

Spirit of Hope Secondary School PAC

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

5:00 pm

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Teresa Lyons, *PAC Vice-President*

Meeting Minutes Prepared By: Jessica Broswick, *PAC Secretary*

In Attendance: Crystal Alexander, Teresa Lyons, Emily Jaic, Milan Jaic, Svetlana Koroleva, Jessica Broswick, Jon Polishak, Joey Polishak, Wade Peary

Call Meeting to order: CA and TL

- Approval of Agenda – CA and TL
- Approval of Minutes - Tabled

1. Reports

Principal (WP)

- Boys Soccer tournament – finished 2nd in league play. Came in 1st place in Home Tournament
- Cross country 7 qualified for provincials and Liam Brown finished 13th in the Sr. Boys 'A' race
- Swim meet, a number of swimmers beat previous best time, one swimmer had a couple of top 10 swims, but only the top 3 from the zone were able to head to provincials
- Gr 7&8 Girls Volleyball Club - played Agassiz, home and away games. Fair bit of interest, approx 15 players.
- Badminton Club is also getting a fair amount of interest
- Basketball - 6 teams this year. Gym time at a premium with practices and games (Gr 7 girls, Grade 8/9 girls, Sr girls – Double AA (due to shared Agassiz player), 7-8 Boys, Jr boys – Single A, and Sr boys – Single A)
- Girls Soccer – Coaches Jeremy Smith, Rob Tiessen and Geordie Webber, running indoor drop in at Coquihalla
- Currently have a few athletic fundraisers on the go – Purdy's and 50/50 Monthly Raffle, Girls basketball has a meat draw Feb.
- Jon Polishak has made arrangements for an Alumni BB game - student alumni back in town for the holidays, hopefully will have a good turn out for the community and also use it as a basketball fundraiser, Dec 18th.
- Grad had a successful bottle drive and has a burger & beverage fundraiser coming up - they have sold all tickets
- Model UN meeting on Thursdays with Mrs. Araki & Mr. Cuivillier. They have 8 students booked for CASHMUN 2026 – April 10-12. Will be organizing some fundraising in the new year.
- Students have had a number of days off, Pro-D days, Thanksgiving & Remembrance day – well organized ceremony run by Mr. Dunster and integrated support class
- Recently completed the FSAs
- Drama shows happening next week – two shows each evening and 2 shows will go to the provincial festival, the following week in Abbotsford
- Learning Updates went out today
- Parente/Tacher interviews next Thurs 5:30– 8pm in the gymnasium. It will be run again as an open house, so parents can come at any time to meet with the teachers
- End of the month Drama Trip – Next Saturday!
- School Winter Dance coming up on Dec 4, run by Leadership
- Careers and Transition Meeting on Dec 4 in room 16 – Welding and Seats at UFV

- Many Spirit Days over the past couple of weeks for Halloweek and Music Spirit Week – Musical chairs in the gym and disco day!
- Lots happening with Work Experience, co-ordinated by Kathy Wiseman. Just had a linesman presentation for BC Hydro, Police Visit and Firefighter Prestation coming up next week.
- Mayor arranged for the Road Builders association to bring their simulator trailer – dump truck, excavator, etc. 4 at a time were able to go in. There was a sign up sheet that was quite full and we had a number of students take part. They stayed until the students all had a chance to try it out.

DPAC (EJ)

- DPAC meeting on Oct 16, 2026. Emilie Jaic went on behalf of SOHSS. Much of the meeting was spent voting people into positions.
 - Discussed Peace Circle Piolet Program – there was a motion to support the program for \$1000 – restorative justice to support healthy relationships to run workshops for students and teachers. Motion was passed.
 - BCCPAC membership – DPAC decided to hold off paying /renewing membership, looking at other free options and resources for now.
 - DPAC filled all of their committee positions. Emily will attend the as the Careers and Transitions Rep.
 - Crystal moved to elect Emily as DPAC Rep for SOHSS. Teresa seconded. Motion carried.
- *Treasurer (CA)*
 - General account balance: \$14,438.23
 - Gaming account balance: \$16,933.48
 - Two or Three Bursaries, must come out of chequing account – Must cover whatever we are doing incl bursaries, can not come out of gaming

2. Correspondence

- We have paid for BCCPAC registration but need to go online to re-register
- Applied for a recurring monthly 50/50 Raffle Licence for athletics for the remainder of school year
- Avikesh Davesar sent school registration info for last year's PAC bursary – CA issued cheque
- Erin Wilkins inquired re: how many bursaries this year. Discussion around criteria and whether PAC or School will choose recipients. Suggestion was made to table this portion of the discussion to a later PAC meeting, however, as the bursaries are needing to be added to the package for this year, a decision about how many were being offered needed to be determined at this meeting. Given large grad class, nearly double last year, 82 Grads, CA motioned that we offer 5 Bursaries at \$500 each this year, with the option to re-evaluate next year. Also suggested we add that proof of post secondary education needs to be provided. Motion seconded by TL. Motion passed. Will discuss additional options at a later meeting.
- Funding Requests – Teacher Tessa Doll has been running a crochet club. Currently has over 10 attendees. Asked for \$100 for needles and storage. CA motioned to approve, TL seconded. Motion passed.
- Senior Teams – Sr Girls and Sr Boys Basketball, Coach Jake Giles and Teacher/Coach Jon Polishak requested \$2500 each to purchase 15 new jersey sets for their teams. CA motioned to approve with the condition that they gather a few quotes. TL seconded

- Other items suggested for funding consideration – fixing or replacing hanging speakers in the commons room, only one currently works – used at different drama and leadership events. MJ suggested we have someone look at the wiring first, as one speaker is not lighting up. May be a simple fix. School will look into what options are available and bring back more information to the next PAC meeting.

3. Any Additional Items

- SK inquired as to why there were so few parents out that was not a member of the executive. Typically don't have very many parents come out, regardless of advertising. Will aim to try to put out more advertising and posters for upcoming meetings.

4. Next Meeting

- Wed, Jan 5, 2026 at 5pm next PAC meeting

5. Adjournment: 7:00pm