

THOMAS HANEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Parents Working Together to Connect and Communicate

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PAC MEETING MINUTES: April 22nd, 2026 at 7pm (library)

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order**
 - Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.
- 2) **Welcome to all parents and staff**
 - Lisa does the land acknowledgement.
- 3) **Motion to adopt meeting minutes from Feb 2026**
 - Adopted, all in favor

GENERAL REPORTING FROM PAC AND ADMINISTRATION ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

4) **Administration Report – Darren**

Darren shared several recent highlights and initiatives at THSS:

- Darren will bring the new Code of Conduct to the next meeting. Posters will be available for schools.
- Grade 9 Inquiry – Students choose a mentor and bring their learning to life via a project which they present in the math great hall for other students to view.
- Career Fair & Interviews for grade 10's, several organizations in the community came out to do mock interviews with students.
- Photography/ Professional Hair & Make up – paired with a school in Langley and students were able to participate
- Capstone – Grade 12 students pair up with a school mentor (teacher) for a passion project (sometimes career related) which they work on throughout the school year and present to a group in May/June
- Hawaii field Trip – 40 students travelled to Hawaii & experienced volcanoes, beaches, turtles, caving and a coffee plantation
- Spirit Week & Gym Riot – fun way to wrap up before spring break with games and competitions
- PI Day Carnival – Ms. Sarai & the math department had stations and number related math activities, showing that math can be fun and engaging
- Grade 8 Inquiry – This was the first year, students each explored a topic and presented in the rotunda
- Banff & Revelstoke – Grade 12 outdoor and human geography students, ski and outdoor activities field trip
- The Thunder Times – new school newspaper with help from Ms. Dimmock and Ms. Berg, will be a grade 12 elective class for
- Surveys and Assessments – During March & April we have Youth Development Instrument for grade 11's, Student Learning Surveys for all students grade 10, 11 & 12, Numeracy 10 assessments are now happening, and literacy for Grade 12's are requirements for graduation
- School Fees – across district \$35 Student Fee, \$35 Athletic Fee (optional), \$65 Yearbook (optional), Trades / Post-Secondary Partnerships have a variety of fee requirements ie Carpentry, Hairdressing.. Academies have a variety of program fees ie Hockey academy...
- Grad 2026 Info
 - Graduation Ceremony May 29 at Chandos Pattison Auditorium 7 pm
 - Banquet June 19 at Swaneset Country Club *fyi parents and photographers are welcome to attend prior to the dinner from 4-6 pm to take photos on the grounds
 - Dry Grad to follow the banquet at THSS
- Administration Changes – Principal Darren is moving to SRT and Colin Sharpe will join THSS from PMSS, VP Lisa will be moving to MRSS and Lara Rowe will be coming here from Harry Hooge

- Upcoming Events
 - April 23 – Student LED
 - April 27 – Late Start
 - May 1 – Haiku Showdown
 - May 7 – Movie Night Rotunda
 - May 13 – Non instructional day
 - May 14 - Ab Ed Awards
 - May 18 – Victoria Day
 - May 20 – Grade 7 Day / No school for Grade 8’s
 - May 21 – Grad Breakfast and rehearsal 7:30am
 - May 21 – Art Gala 5-8pm
 - May 25 – June 6 THSS Musical Theatre “The Little Mermaid” Online ticket link via the portal: Please note that because of publishing rights, the school is unable to advertise for this play. Parents and students are encouraged to invite friends and family to purchase tickets.

5) Chair Report - Erin

- BCCPAC – we have submitted our Proxy to have DPAC represent us (April 24-26)
- Dwindling PAC participation: Continued discussions about our meeting attendance numbers, ideas for a PAC social for start of next year.
- PAC elections – Chair will email Admin w/ the invitation to all Gr 8 parents to join our AGM in May, so they can hear about the school and be considered for 2026-2027 roles if interested. Our Bylaws and Constitution indicate that no one may hold a position for more than **4** consecutive years, so we are looking for role change over this year to allow for training and time with the previous person.
- **Note – DPAC will be hosting Treasurer 101’s to help with the learning curve. All roles are well supported if you have questions and we are hopeful to have more folks volunteer to help our school. Without our executive in place, we can not be eligible for gaming grants – which fund our amazing clubs at the school, usually exceeding \$20,000 annually. Roles of the executive are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, DPAC Rep, and (2) Members at Large. There will be more discussion at next Dpac meeting, it is said that they are not likely to increase the amounts of funds like they used to, and they are looking to cut where they can, lots of competition for the fund allocation and scrutiny has increased
- School Board Budget Meeting (Public meeting at the THSS Rotunda 530 Apr 22) – ongoing during our meeting, following two public online survey periods for input from the public (2nd round Apr 16- Apr 22, which followed the preliminary budget in public Board Meeting April 15th) – with the final budget meeting Apr 29th.

6) Treasurer’s Report - Sarah

- Submitted Gaming Funds Grant Application today for next year
- Had anticipated that we may have extra funds but it looks like everyone will be spending the funds, so we can roll any extra funds over to next year
- Current balance is \$12,225.77

7) New Business/Sharing from parents

- Mr. Biggar and Mr. Goodman thanked the PAC for the fund allocations to their clubs this year and they shared some successes
- Next September PAC would like to start a What’s App group and try to build more community amongst the parents for the next school year.

8) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm all voted in favour.

Final PAC Meeting of the year: AGM: May 28 @ 7pm