gaming fund **\$58,465.82**; PAC fund **\$4937.31** (59 people donated \$1937.46 to date in 2024-25); and we also manage the Dry Grad fund **\$6463.38**. The PAC opened a 3rd account for the Dry Grad funds last June to keep it separate from the PAC funds. Cheques are received, and it is set up for auto-deposit using the drygrad@sullivanstarspac.ca email (no password is necessary).

Important Dates:

- A student spirit week - Monday, December 16th through to Friday, December 20th.

Highlights

- Athletics – Winter season athletics has begun: basketball, ice hockey, and wrestling (TBC).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC - at the District Level – Carrie Newman

For More Info about DPAC: www.Surreydpac.ca

DRY GRAD

Looking for parents volunteers to lead and organize the Dry Grad event. Parents to answer the questions correctly to join the Facebook group.



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ONGOING BUSINESS:

Inquiry about concession at School for PAC fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN QUESTIONS:

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 pm

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

Jan 20

Feb 24

April 28

June 02