



## École H.S. Grenda Middle School

### Parent Advisory Council

#### Agenda

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes • Action Items • Fundraising Log

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HMS Cove Room – November 18, 2025 | 6:29 PM – 8:38 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), Craig Catton (Member at Large), Rob Aviani (Principal), Tonia MacGregor (Vice Principal), Nicole Goodwin (Creek Teacher).

Guests / Parents: Erica Kronstal, Jen Millar, Danielle Lamb, Emmett Lamb (student), Taylor Conlin, Ivan Moura, Angilica Moura, and Rafael Moura (student).

Absent: Lynn Campbell (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Heidi Starr (Member at Large).

#### **1. Welcome**

- Meeting commenced at 6:29 PM.
- The agenda was reviewed and approved (moved by Bretta Lawton, seconded by Craig Catton).
- The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved (moved by Trish Gosse, seconded by Bev Bertolotti).

#### **2. Executive Reports**

##### **PAC President's Update**

Nothing to report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- PAC account balance as of November 17, 2025: \$24,372.85.
- Available PAC funds: \$6,261.16 (not including \$1,000 for Maddy's Cobbs bursary and \$1,000 for Grade 8 celebration).
- Gaming account balance: \$15,415.57 (no withdrawals yet).
- Bev continues to correct previous gaming account reporting, which has caused delays.

### **COPAC Report**

- Guest speaker Tobias Blaskovits presented on Expo of Awesome; seeking volunteers.
- Update from trustee Amy Geistlinger: District approved to request ministry support for Lake Country road improvements for student safety.

### **Hot Lunch Report**

- Program running well.
- Stripe fee cannot be added; price increase required. A 3% increase to each item approved, effective January 2026 (moved by Bretta Lawton; seconded by Bev Bertolotti; all in favour, approved).

### **Hot Dog Day Report**

- Heidi Starr – absent from the meeting. No update.

### **3. Principal's Report**

(See attached report.)

### **4. New / Additional Business**

#### **Cobbs Bursary**

- Funds approved last meeting.

### **50/50 Christmas Raffle**

- Raffle launched November 7th
- Explore Castanet ad; cost to be presented to Executive.

### **Hot Dog Day Proceeds**

- Allocated to athletic equipment and jerseys (no vote needed).

### **Weebly Website**

- Weebly will be discontinued. The principal will upload approved minutes to the school website.

### **Fundraisers**

- Bev Bertolotti, "Principal/Teacher for the Day" fundraiser proposed; requires staff feedback. On hold.

## **5. Fundraising Requests**

- WaterFall Community Ann-Katrine Hall (Teacher), Emmett Lamb (Student).

Request: \$2,180.84 for FINS Program, Salmon Project. Funds will be used for fish equipment, including a fish tank. FINS will provide fish eggs and fish food.

Motion by Emily Buss to fund up to \$2,200 if donations fall short; seconded by Tristan Gosse, all in favour; approved.

- Lake Community – Paige Miller (Teacher), Roman Bertolotti (Student).

Request: \$567.77 for supplies for "Miniature Mayhem" tabletop game project.

Motion by Bretta Lawton to fund \$550; seconded by Taylor Conlin, all in favour; approved.

- Lake / Creek Community: Deena McDeli (Teacher/Librarian), Angela Caron (Teacher), Nicole Goodwin (Teacher).

Request: \$550 for two teams to attend the LEGO League in February 2026 at SMS, which may also include Provincials. Cost per team is \$225.

- Principal: Rob Aviani

Request: \$500 for Paul Davis Internet Safety Advocate, including parent evening + student assembly.

- Vice Principal: Tonia McGregor, Emma Leger (Waterfall Teacher), Ashley Folk (Waterfall Teacher).

Request: \$400 for a reusable, inclusive grey wolf spirit winter mural. Connected to the priority of belonging.

- Combined motion put forth by Craig Catton to pay for LEGO League, Paul Davis presentation, and HMS winter mural; seconded by Taylor Conlin, all in favour; approved. Amendment by Craig Catton to add Grade 8 celebration for \$1,000.

## **6. Other Business**

Jen Millar proposed a Grade 5 dance for all Grade 5 students in Lake Country. Seeking HMS PAC interest and involvement feedback. Rob Aviani (Principal) is not comfortable with a community dance because of intangibles and student safety. Dance proposal was declined for these reasons.

## 7. Action Items

- Tara: Investigate Munch-a-Lunch fee (cannot add).
- Tara: Revisit Lane Hardy's 3D printer request (not addressed at meeting).
- Jamie: Set up 50/50 raffle (completed November 4th). Parent text pending; need social media push; considering Castanet ad.
- Jamie: Upload October minutes to Google Drive (completed).

***Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM***

***Next meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 6:30 PM***

**Principal's Report: École H S Grenda Middle School PAC Meeting  
Rob Aviani, November 18, 2026**

- **Gratitude**

- To the PAC for continuing Hot Lunch and getting the Hot Dog program going.
  - Thank you to our staff, students, and families for joining us for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Thank you to all staff and students who led and supported our ceremony. Thank you to Taylor Bone and the George Elliott musicians for their collaboration.
  - Thank you to Mr. Millar who leads our Sports Leadership Passion block. Sports Leadership is an opportunity for student leadership. The students have opportunities to design and lead sports/activities for others at HMS and at our elementary feeder schools (École Peter Greer, Davidson Rd, Oyama Traditional).
  - Thank you to our volunteers who are coaching basketball.
    - Grade 8 girls: Kelly Rose Lamb, Rachel Lamb, John Levering
    - Grade 8 boys: Jeremy Block, Josh Dorf, John Levering
    - Grade 7 and 6 seasons start after winter break
  - Thank you to all the families who joined us for our October Learner Conferences. Remember, parents can reach out to their child's teachers at any time during the school year to enquire about their child's learning. A complete school directory can be found at <https://hms.sd23.bc.ca/staff-directory-about>.
- **Staffing Update.** Please join us in welcoming back Jane Squair and James Long to HMS. Ms. Fugitt has been filling in for Mrs. Squair's maternity leave. Mr. Hope has been covering Mr. Long's paternity leave. We have been lucky to have all these educators in Ocean community.
  - **UBCO French Immersion In Situ Program.** HMS has established a partnership with the UBCO Education Faculty to establish an in situ program for teacher candidates at our school. The purpose of the program is to help give UBCO teacher candidates the skills, knowledge, and experience to become future middle school teachers. Next year, we hope to expand the program to include an English program as well.