



Colleen & Gordie Howe
Middle School

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3174 Clearbrook Road Abbotsford V2T 4N6

PAC Meeting held at School Library

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Administration:

- a. Principal : Shawn Davids
- b. Vice Principal : Nicholas Cochrane

PAC Executive:

- a) President : Manjeet K Gill (previously Vice President for 2022-23)
- b) Vice President : Vacant
- c) Secretary : Vacant
- d) Treasurer : John Surabathula & Urmila Surabathula
- e) Fundraising : Raman Gill (new executive member)

Principal and Vice Principal's Update:

- Lots of staffing changes in school. Things are slowly settling in after a busy school start in September.
- Feeling among staff and students is very positive.
- Nicholas Cochrane did a commendable job of holding the reins during the transition period in September and October until Shawn Davids joined the school this month.
- Athletic leadership is progressing well; currently there are programs for volleyball and cross country running.
- There was no music program in 2022-23 due to the departure of the then music instructor. This year there is a new music instructor – Mrs. Hunt, and the students are excited to be on this program.
- In Spring “Where Everyone Belongs” (WEB) is going to be launched. This will be a great leadership opportunity for Grade 8 students where they can be of help to Grade 6 students.
- Painting of school building is in progress; this will take some time as this is being done in stages when the school is functioning.

Upcoming Events:

Grade 6 immunizations are planned for Friday October 27, 2023. Principal encouraged parents to volunteer. At least 3 parents have agreed to volunteer.

PAC Executive Update:

- Manjeet Gill has agreed to step up to the President's position. It was vacant from 2022-23.
- Raman Gill has agreed to take the lead in fundraising.

Other Business

- Installation of cameras was discussed in 2022-23 PAC meetings. PAC emails will be checked by the PAC Executive and sent to Principal and Vice Principal to follow up.
- John Surabathula will follow up with Envision Financial to get access to the PAC bank account.
- It was agreed that Manjeet (President) and John (Treasurer) be the authorized signatories until any new executive member is appointed and added to be a authorized signatory.
- For future PAC Meetings, it was discussed that social media (Facebook, Instagram) can be used for notifying parents, in addition to just emails notifications.

Future PAC Meetings

- It was tentatively decided to set dates for future PAC meetings. Currently these have been scheduled for:
- Wednesday November 22, 2023
- Wednesday January 17, 2024
- Wednesday February 21, 2024
- Wednesday April 17, 2024
- Wednesday May 15, 2024
- Wednesday June 12, 2024

Meeting adjourned at: 7:18pm.