

THOMAS HANEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Parents Working Together to Connect and Communicate

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**PAC MEETING AGENDA FOR: Jan 28, 2026 at 7pm online meeting**

- 1) Call Meeting to Order
- 2) Erin (Chair) welcomed members and staff
- 3) Motion to adopt meeting minutes from Oct 23 2025
  - o *Adopted, all in favour*

**GENERAL REPORTING FROM PAC AND ADMINISTRATION ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

4) Administration Report – Darren

- o Lisa provided updates on the senior formal, new music program options, and a new computer.
- o Course selection Feb. 9-20th. Various new courses are being introduced. Student course requests will inform staffing decisions.
- o Various exciting initiatives and events. E.g., Mr. Page and Ms. Hunter's Gr. 8 Pod trips, Instagram teacher interviews, and Mr. Williams and Mr. Swanson's Outdoor Ed. activities. See Feb. newsletter for more.
- o THSS will remain on a linear system. Principals are investigating options to support student success within this system (e.g., options to help those struggling with workload; findings from Ms. Kania's gr. 10 focus group with teachers re: time management during open blocks and course success; prepping students for critical transitions such as the shift from grade 9 to 10)
- o Students with IEs – IEs may not preclude gr. 12 students with 80 credits from graduating, but IEs are still discouraged. Parents of students with IEs are contacted.
- o Report cards first or second week of March
- o Conferences April 23
- o Principals' parent survey questions coming to next PAC meeting for feedback
- o Lisa provided info about PEAK POD – info to be shared with parents of incoming gr. 8 students

5) Chair Report – Erin

- o Have been attending Public Board of Education meetings - and continue to serve on DPAC executive as member at large.
- o Input sessions/surveys forthcoming to engage public, reminder that it is an election year, board trustees are elected - any issues that we would like to raise, there will be forums for this.
- o Encouraging folks to consider roles for the coming AGM (May 28)

6) Treasurer's Report – Sarah

- Account currently sits at \$15,654.06
- Two school groups with requests to adjust their approved fund use
  - Sr. Volleyball - request for a volleyball antenna, rolling ball bin, 6 volleyballs, travel volleyball bags. This request replaces original ask for jerseys & balls. New cost is slightly higher than the \$900 approved - now \$966.61.
    - *Motion to approve \$966.61 and the adjusted request for Sr. Volleyball*
      - *Adopted, all in favour*
  - WISTEM request to adjust funding from supplies and community outreach support to “curriculum-connected educational experiences”
    - More information to be requested of WISTEM
- Treasurer role needs to be filled next year

7) DPAC Update – Kim (info notes only – DPAC meeting didn’t meet quorum)

- SD42 will implement a new organizational structure Aug. 1, 2026, expected to create cost savings.
- 2026/27 District Calendar open for feedback until Feb. 16.
- MRTA bargaining continues and is closer to agreement.
- CPF membership drive ongoing; French Family Day event in Pitt Meadows
- Treasurer training planned for spring; PACs reminded to stay current on financial rules.
- Gaming grants webinar Feb. 25. Will address new 2026 guidelines. PAC reps/treasurers encouraged to attend.
- Cost-neutral options proposed for 2026/27 high school music programs.
- District budget survey runs Jan. 29–Feb. 18
- Grade 7 Parent Info Night (Jan. 29) recording will be made available (re: Gr 8 registration).
- PAC payment/fundraising platform use (e.g., Square, Zeffy) should be clearly documented in meeting minutes.
- Literacy and numeracy declines discussed; PACs may consider support for parents/families through reading initiatives, resource sharing, etc.
- District exploring a framework to clarify what schools—not PACs—are responsible for funding

8) New Business/Sharing from parents

- Grad - fees due Feb. 1
- Grad ceremony at Chandos Pattison Arena in Surrey. Smaller capacity but more accessible location. Tix \$10 each, 4 per family (first round)
- Grad banquet - Swaneset Golf and Country Club, June 19

9) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:35 - all in favour

**Next PAC Meeting is scheduled at 7pm: Feb 26, April 23 and AGM: May 28**