

# **Garibaldi Senior Secondary Parent Advisory Committee**

## **DRAFT Minutes**

*Wednesday January 14th, 2026*  
*7:00 pm Meeting in the GSS Library*

In Attendance:

### **Executive Members:**

Chair – Chris SL

Vice Chair – Jessica T

Treasurer – N/A

Secretary – Beeuwke H

DPAC Rep – Jodi M

### **PAC Members:**

Elektra J

Claire A

Lisa G

Candice W

**School Staff:** Principal - Ian Liversidge

**Welcome, INTRODUCTIONS & CALL TO ORDER** at 7:03 pm - Chairperson  
Acknowledgment to the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Katzie First Nations

Adoption of the agenda

- **Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the Agenda for January 14th, 2026 be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes

- **Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the Minutes Committee Report for the Minutes of November 12, 2025 be approved.  
**CARRIED**
- November 2025's minutes entered into the record.

## **PRESENTATION(S)**

GSS Staff – ADST (Applied Skills) Theresa Knox

- Woodshop department introduction
- Electrical department introduction

PAC 101 – What a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is and what it can do.

Pac Committees

School Committees, school clubs

3rd Party User Groups

Staff are also volunteers: dry grad, sports coaches, clubs and so much more

What can we do to support staff? Office (e.g.: book absences on portal), custodial (e.g. when doing an event, ask them what they would like you to do and not to do for cleanup etc.)

Ensure your event is in Perfect mind (benefits custodial)  
Fundamental shift in understanding the framework that exists, some new or updated  
(e.g. sd policies, some longstanding (gaming, liquor licencing laws/rules policies)  
9 most dangerous words in the English language  
This is the way we have always done it.  
We need to ask  
Why are we doing it this way?  
All the best intentions often cause unintended consequences.  
The process of determining and executing actions and decision making is fundamental and important  
How to Bring motions forward  
What is my argument, what is supporting my argument?  
Where does the language come from? What is the intent? Cite legitimate sources, documentation, judgements, legislation, policies etc.  
Pac  
BC School Act and established by school boards  
Self-Governance, self-authority by parents for Parents, report to the exec and the membership  
Committees report to the exec and the membership, make recommendations and may take action with an approved budget or framework.  
To advise the school on matters relating to the school  
No mandate, requirement or expectation to fundraise  
Separate from the operation and management of a school  
Constitution and Bylaws  
Fair elections of executive officers  
Is fundamentally a board (according to gaming) Financial reporting to Pac members  
Funds from Pac fundraising are accounted for and go into and come out of PAC gaming or general accounts  
Transparent and accountable budget to the membership  
PACs direct the use of funds by approving clear use of funds, confirmed by invoices  
School committees  
School and or district policy  
May have staff sponsors, may report to the principal  
May be considered part of the operation and management of a school  
District owns every school name  
Parents may volunteer in various aspects including helping or fundraising but do so at the direction of staff (intentionally or implied)  
Funds from school committee fundraising goes into and out of school-based accounts  
Accountable budget  
Schools decide where to allocate funds  
3rd party user groups  
Individual parents or groups, acting on their own without direction from school or Pac  
Funds provided to a school or directly to the district from a parent or business may be entitled to a tax receipt as a donation.  
May be able to use school resources, spaces at the discretion of the principal.  
May be considered a member of the public  
When parents give money at a 3rd party fundraiser, who is collecting the funds, where is the money being deposited and from what or who's account is it getting to the school?  
Schools decide where to allocate funds.  
Where possible, appropriate and allowed, funds raised order should be provided 1. Directly to the school, 2. To the PAC. School has the priority to fundraise, PAC can fundraise with permission and collaboration of school.  
3rd party groups can fundraise without permission or authority of a school or Pac, off school property, using no school resources and being careful about identifying who is doing the fundraising, where the funds from fundraiser are being held and where they are going to. Must be clear this is not school sanctioned.  
Must be careful in using school name or District can issue cease and desist.  
School space priority: school use, Pac use, public (category definitions and rates)  
Items to consider  
Risk mitigation

Processes, requirements from gaming grants, applications and reports, purpose for fundraising, liquor licence, financial institution requirements, school district policy, potential impacts on the school community and what a school community can afford (e.g. over fundraising), budget considerations, financial practices, fairness and equity

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CRA rules for donations with a tax receipt

Avoiding litigation

Gaming enforcement

School district enforcement - policies and procedures highlighting but not limited to:

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SD 42 PROCEDURE: 10310.1 VOLUNTEERS

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SD 42 POLICY: 4910

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FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL GENERATED FUNDS

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PROCEDURE 10600 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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SD 42 PROCEDURE: 10400.1 - RENTAL FEES AND USER INFORMATION

Roles of Ombudsperson, judges, arbitrators, auditors and enforcement bodies gaming/liquor - what are they looking at when making decisions?

Gaming auditors can and have audited orgs and individuals when receiving complaints from public. Decisions are made from their perspective not ours

Taking proactive steps to avoid

We are all on the same team - Parents, Principals, school staff, senior team, school trustees.

We can collaborate, we can partner, we can hold each other accountable in a respectful way, we can even agree to disagree. We may have different responsibilities, priorities and perspectives, but the goal is always the same - improving public education, improving learning outcomes, encouraging growth and all being part of the experiences of learning.

## **REPORTS**

### **Principal's Report – Ian Liversidge**

Since last we chatted

Events:

- Halloween dance
- Fund Night – November
- Theater Production – 9 to 5
- Sr Drama Showcase
- 2 “Coffee House” Open Mic Nights
- 3 Band Concerts Holiday themes
- 1 Gr 8 Band Concert
- Craft Fair (Year four)
- Winter palloza
- Grad Photos and retakes (Tomorrow)
- Grad Fundraising Bottle Drive etc .. 2000\$ ish,
- International student transition this week
- Work safe “Shop” inspection part of a Fraser Valley Initiative
- Athletics
  - Volleyball Season End Event (TWU Game)
  - Jr and Gr 8 Girls VBall Teams to zone championships as well
  - One of few schools with Boys V ball
  - 2 Soccer teams

- Post report card adjustments
  - Rescheduled a few students to support learning
  - Seasonal in and out of student population including International Students

#### Ongoing

- Wayne Chow covered Elem P Position 2 weeks
- Link Crew – ongoing- a great start up with more than 100 positive leaders supporting our Gr 8 population
- Sports transitions to Fall Sports Basketball, Wrestling
- Collab Day use for MYP assessment review and modification
- Provincial Assessment / Literacy 10 and 12 starting in one week and Jan Gr 12 (catch up mostly done)
- 2 SFU Student Teachers at GSS – in Feb
- EA Practicum students – Ridge Meadows College

#### Coming Soon

- Music Fundraiser
- Painting parent evening coming
- IB DP Info Evening
- Sr Formal Feb
- Gr 9 Immunizations -
- Course Selection
- Fine Arts Night – TBD

#### **Treasurer's Report – Sandra Acutt** **Currently:**

- Gaming account – \$23672.74
- Chequing (General) \$1188.28

#### **DPAC Report – Jodi Murphy**

*The next DPAC meeting will be Wednesday, January 22nd, 2026  
at Highland Park at 7pm*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Follow up from previous MYP Presentation

<https://secondary.sd42.ca/gss/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inclusion-Policy-April-2021-1.pdf>

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- GSS 2026 Dry Grad
  - **Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the PAC establish a Dry Grad Committee.  
**CARRIED**
  - **Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the PAC organize and host a Bingo Night fundraising event, with a maximum budget of \$2000, and that net proceeds be allocated to supporting the 2026 Dry Grad.  
**CARRIED**
- Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge – 2026 Duck Race
  - We are asking that our community of parents support this as it will support our school with clubs and programs.
- GSS Teaching Kitchen upcoming Food Security Fundraiser
  - Guinness World Records

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## 7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9.24pm

***Next PAC meeting:  
Wednesday March 11th, 2026 at 7:00 pm in GSS library***