



École H.S. Grenda Middle School

Parent Advisory Council

Agenda

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes • Action Items • Fundraising Log

HMS Library: February 17, 2026

Attendance:

Present: Tara Shoemaker (President), Jamie House (Secretary), Bev Bertolotti (Treasurer), Heidi Starr (Member at Large), Tonia MacGregor (Vice Principal), Robbie Franklin (Principal), Craig Catton (Member at Large).

Guests / Parents: Jensine Menlsen (Parent).

Absent: Lynn Campbell (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Bretta Lawton (Member at Large), Tristan Gosse (Co-PAC Representative), Emily Buss (Vice President).

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

- Meeting commenced at 6:30 PM.

- Agenda approved.

- Moved by Craig Catton, seconded by Bev Bertolotti – Approved.

- Previous meeting minutes approved.

- Motion by Jamie House, seconded by Bev Bertolotti – Approved.

2. Executive Reports

PAC President's Update

- PAC bylaws have been updated.

Treasurer's Report

- No Major updates.
- Regular account (Feb 17th): \$25,864.76
 - Balance after paid expenses approx. \$16,509.
- Gaming Account (Feb 17th): \$4,890.38
 - Balance after paid expenses approx. \$1,710.52.

COPAC Report

- Tristan Gosse absent. Update to be provided next month.

Hot Lunch Report

- Program running smoothly.
- One parent/student noted the Vietnamese fried rice portion size was small.

Hot Dog Day Report

- Orders have increased compared to last month.
- Additional funds available for future initiatives.

Principal's Report

- See attached report.

4. New / Additional Business

Fundraisers

- Squeaky cheese fundraiser on hold.
- Coffee fundraiser coming - (start date TBD).
- Purdy's fundraiser is active - (ends March 18th).
- Spirit wear sales close February 25th.

Budget

- 2026 budget complete.

Strategic Planning family session recap

- Bev attended the January 26th strategic planning family session.

Parent feedback included...

- Desire for more "real life" learning experiences.
- Increased student involvement in the community.
- Greater community involvement in the school (eg., seniors sharing skills).
- Focus on foundational skills (eg., money/counting change).
- Clear guidance for parents on how to support learning at home.
- Increased opportunities for parents' involvement at school.
- Recognition of diverse learning abilities within each grade/community.
- Improved communication between the school and parents, especially regarding concerns.

PAC Bylaws

- Motion to approve updated bylaws.

- Moved by Jamie House, seconded by Heidi Starr – Approved (all in favor).

Report Cards

Heidi Starr (PAC Member at Large / Parent):

- Raised advocacy around clearer communication regarding grading criteria.
- Discussion about transparency in how grades are determined and communicated to students and parents.

Tonia MacGregor (Vice Principal):

- Teachers discuss grading and provide classroom examples.
- Emphasis on understanding and growth rather than rigid criteria.

Robbie Franklin (Principal):

- Clear communication around grading is essential.
- Teachers must articulate how grades are determined.
- Focus on deeper learning beyond memorization.
- Importance of alignment, differentiation, and consistent expectations.
- Students and parents should clearly understand what their grade represents.

5. Fundraising Requests

- None.

6. Other Business

- No additional items.

7. Action Items

- Jamie: Update spirit wear quote through Valley Screen Printing (ensure “École” is included). Tonia, to provide the updated school logo to Jamie.
- Tonia: Add Purdy’s fundraiser to the school newsletter notice and include a link to the student learning survey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at 6:30 pm.



February 17, 2026

Principal Report PAC

- Thank you kindly for such a warm welcome. It has been a very eventful 2 weeks with so many amazing student opportunities offered to our students. This included the February Showcase for Band and Choir, a robotics challenge, basketball games, and learner conferences where I was able to meet many families!
- Introduced The Pack Pulse newsletter – online newsletter through Smore. Feedback has been positive particularly from those that use mobile devices to access. It is easy to navigate.
- We are preparing for our digital report cards. Admin will send out a reminder to families about the process on how to access the report cards. Families requesting paper copies will receive paper copies.
- We are preparing for our new Passions to start.
- We are preparing for a learning visit from CMS teachers as part of our community of practice learning. We had several staff visit CMS earlier this year and are looking forward to reciprocating early March.
- We are heading into staffing season with anticipation for growth as we project to have more grade 6 students coming in then grade 8 students leaving.
- Deena McDell - thank you for your support in bringing in geering up. Shared out photos from the event. 28 grade 6/7 students and 30 grade 8 students participated in the day.
- Student Survey Reminder – School will send out a reminder to students of grade 7 families to fill out the survey.
- Preparing for Grade 8 celebration. Will be reaching out shortly looking for volunteers.
- Will also be looking for parent volunteers for Boeuf.

Tonia MacGregor and Robbie Franklin

Vice Principal and Principal - HMS