PAC
Parents Advisory Committee

Heritage Woods Secondary School PAC Meeting
November 17, 7:00 pm – 9:10 pm, School Library

Attendance:
Administration:
Cheryl Woods (Principal)

PAC Executive:
Present:
Chair: Sheryl Parton (conference call)
Vice Chair: Diane MacSporran
Secretary: Leah Barrington
DPAC Rep: Grace Wang
Treasurer: Alina Tavaszi

Parents (3) Shannon V., Rena H., Sue C.
Total participants: 9

Meeting Format:
In person meeting.

Call to Order:
Diane called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Previous Minutes:
Minutes from last PAC meeting were approved.

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Special Guest Speaker – Lab Explorers Club
3. Chair Update
4. Treasurer's Update
5. DPAC Update
6. Principal's Update
7. New Business

1) Welcome (Diane)
   - Welcome to members and parents present.

2) Welcome to the Special Guest Speakers (Diane)
   - Several students from the Lab Explorers Club presented to PAC.
   - They explained the aims of their club (e.g. gain lab experience for students in any grade, provide opportunities for fun lab experiments, and safe and guided lab activities).
   - They are hoping to carry out high quality experiments with the help of funds from PAC.

- They are hoping to buy an electronic balance at a cost of $300-400. This would be used for measurements of chemicals required for accurate science experiments.

3) Chair Update (Diane)
   - no update at this time

4) Treasurer's Update (Alina)
   The PAC members present at the meeting reviewed the school's clubs and departments requests for funds and carefully allocated available parent donations and BC Gaming Grant funds to meet as many school requests as possible.

5) DPAC Update (Grace)
   - The following is an update regarding the impact of budget cuts on school staff and educational assistants:
     Superintendent Nadine Tambilini clarified that the budget cuts occurred mainly at the ministry level, not the school level, and no educators were laid off. She also explained that the district actually increased the number of Educational Assistants (EAs) due to the growing need for student support, hiring an additional 44 EAs in the past month.
   - Ms. Woods clarified that the number of EAs has increased in the lower-grade schools, the overall EA allocation is shuffled between schools.

6) Principal's Report (Ms. Woods)
   - Just a reminder that Senior's Tea is coming soon, on November 27th, and there are limited spaces, so please let the school know if you plan to attend.

7) New Business
   - PAC agreed that they would send out an email to the HW community to inform them that while PAC was able to fund a significant portion of the School Wish List, several important items remain. HW parents will be invited to consider making a donation, large or small, through SchoolCash Online.

Meeting Adjourned: Diane closed the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Next PAC Meeting: January 19, 2025.

Upcoming Events:

21 Q1 marks posted
27 Senior Tea
27-29 Kodiak Classic – Sr Boys

December 2025

4-6 Theatre festival
5 Pro D Day
5-6 Robotics Tournament
10 Plant Sale Pick-up
10 Winter Concert
19 Last day of school before break

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January 2025

5 School re-opens

12 Gr 9-11 Parent Night

16-17 Kodiak Classic – Sr Girls

19 Pac Meeting

30 Q2 marks posted