

GW Graham PAC - Oct 20 2025

Meeting Minutes

Location: Library

Attendees:

Exec: Allana Welch, Vibhuti Bane, Lynn Loewen, Stanislava Smieskova

General: Amanda Esau, Amanda Gervais, Melissa Hill, Luc Batcu

Admin: Ryan Pastorchik

Guests: Teri Westerby (school trustee), Sean Hill (student council)

Call to order: 7:08pm

- 1) Welcome & introductions
- 2) Agenda
 - Motion to adopt agenda: Amanda Esau
 - 2nd: Amanda Gervais
- 3) Minutes
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 - 2nd: Amanda Gervais
- 4) Reports:
 - Chair:
 - N/A
 - Treasurer:
 - General - \$8,048.28
 - Gaming - \$34,668.16
 - No activity in accounts since last meeting
 - DPAC – N/A
 - Correspondence – N/A
 - Committee – N/A
 - Student council:
 - Bathrooms are a concern (vaping, smoking, cleanliness, locks don't work, faucets don't work, hooks on doors are broken, feminine hygiene products aren't stocked, doors have big gaps, the female bathroom in multipurpose room is often locked)
 - Seating is a concern (would like to see more seating provided outside and inside)
 - Multipurpose room – not enough seating

- Principal:
 - Grad luau (first year) in the multipurpose room, played Lilo & Stitch, students brought floaties, etc.
 - Choose BC Day (Sept 25th)
 - Reps from post secondary institutions come to the school for students to chat with at a mini fair
 - Truth & Reconciliation (assembly on Sept 25th)
 - Anti-racism and Social Inclusion initiatives
 - Launched a student reporting tool (use a QR code on posters around school), reporting is anonymous
 - Jeff A.D. Martin came to speak about diversity to the school athletes, and then to the whole school
 - Emergency drills (always done at the beginning of the year)
 - Principal's Reception took place, approx. 140 students were recognized
 - Interims went home last week, MyEd has been updated, parent teacher interviews will be on Oct 22nd
 - Assessments are taking place (grade 10 and 12 literacy and numeracy)
 - School Growth Plan will be rolling out
 - Career Day coming up (there will be four during the year), Grade 9 has career day each week (instead of four times per year), on this upcoming date, they will have the opportunity to explore various activities and opportunities in the school, Grade 11-12 will have opportunity to go off-site (to universities), and people will also come to the school to be available to talk to students Grade 10-12 students can sign up for sessions throughout the day

5) New Business

- Teri Westerby:
 - The school board sets the general direction, mission, vision of the school district as a whole
 - The strategic plan was recently rewritten after lots of consultation with various levels of schools, parents, students, staff, etc.
 - Policies are being revamped to be more easily understood by everyone (the policies are not actually changing)
 - BCGU bargaining is currently happening
 - The role of a trustee/school board is to fill the gap between the provincial governance and the schools
 - The dynamics on the board have improved since the by-election and changing of positions (chair, vice chair, etc.)

- Dry Grad contribution
 - Chilliwack Community Dry Grad has requested contributions for the Dry Grad event, we have historically contributed \$6 per student
 - Lynn motioned to contribute \$6 per grade 12 student (currently 350 students) for a total of \$2100
 - 2nd – Allana
 - All in favour
 - Applications for Gaming Grant funds
 - Will be sent to staff shortly
 - Due date will be Nov 7th
 - Grad Auction Fundraiser
 - Typically the PAC donates up to \$200 towards the silent auction
 - Amanda Esau motioned to donate \$200 this year
 - 2nd: Vibhuti
 - All in favour
 - Bank signatories:
 - The change of signatories at the bank (Vancity) has been completed as of this past week.
 - Removed Kim G.
 - Added Stanislava S. & Allan W.
 - Lynn L. remains a signer (there are now three signers in total).
- 6) Meeting ended at 8:05pm
- Next meeting will be Nov 17, 2025 at 7pm in the library (we will be voting on Gaming spending at this meeting)