



AGM AND ELECTIONS

PAC MEETING: Thursday, May 8th, 2025 - 7:00pm

1. Call Meeting to Order -adopted
2. Welcome to all parents and introduction of Executive and Administration
3. Adoption of Minutes from Thursday, April 17th, 2025
4. **CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT:**

Our PAC mandate is to support THSS students, staff and the parent population. We have accomplished that this year in several ways. We successfully allocated over \$31,500 in Gaming Funds to more than 41 school clubs and programs. We provided all staff with the opportunity to apply for funds and were able to award funding to nearly every request. We have retained \$2300.00 for contingency purposes.

SD42 Budget was approved at last week's Board of Education Meeting – I attended the public session as well as last weeks meeting – board will be advocating to the province for increased funding, as cuts will continue in future years if funding continues to be inadequate. This will be a topic in the upcoming BCCPAC AGM near the end of May, which I will attend virtually.

Our attendance at PAC meetings has again been very low this year, even with our format of only 6 meetings in a year. We have continued to encourage parents to attend our very brief yet informative meetings but realize that schedules are busy and it is difficult to fit in more activities. We hope parents access the parent tab on the website for up to date meeting minutes and that they feel free to contact us via email at any time.

5. **Treasurer's Report *General Status of Account** – Financial Status (as of May 5, 2025)

Clubs have until **May 29** to submit all receipts.

- Gaming account balance: \$26,318.54
- Anticipated additional spending: \$23,987.78
- Expected final balance at school year-end: \$2393.76
- Will submitting Gaming Grant application in the next couple of weeks

***Annual Report:** Once gaming funds have been distributed to Teachers for their projects, there is often a delay in both spending the funds and then processing the reimbursement of these funds. We provide an accurate Annual Statement of Accounts for the THSS PAC as promptly as we can, based on consultation with the school accountant.

Treasurer's Year-End Report, 2024–2025 School Year

Opening Balance

At the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year, the THSS PAC Gaming account held a balance of:
\$9,501.86

Gaming Grant Funds Received

We were pleased to receive: **\$24,400.00** in Gaming Grant funds from the Province of British Columbia. This amount was calculated at **\$20 per student**, based on enrollment at the time of application.

Funding Application Process

In **October** and again in **April**, the PAC invited all school clubs, teams, and groups to submit funding applications for consideration. A total of **46 applications** were received, requesting a combined total of: **\$58,247.99**

New This Year:

This was the first year the PAC introduced a second call-out for applications in April. This addition aimed to accommodate new initiatives that arose mid-year, to give an opportunity to those who may have missed the fall deadline, and to reallocate funds that were not able to be spent as originally approved.

All applications were reviewed at open PAC meetings, where attending parents and guardians evaluated them based on:

- Number of students impacted
- Prior funding history
- Proposed use of funds
- Anticipated benefit to the broader school community

In addition to adhering to the **Community Gaming Grant Program Guidelines**, the PAC followed internal policies and generally avoided funding for:

- Field trips
- T-shirts
- General food costs (*Exceptions were made for demonstrated significant need*)

The focus remained on **tangible, sustainable resources** that directly benefit students.

Use of Funds

Funding was distributed to a wide range of student-run clubs and initiatives across academics, athletics, the arts, wellness, and technical programs, supporting everything from robotics parts and art supplies to sports equipment, gardening materials, and repair tools.

Acknowledgements

We extend our sincere thanks to the **dedicated staff at THSS** who generously support student clubs and extracurricular groups. Your continued commitment makes a lasting difference in the lives of students and strengthens our school community.

* **Application for Gaming Grant for 2025/2026:** This will be completed prior to the deadline – June 30, 2025 in preparation for receiving funds in mid-September of the new school year.

* **Gaming Account Summary Report Completion for 2024/2025:** We are required to report back to Gaming on the spending that occurred in relation to the grant we received. This report is due no later than 90 days after our fiscal year end of August 31st, 2025.

6. DPAC Report – (Apr 24 PMSS) , we continue to have a vacancy for this role

- May 8th meeting is cancelled, next meeting is May 22, 7pm @MRE, final meeting is June 19 ,7pm (AGM) @THSS
- Longtime Parent Volunteer Service Awards (due May 26)
- Foundry presentation – THSS well connected to this
- Deputy Superintendent – Schwartz – recapped final Strategic Direction changes

7. Principal's Report – Mr. Darren Rowell

- The Thunder Kitchen Cookbook – official launch May 15th
- Chicago Sightlines Theatre May 8,9,10,16,17 (6:30pm) and May 17 (2pm)
- Art Gala, Blood Drive and Department Head Meeting – May 15
- WISTEM (BCIT) – Women in Science Technology Engineering and Math
- Equestrian Studies – Sundance Guest Ranch, Ashcroft, BC
- World Scholars Competition – Mulgrave Secondary school
- Student Votes and All Candidates Meeting
- Ball Hockey
- Connections students to Victoria
- Haiku Death Match
- Peak Pod 8 to UBC
- Outdoor Club to Galiano Island
- Enrolment Project – 1,285 projected for 2025/26 year
- Grad 2025 Exit Interviews – 5 questions in 15 minutes with Mr. Rowell
- ICBC Road Safety Talk – May 12
- Pro-D – May 14
- Victoria Day – May 19

8. ELECTION OF PAC EXECUTIVES

Positions for Nomination for Parent Advisory Council at THSS for 2025/26:

- 1) Chair -Erin Goodman
- 3) Treasurer – Sarah Goudreau
- 4) Secretary – Natalie Robertson
- 5) Parent Member at Large (2) – Kirsty Perry, Brianne Thorne. and Elektra Jordan
- 6) DPAC Rep – Kim Norman

9. UPCOMING PAC DATES FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR (proposal to move to 4th Thursday rotation - with a few exceptions due to DPAC dates)

Oct 2nd

October 23rd

January 29th

February 26th

April 23rd

May 28th - AGM

Next PAC Meeting –Oct 2nd, 2025