



**Garibaldi Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council
APPROVED Minutes
Wednesday September 16th, 2026
7:00 pm Meeting in the GSS Library**

In Attendance:

Executive Members:

Chair - Chris SL
Vice Chair - Absent
Treasurer - Sandra A
Secretary - Absent
DPAC Rep - Jodi M

PAC Members:

Michelle SL
Victoria B
Alex M
Penelope M

School Staff: Principal - Ian Liversidge
Tara Tait
Andrea Clayton

Welcome INTRODUCTIONS & CALL TO ORDER at 7:06pm – Chris SL

Acknowledgment to the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Katzie and Quantlen First Nations

Adoption of the agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda for [September 16th, 2026](#) be adopted.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the PAC approve the [Minutes of May 13th, 2026](#).

CARRIED

- May 2026's minutes entered into the record and uploaded to the GSS PAC Webpage.

PRESENTATION(S)

No Presentations

REPORTS

Principal's Report – Ian Liversidge

PAC Update Sept 2026

- Start up
 - School population is around 1100 students.
 - Every classroom used most every block in our challenge to find meaningful teaching spaces for things like PHED - health and...
 - Of the 344 teaching spaces we are using 340 ... ie. we are full.
 - Some transitions in school district process for staffing have necessitated adjustments and blocks. We worked to minimize this as the year begins however, it is a new reality with tighter and tighter staffing.
 - No renovations over the summer
 - Overall smooth start up – class size balancing in process.. But ahead of schedule.. this creates changes in classes for many students but we try to minimize
- Staffing:
 - Many new staff 4 Teachers 4 EA's added to date and 1 office staff

Other Whats ups'

- Link Crew – ongoing- a great start up with more than 100 positive leaders supporting our Gr 8 population
- Band, “Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” – The Musical, and Athletics season all have ramped up
- Cheerleading team
- More than 27 girls out for grade 8 volleyball and we are limited to two teams, numbers have quickly dropped, however a nice culture thing.
- Limited numbers for senior / Jr boy soccer.
- Collab Day use for MYP / DP / Curricular planning and At Risk Student meetings
- SPED Dating...connection between Support staff and classroom teachers in conversation for student support, Planned for next weeks
- 2 SFU Student Teachers, at GSS ... coming soon
- Terry Fox Run Upcoming – school wide event
- Many classroom events planned in supportive truth or conciliation
- Post secondary evening Next week Wednesday
- Grade 8 parent open house two weeks ... Thursday 24th
- Grad Parent Meeting / Committees in place ... started this week

Action:

Distribution of the Casino (Gaming) fund Process... how to “Up to you”

Treasurer's Report – Sandra A

Currently:

- Gaming account – \$4,869.32
 - \$1,779.00 held for PAC Dry Grad 2026 Bingo Event
- Chequing (General) \$5,524.14
 - \$1,650.00 held for PAC Dry Grad 2026 Bingo Event
 - \$2,685.86 held – Square transactions

DPAC Report – Jodi M

- Meeting on Thursday, June 11th at 7pm at Maple Ridge Secondary
 - EricLangton tour - view new school
 - No more iPad program for Gr 6/7 - gradually removing starting in 2026/2027
 - MRTA reviewed the year
 - Discussed the Gaming grant application deadline
- Next DPAC Meeting is on Thursday, September 24th at 7pm at Eric Langton Elementary School

OLD BUSINESS

- [Rotary Duck Race](#) Tickets update
 - Will be picking up a cheque \$320.00
 - No one won from the tickets we sold
- 2025/2026 Gaming Grant Updates and followups

Moved/Seconded

THAT the PAC fund the expense of 12 movie tickets purchased by the Book Club during the 2025/2026 year in the amount of \$180.00.

CARRIED

- 2026/2027 Gaming Grant Application update
 - completed before due date

NEW BUSINESS

- [2026/2027 Gaming Grant](#)
 - Gaming Summary report sent in August 2026. Should hear about the grant amount received within the next 2-3 weeks.
 - [School Group Application for GSS PAC Gaming Grant Funding](#) (DRAFT)
 - This form belongs to the pac and will help facilitate requests and tracking
 - The form can be made into a spreadsheet and also be converted to MS
 - Dpac has provided template forms to all pacs they can use for this purpose

- Square transactions - waiting for District to make a decision regarding use of Square within the school
- Proposed PAC Meeting date (2nd Wednesday of every month) at 7pm
 - Wednesday, November 18th, 2026 (11th is Remembrance Day)
 - Wednesday, January 13th, 2027
 - Wednesday, March 10th, 2027
 - Wednesday, May 12th, 2027

Moved/Seconded

THAT the PAC approved the meeting dates as presented.

CARRIED

- [Constitution and Bylaws](#) - review needed
 - Should have a committee together to review language and probably propose some amendments, particularly where compliance with gaming may be needed
- [GSS PAC Executive Election](#) - Jodi Murphy - Nominations Committee Chair
 - Chairperson - Chris Schultz Lorentzen - Acclaimed
 - Vice Chairperson - Claire Arkwright - Acclaimed
 - Treasurer - Victoria Brekkaas - Acclaimed
 - Secretary - Sandra Acutt - Acclaimed
 - DPAC Representative - Alex Mullaly - Acclaimed

Moved/Seconded

THAT the PAC approve the 2026/2027 GSS PAC Executive as presented

CARRIED

- Change of Signing Authorities

WHEREAS it is necessary to update the authorized signing authorities for the PAC's accounts and financial agreements with Prospera;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Removal: The authorization and signing authority of Jessica Thompson, as Vice Chair, on all Prospera accounts and contracts is hereby revoked, no later than November 30, 2026.
2. Add: Victoria Brekkaas, as Treasurer, and Chris Schultz-Lorentzen, as Chairperson, are hereby added as authorized signers on all Prospera accounts and PAC documents as soon as possible.
3. Signing Rules: Any two of the following authorized individuals are fully

empowered to sign, execute, and deliver cheques, agreements, and other financial instruments on behalf of the organization:

- Victoria Brekkaas, Treasurer
- Sandra Acutt, Secretary
- Chris Schultz-Lorentzen, Chairperson

4. Implementation: The proper officers of the organization are authorized to provide the financial institution with the updated list of signatories, specimen signatures, and any additional documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the PAC approve the 2026/2027 GSS PAC signing authorities as presented

CARRIED

Parent Voice

- No comments or questions

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

***Next PAC meeting:
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in GSS library***

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Vice Chairperson	Claire Arkwright
Treasurer	Victoria Brakkaas
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