PAC
Parents Advisory Committee

Heritage Woods Secondary School PAC Meeting
February 9, 7:00 pm, School Library

Attendance:
Administration:
Cheryl Woods (Principal)
Joe Dardano (new Vice-Principal)

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

Parents (3) Shannon V., Michael F-L., Sue C.
Total participants: 10

Meeting Format:
In person meeting.

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

Previous Minutes:
Minutes from last PAC meeting were approved.

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Student Presentation
3. Chair Update
4. Treasurer's Update
5. DPAC Update
6. Principal's Report
7. New Business

1) Welcome (Sheryl))
Welcome to members and parents present.

2) Student Presentation
- students from the Junior and Senior Leadership classes shared their past semester activities
- Junior Leadership classes held a total of 19 events this past semester
- Total PAC funding was $5000, they spent $835.66 and still have $4164.34 remaining

- Students shared they had very much enjoyed the experience and were so glad they had had the opportunity to learn leadership skills such as organization and planning, teamwork and collaboration, communication and engagement
- Senior Leadership students shared their plan to host a Spirit Week once a month
- upcoming event is RAC, Random Act of Caring, with daily events planned for whole week
- students highlighted that activities were open and inclusive to all teachers and students, all grades, all levels of abilities
- students share the budgeting plan for event supplies, food/snacks, prizes/incentives, and promotion/decoration
- accountability and results can be shared after the event

PAC members and parents were very impressed with the informative and valuable presentation given by such enthusiastic and dedicated Junior and Senior Leadership students.
Thank you and kudos to Ms. Whistler who oversees and co-ordinates the leadership students and their activities. PAC very much appreciates and supports the positive impact the Jr and Sr Leadership activities have on the school spirit and culture.

3) Chair Update (Sheryl)

a) Review and acceptance of previous minutes.

b) Special Projects Fundraising Update:

Next fundraisers include:

- Bottle Drive: February 11 – 13 during back-to-school week, with pick-ups
  Sunday, February 15: Pick-up from flyer-distributed homes

• Bake Sale: February 13 – sharing with after-grad and seeking donated baking

• Kodiak Quilt and Cash Raffle: It has been confirmed that the Quilt will be completed by March 1, 2026. Raffle is Monday, April 6 – draw date: Friday, May 22

PAC will create a printed fabric panel with school logo, date, and a message of gratitude, to be added to the Kodiak Quilt.

c) Teacher Appreciation Luncheon confirmed for May 15, 2026
It will be in the library, and Junior and Senior Leadership students will help.

4) Treasurer Update (Alina)
No new updates since our last January meeting.

5) DPAC Update (Grace)
Summary of DPAC Meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – 7:00 PM, on zoom

1. Superintendent's Report – Nadine Tambellini
   - Moody Elementary School opened on January 20, 2026
   - kindergarten registration opens on February 2, and it impacts funding and school placements
   - first middle school conference was hosted in Coquitlam
   - noted the need to name the new Burke Mountain secondary school

Communication and New Directions 2030

- emphasizes the importance of effective communication across the district
- to ensure maximum participation, the survey may be distributed at PAC meeting and potentially sent to all parents
- final version of the strategic framework will be presented at the next DPAC meeting in April

2. Guest Speaker from BC's Privacy Commissioner – Michael Harvey
   Topic: Challenges and Realities of Children's Online Privacy
   - highlighted the immersive nature of the online world and the need to rethink how children can be kept safe online
   - concluded by noting the progress made in protecting children's privacy and emphasized that the office will continue to monitor the situation closely

3. Looking Ahead
   - BCCPAC – Special Resolution Submissions - for members to bring forward important issues for discussion and action at the 2026 Annual General Meeting
   - next general meeting: February 25, 2026, on Zoom

6) Principal's Report (Ms. Woods)

- Welcome to our new VP, Mr. Joe Dardano. Mr. Dardano joins SD43 from Burnaby where he was a teacher at Burnaby Mountain. We are pleased to welcome him with his experience as an acting VP in Burnaby at Burnaby Mountain and Burnaby North.
- We had a very successful first semester and semester turnaround with many of our students completing their numeracy and literacy assessments during the semester turnaround.
- We also had a smooth semester 2 start up and are beginning the course selection process for constructing the timetable for next school year. Info was shared through grade assemblies, my email containing important information about course selection as well as the Powerpoint shared with students by counsellors with course selection input deadlines.
  - Gr 9 going into Gr 10 – Course selection closes Friday, Feb 13
  - Gr 10 going into Gr 11 – Course selection closes Friday, Feb 20
  - Gr 11 going into Gr 12 – Course selection closes Friday, Feb 27
  - Gr 8 going into Gr 9 – Course selection closes Friday, Feb 20

- We had an Electives Fair in the Grand Hall for the first time this year. There was much positive feedback, and all are very appreciative of the work the teachers put into bringing these course offerings "to life" for students.
- There was a Gr 12 assembly about expectations and exciting Grad events on the horizon.
- Athletics: Basketball playoffs are underway and we are enjoying great success across all teams in the playoffs so far. The wrestling team is enjoying great success with many podium finishes. Our curling team qualified for the Provincials.

- Grade 8 parent course selection evening tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb 10th in the theatre 6-7pm
- Winter Formal in the Grand Hall Wednesday, Feb 11th 6:30-9pm – SOLD OUT
- Yearbooks – SOLD OUT
- Leadership and Students' Council events
- Monday, Feb 16 – Family Day school closed
- Friday, Feb 27 – Pro-D Day school closed
- Friday, Feb 27 & Mar 6 / Saturday, Feb 28 & Mar 7 - Musical Theatre Evening Shows "The Lightning Thief"
- Wed, Mar 4 – Grade 9 Immunizations
- Fri, Mar 6 CLE10 Mock Interviews – we are always looking for parent volunteers to participate. Please contact Ms. Lauren Saloustros for details.
- POPs Music concert – Wednesday, Mar 11
- SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, Mar 12 – Parent Teacher interviews 2-6pm. Mr. Hyde will be sending an email with booking details in the coming weeks.
- Spring Break – Mar 14-29
- Easter weekend – Good Friday, Mar 3 and Easter Monday, Mar 6 – School closed
- CAPSTONE Day – Thursday, Apr 9th. Invitations by email will be sent out this week seeking volunteers to participate. This is an amazing tradition and opportunity to hear students presentations.

Meeting Adjourned: Sheryl closed the meeting at 8:12 pm.
Next PAC Meeting: April 13, 2026.

Upcoming Events:

February 2026
- 9 PAC meeting
- 10 Grade 8 Parent Info Night
- 11 Winter Formal
- 16 BC Family Day
- 27 Pro D Day

March 2026
- 9 PAC Meeting
- 13 last day before Spring Break
- 30 school reopens

April 2026
- 3 Good Friday
- 6 Easter Monday
- 9 Capstone Day
- 13 PAC Meeting
- 24 Pro D Day