PAC
Parents Advisory Committee

# Heritage Woods Secondary School PAC Meeting
# April 13, 2026, 7:00 pm School Library

Attendance:
**Administration:**
Cheryl Woods (Principal)

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

**Parents (2)** Michael F-L, Sue C.

Total participants: 8

**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. Chair Update
3. Treasurer's Update
4. DPAC Update
5. Principal's Update

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

2) **Chair Update** (Sheryl)
   A) **Quilt and Cash lottery** – The Kodiak Quilt is complete and absolutely beautiful! Sheryl brought it into the PAC meeting to show this amazing work of art. The lottery will still occur, but later than anticipated due to licensing delays.

B) Art Project – HWSS is celebrating the Arts with a mural project (20th graduating class and 60th anniversary of Port Moody Arts Association). There will be 2 mural walls in the Grand Hall, depicting possible themes such as school, the community, the history of Port Moody, the end of the rail line, the City of the Arts, what students are aspiring to achieve after they leave HWSS. The team members for this project are Sheryl Parton, PAC President and Lead for the Project, as well as 2 past graduates of HWSS, and 2 Members and President of the Port Moody Art Association. Sketches/designs will be submitted and reviewed before being chosen.

C) Teachers' Luncheon - May 15th
   a. April 20 - there will be a call-out for desserts and drink donations
   b. May 4 - reminder
   c. May 11 - drop off instructions

D) NEW Fundraising idea - Kona Ice. Possible dates: May 28, Week of June 1 - 5.
25% of sales go back to the school. The fundraising would go toward Textiles.

3) Treasurer's Update

Since our last meeting the only activity was related to payment of the Dec and Jan invoices.
Operating Act balance $8,519.19
After payment of HWSS Jan invoice
Gaming Act balance $ 23,100.39
After payment of HWSS Jan and Dec invoices

4) DPAC Update (Grace)

There was no DPAC meeting in March, but there was a DPAC Stand-Alone presentation on Wednesday, April 8th at 7pm, on zoom.

1. Jody Wickens, Minister of Children and Families of BC, who also serves as the MLA for Coquitlam Burke mountain, provided an overview of key items:
   - resumption of jurisdiction of child welfare services to Indigenous communities
   - strengthening of services for children and youth with support needs and mental health needs
   - creating a comprehensive child and youth well-being plan

2. Looking Ahead
   - The BCCPAC meeting will be held April 24-26. We have assigned DPAC executive to this year's AGM.
   - The next DPAC meeting will be in person on April 29, 2026.

5) Principal's Report (Ms. Woods)

- Capstone Day – this was a wonderfully successful event last Thursday. Thank you to all community members who took time out of your busy schedules to join our Grade 12's and celebrate their journeys and presentations.
- Community Art – Port Moody Banners were created by HWSS Art students in partnership with Mr. Ting and Sara Graham (Artist-In-Residence for City of Port Moody.) Saturday was the unveiling ceremony celebrating the colourful street banners/student work.

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- Earth Spirit Week – April 20-23
  Monday – Save Water
  Tuesday – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
  Wednesday – Save Energy
  Thursday – Get Outside
- Report Cards posted to Parent Portal Friday April 17, 2026.
- Grade 9 Immunizations – Wed April 22, 2026
- Kevin Brooks, a survivor of a speed/drinking driving accident, will presents his story to Grade 12's to help raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.
- Indigenous Focus Day – Friday, April 24, 2026
- May 14 – District-Wide Emergency Release Drill
  - Please watch for emails regarding detailed info for picking up students at 2:30 pm on May 14, 2026
- Instructional Minutes – the school calendar for next year is short instructional time, so there will be revisions made to meet the required instructional minutes. Information will follow at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned: Sheryl closed the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Next PAC Meeting: May 25 AGM and Elections

Upcoming Events:

April 2026
24 Pro D Day

May 2026
14 District-wide Emergency Release Day
15 Pro D Day
15 PAC sponsored Staff Appreciation luncheon
18 Victoria Day (no school)
25 PAC AGM and Elections

June 2026
6 Graduation Dinner Dance
20 Graduation Commencement Ceremony
25 Last day for all students
26 Administrative Day