

THOMAS HANEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Parents Working Together to Connect and Communicate

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PAC MEETING AGENDA FOR: May 28, 2026 at 7pm

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – 7:00 pm
- 2) Erin (Chair) welcomed members and staff
- 3) Motion to adopt meeting minutes from April 22, 2026
 - Moved: Sarah
 - Seconded: Kim
 - Vote: Carried (all)

GENERAL REPORTING FROM PAC AND ADMINISTRATION ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- 4) Administration Report – Darren Rowell, with additions from Lisa Kania and Steve Kater
 - Introduced Lara Lacroix the incoming vice principal for next year. Lara will be working with the new incoming principal Colin Sharpe and THSS vice principal Steve Kater.
 - Addressed recent activities related to students and events
 - PEAK Pod successes: The past year has featured connections and many accomplishments. The “Best Buddies” program was highlighted for the mutual benefits it provides the PEAK student mentors and their buddies.
 - Juried show at the ACT – theme was “Continuum” ARTS Council from the ACT adjudicated.
 - Senior Girls Soccer – an event was held for the 9 students graduating.
 - Haiku Showdown – a well-attended event featuring student and teacher participants
 - Poetry Slam – also a successful recent event
 - WISTEM had 2 major outings this year, providing students with valuable experience
 - Victoria 2026 Connections – students had a meeting with Lisa Beare and a Parliament tour.
 - Stanley Park outing – Hidden History guided tour with Mr. Williams. His Friday outings provide experiential knowledge and become memorable for students.
 - Equestrian program – Endurance Riders of Canada event recently held.
 - Grad 2026 Breakfast: 250 kids for grad practice
 - Leadership retreat at Loon Lake – “Boys Club” – stayed a couple nights and had various events/time to connect. They set up for events, work on bonding/giving back to the community.
 - Arts Gala a big success (May 21, 2026)
 - Outdoor Ed via Ferrata in Squamish
 - The Little Mermaid on – positive reviews; tix available
 - Science 8 “The Eye” – Amazing creative projects on display from English/Science Pod. Strong creative output and scientific exploration.

- Ms. Kania – Took Science 8 students to Science World. Big success!
- Upcoming initiative: School of Rock for the 2026/27 school year, thanks to Ms. Williams
- A big thanks from Darren to the PAC Parents for their support!

5) Chair Report – Erin

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 \$25,340 in Gaming Funds to many 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.

SD42 Budget was approved in April's Board of Education Meeting – I continue to attend the public sessions during the year – and note the board will be advocating to the province for increased funding, as cuts will continue in future years if funding continues to be inadequate. This continues to be a topic with the BCCPAC, which we provided THSS Proxy to SD42 DPAC to continue to lobby for the interests of our district at the provincial level.

On behalf of THSS PAC, we would like to sincerely thank our Admin's – Mr. Rowell and Ms. Kania for their impact to our school during their time here and we are very sad to see them both go to new schools in the fall. We look forward to meeting our new Admin's and welcoming them to our unique school.

Our attendance at PAC meetings continues to be 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.

6) Treasurer's Report – Sarah

Thomas Haney Secondary PAC Treasurer's Report: 2025–2026 School Year

Overview

During the 2025–2026 school year, the Thomas Haney Secondary PAC continued to support a wide range of student clubs, teams, leadership initiatives, arts programs, wellness activities, and extracurricular opportunities.

This year, the PAC received a Provincial Gaming Grant of \$25,340, calculated at \$20 per student based on enrollment figures. Clubs and school groups were invited to apply for funding, with applications reviewed using the Community Gaming Grant guidelines and PAC funding priorities.

A total of 38 applications were received, representing \$54,427 in requested funding, significantly exceeding available funds, requiring careful consideration to ensure fair and impactful distribution across the school community.

How Funds Were Allocated and Managed

PAC funding supported a diverse range of student opportunities including athletics and team equipment, robotics and STEM initiatives, arts and performance programs, student leadership and wellness activities and celebrations, cultural clubs, and environmental programs.

Funding decisions prioritized:

- Reusable resources and sustainable purchases that provide long-term value for students
- Programs with broad school-wide impact
- Collaboration and resource sharing between clubs and teams

Throughout the year, the PAC maintained a strong focus on transparency, accountability, and responsible financial management. Reimbursements and purchases were reviewed against approved allocations and Community Gaming Grant guidelines.

Financial Summary

Description	Revenue	Expenses
Gaming Fund Account Balance at the Start of the 2025-2026 School Year	\$5,589.63	
2025-2026 Gaming Grant	\$25,340.00	
Total Funding Allocated (carried over from 2024-2025 school year)		\$1,000
Total Funding Allocated (for 2025-2026 school year)		\$21,618.14
Banking Fees		\$4.95
Totals	\$30,898.63	\$22,628.04

Balance as of May 28, 2026 - \$8301.59

Note: The PAC still expects to receive **up to** \$3,956.86 in expenses before the start of the next school year.

Appreciation

Thank you to all staff sponsors, student leaders, and school administration for their collaboration and commitment throughout the year. The continued success of these programs reflects the strong partnership between families, staff, and students in our school community.

7) DPAC Update - Kim

- Encouragement for PACS to continue supporting BCCPAC through participation at meetings and/or submitting proxy votes. SD42 saw low support at the AGM with few school reps attending or showing support through proxy voting (thanks to Erin for arranging a proxy vote for THSS).
- Reminder about trustee elections coming up Oct. 17: learn about the candidates and please vote!
- An all-candidates meeting is being planned – details TBA.

- CPF (Canadian Parents for French): grant opportunities available and great resources. You don't have to speak French to explore what they offer (<http://www.cpf.ca/>)
- The two surveys approach distributed re: the 26/27 school district budget will probably be repeated next year. Feedback (even positive!) to this model is welcomed by the district (see the SD42 site for contact information).
- Updated policies, including # 7210: Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment
- For more information, visit: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Policy-7210-Workplace-Discrimination-or-Bullying-and-Harassment.pdf>
- New administration structure for SD42 to take effect Aug. 1. This should contribute a savings of \$250,000 for the district. It will mean a redistribution of existing roles after 2 senior management retirements. Next year, there'll be east and west district assistant superintendents.
- For more on new policies and changes, and to provide input, visit: <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>
- Treasurer's 101 report shared – it was a detailed overview of a PAC treasurer's role and obligations. It reviewed key info related to the new gaming grant rules and implications for PACs. For more information, visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/pac-dpac-grants>
 - A slide show of the Treasurer 101 presentation is forthcoming.
- June 11 – DPAC AGM

8) Election of PAC Executives for 2026/27 School Year (nominations from the floor)

- Election results:
 - Erin Goodman Chair
 - Erica Skita – Vice-Chair
 - Christopher Monroe – Treasurer
 - Melissa Radic – Secretary
 - Kim Norman – DPAC
 - Sarah Goudreau – Parent Member at Large
 - Motion to accept our new acclaimed members
 - Moved: Erica
 - Seconded: Elektra
 - Vote: Carried (all)

9) Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates for the 2026/27 School Year

- September PAC meeting – planned for Sept. 22
- Remaining dates TBD at the Sept. meeting

10) Parent Voice

- Club Update
 - Greenhouse Club purchases: mismatch with items originally approved by the PAC
 - Receipts and explanation (revised proposal) submitted by the sponsor teacher
 - Items determined to be eligible for the funds available

- Motion to approve amended proposal for the Greenhouse Club
 - Moved: Erin
 - Seconded: Elektra
 - Vote: Carried (all)

11) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm
 - Moved: Kim
 - Seconded: Erin
 - Vote: Carried (all)