



École H.S. Grenda Middle School

Parent Advisory Council

Agenda

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes • Action Items • Fundraising Log

HMS Library: January 21st, 6:33 PM – 8:06 PM

Attendance:

Present: Tara Shoemaker (President), Emily Buss (Vice President), Jamie House (Secretary), Bev Bertolotti (Treasurer), Tristan Gosse (Co-PAC Representative), Bretta Lawton (Member at Large), Heidi Starr (Member at Large), Rob Aviani (Principal), Tonia MacGregor (Vice Principal), Nicole Goodwin (Creek Teacher), Robbie Franklin (New HMS Principle).

Guests / Parents: Erica Kronstal, Jen Millar, Danielle Lamb, Corle Robson, Taylor Conlin, Christy Catton.

Absent: Lynn Campbell (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Craig Catton (Member at Large).

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

- Meeting commenced at 6:33 PM.
- Agenda approved.
- Previous meeting minutes approved.
 - Moved by Bretta Lawton, seconded by Heidi Starr.

2. Executive Reports

PAC President's Update

- Tara thanks Rob Aviani for his time and leadership at HMS.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills paid, no changes to accounts.
- Regular account (Jan 19th): \$26,932.46
- Gaming Account (Jan 20th): \$12,170. 38
- Tonia McGregor: Possible future request related to an "Active Challenge" initiative (may fall under a field study fee). No formal request at this time.

COPAC Report

- Feb 28th, parents' symposium with John Rever.
- Two surveys distributed:
 - Safe Routes from School
 - PAC-Principal Guidebook

Hot Lunch Report

- No major updates; anticipation of new food vendors.

Hot Dog Day Report

- Orders lower than last year (approx. 100 vs. 150).

Principal's Report

- See attached report.

4. New / Additional Business

Fundraisers

- Remaining spirit wear inventory from last year is now available on Munch-a-Lunch.
- Purdy's Fundraiser planned for Easter. Launch upcoming. Order deadline: March 25th.
- Art cards discussed; rotation challenges make full student participation uncertain.

5. Fundraising Requests

Michelle Michaud (Teacher) – All Communities, All Students.

- Request: \$620.26 for adaptive/inclusive P.E. equipment (balls, rackets, etc.)
- Motion: Bretta Lawton
- Second: Tristan Gosse
- Status: Approved, all in Favor.

6. Other Business

- No additional items.

7. Action Items

- Bylaw review to be completed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, 6:30 PM

Principal's Report: École H S Grenda Middle School PAC Meeting

Rob Aviani, January 21, 2026

Welcome

- As of February 1, current Oyama Traditional School principal Robbie Franklin will become principal of École H S Grenda Middle School.

Gratitude

- As of February 1, I will be moving over to École George Elliot Secondary School to serve as new principal. Thanks so much to our PAC for all your support over the past year and a half. It's made a huge difference. I really appreciate how you've always stepped up to advocate for our school and look out for our students and staff. Your support for our programs and the countless ways you help out have truly meant a lot.
- Thank you to the PAC for their support of bringing Paul Davis to HMS today to share his message about online safety. Students were engaged in his presentation.
- Thank you to the PAC for supporting the Okanagan Nation Alliances Fish in Schools program. Today, members of the ONA hatchery in Penticton, Syilx elder Grandma Rose, and students and staff from Peter Greer Elementary helped deliver the eggs with traditional drumming. Thanks as well to Ann-Katrine Hall, HMS Advocate Tamara Rose, and PGE Advocate Rose Allexis for planning and organizing.
- Thank you to Erica Kronstal for collaborating with Lisa Gross on the Heart-to-Heart Campaign, launched nationally by Youth Mental Health Canada (YMHC). With Erica's help, Ms. Gross' Crotchet Passion has been crocheting handmade hearts containing messages of encouragement and support and then distributed to students who need a mental health pick-me-up. It's been a great tangible symbol of care and connection.

Spring Learner Led Conferences - February 11th & 12th are early dismissal days (1:00 pm) in order to accommodate our Spring 2026 Learner Conferences. Conference booking access opened at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27th and will be open until noon on Monday, February 9th.

- Wednesday, February 11th will be an open house format in the learning studios from 4 – 6:30 pm. There are no individual appointments on that day.
- Thursday, February 12th will offer 10-minute pre-scheduled appointments from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. These are the time slots that parents will be able to book. Parents will have a choice to book conferences in-person or by phone.

George Elliot Transition Process for HMS Grade 8 Students

- Grade 8 students (next year's grade 9s) tour/information: February 6
- Grade 8 Parent Evening (next year's grade 9s) February 11 - 7:15-8:15

School Registration for September 2026. The enrollment application period begins Monday February 2nd, 2026 (beginning at 7:00 am on-line) – Friday, March 13th, 2026. The information below does not apply to current grade 5 students transitioning to HMS next year from our feeder schools. Students from DRE, OTS, and PGE will automatically be transitioned to HMS. Current HMS grade 8 students will automatically be transitioned to GESS. Families with children new to our school district, including kindergarten, will want to register.

Proposed 2026-27 & 2027-28 School Calendars. École H S Grenda Middle School will be releasing 2026-27 & 2027-28 School Calendar Proposals soon. The drafts will soon be posted on our website and school newsletter. Please visit the school website for the draft. Highlights for 2026-27 include:

- September 8 School Start-up
- Implementation Day is backed on Thanksgiving Weekend
- Winter Break runs Monday, December 21 - Friday, January 1
- February Pro-D backed on Family Day long weekend
- Spring Break runs Monday, March 15 – Thursday, March 25
- Good Friday and Easter Monday fall at the end of Spring Break
- Last day for students is Tuesday, June 29

Strategic Plan: Lake Country Family Session Jan. 26. The Board is gathering parent, staff, and community perspectives on the upcoming revision of the strategic plan. The strategic plan set the vision, goals, and strategies for the next number of years. If interested, please register using the link that families received via email.

Session details:

- Date: Monday, Jan. 26, 2026
- Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Location: École George Elliot Secondary Library

MyEducation BC Parent Portal. We are seeking PAC feedback about their experience with accessing their child's learning update through the MyEd BC Parent Portal

HMS Online Calendar. Go to <https://hms.sd23.bc.ca/calendar-main> to check out our updated calendar. Subscribe to our calendar so that it automatically updates to your phone.