

# SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2025

Sutherland PAC Location

PAC Executive in attendance:

**Chair:** Jennifer Rodger (absent)

**VP:** Tanya Henderson

**Secretary:** Tina Craig

**Treasurer:** Carly Philip

### 1. Welcome – Meeting is called to order 7:06pm

- Tanya welcomed all those in attendance with land acknowledgement

### 2. Administration Report (Mark Barrett, Principal)

- Past week events: Diwali, 80 Japanese students, and an unplanned fire drill, Intermediate family of schools joined for Ballet BC performance
- Wednesday staff collaboration, adjusted bell schedule
- Wednesday Post secondary fair
- Thursday afterschool another Japanese student visit
- Sports are going well, both Fall and preparing for Winter season
- Athletics program is growing each year
- Field trips: Metalworks are going to Aerospace in Richmond
- Grade 9 Take your Kid to work November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Remembrance Day ceremony assembly coming up
- Strike action impact on numeracy and literacy in November assessments will be postponed

### 3. Student council (Fox, President, and Natasha VP)

- November will be Sport focused events
- This week is Halloween costume contest

### 4. Staff Update (Mr, Terry Mitruk, Teacher)

- Fall teams have been successful, lots of interest from Grade 8 this year
- Encourage students to sign up for try outs
- Musical production has started
- Senior girls Volleyball have qualified for Provincials this year

### 5. Treasurer's Report (Carly Philip, Treasurer)

1. Bank Account balances:  
Gaming \$21,701

Other \$6000

**6. Fundraising updates ( Tanya)**

- Third Neufeld fundraiser raised over \$1000
- Silent Auction in November, have over 30 items so far
- Always looking for new fundraiser's suggestions

**7. Budget update ( Tanya)**

- Granted over \$25,000 to the school based on their request

**8. Open discussion – any comments?**

- Q: From Admin solicited feedback from parents on course selection
- A: The following were requested:
  - a. Global perspectives
  - b. More career focused courses, mechanics or woodworking
  - c. Mental health
  - d. Aboriginal history
  - e. Hair dressing
  - f. Healthcare
  - g. Up cycling textiles course
- Q: AP classes, wondering if Sutherland will offer these?
- A: Admin response solicited the parent community for interest. Do need staff and sufficient interest to run these programs.
- Q: What support is available for athletics, who fundraises for gear, and how can offer support for teams growing?
- A: Equipment might be a challenge if we get more teams. The biggest challenge though is coaches, need community coaches. Need more parent volunteers. Teams can ask for PAC grants. All extra curricular experience is user pay, so from parents or gaming grant.
- A: PAC has limitation to fundraising, most of the PAC funds come from the Gaming Grants.
- Q what is done at the school to celebrate provincial qualifications for sports
- A: Rely on coaches, pep rallies are organized by coaches and sponsors to organize. There are announcements and trophies displayed. Athletes of the month are recognized

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

***Next meeting scheduled for December 8, at 7pm***