

# Handsworth PAC

## Minutes January 20, 2025

### 1. Welcome Statement

The Handsworth PAC respectfully acknowledges the original peoples of these lands and waters, specifically the səilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), on whose unceded ancestral lands the SD44 schools including Handsworth Secondary is located. We value the opportunity to learn, share, and serve our community on these unceded lands. As we are meeting virtually I encourage those in different locations to acknowledge where you are at this time.

### 2. Roll Call

Quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting is seven voting members, including at least two of the HPAC Directors. At least one of the HPAC Directors must be a signing officer.

Quorum was achieved.

### 3. Approval of January 20, 2025 Agenda

Motion: Shannon second: Rebecca Approved

### 4. Approval of November 18, 2024 Minutes

Motion. Shannon Second: Cara Approved

### 5. Chair Report

-Myself and the Handsworth PAC executive want to acknowledge the sudden passing of Dali Zissu, an international student attending Handsworth. This event has changed the landscape of the Handsworth community in many ways. We wanted to keep her memory alive by making a donation in her name to Foundry so she can continue to support the community.

<https://helpstpauls.com/DaliZissu>

Here are some grief resources

- **Foundry's free & confidential services:** Youth aged 12-24 can access free counselling, youth peer support, groups & workshops, physical & sexual

healthcare, and groups & workshops at [their local centre](#) or through [virtual services](#).

- **Foundry BC App:** Youth and caregivers can access free virtual services by downloading the Foundry BC app, including support groups for parents and caregivers.
- **Grief Resources:**
  - [Foundry's webpage on Grief](#) (includes additional related webpages at the bottom) <https://foundrybc.ca/articles/grief-the-basics/>
  - [Learning Through Loss](#) – a highly recommended resource with a wealth of information <https://www.learningthroughloss.org/resources>
  - [BC Children's Hospital Grief and Loss webpage](#)
  - <http://www.bcchildrens.ca/health-info/coping-support/grief-loss>

-We are working on communicate with Handsworth Parents.

Please sign up for our newsletter! We will be sending out a newsletter with important topics and dates for the upcoming month.

<http://eepurl.com/iYmlec>

-Volunteer Opportunities

Watch the Handsworth Newsletter for submissions on how PAC impacts the Students at Handsworth.

One of the main initiatives is the ability to apply for the Gaming Grant. This gives us the opportunity to enrich the student experience. We will highlight a group or two in each school newsletter.

In light of the importance of the gaming grant it it's important to have a viable HPAC therefore we need new members!

Positions are Chair, Vice Chai, Communications, Secretary

-I was able to attend this Family of Schools planning event, It is always interesting to see the student representatives express themselves. Handsworth will be working on updating the goals.

6. Treasure Report

Gaming Grant Recommendations: Part 2 - Shannon Harris

We thank all the teacher sponsors and Cary Hungle for all the correspondence that is required to ensure that we are recommending requests that comply with the gaming grant rules.

Motion to accept the Gaming Grant Recommendations see last page of minutes

First Shannon Second Megan Ens

Shannon reviewed the recommendations. As you can understand we are volunteers and busy parents so we will most likely have a part 3 recommendation at the next meeting as we were not able to meet again to make the last of the recommendations that we received clarification on.

Motion approved with no opposition

## 7. Administration Report

Dave Cadman introduction: previous at Carson excited to join this community.

Cary Hungle:

Learning updates the 1 review and completion day before reporting term was positively received March review day will be March 4th

December catch up :

-no regrets tournament a North Shore Tradition

Both teams had a great effort. Brought a huge number of people into the school

-Santa's breakfast. The funds raised were donated to BC Children's hospital approximately \$1500 in Dali's memory

Procedures for communications around tragic events are held within the SD44. This particular case had increased challenges due to the international student program. The family wishes were respected in delaying notification.

Students were supported. The safe schools principle was involved in supporting all students.

Hands Up Dance - building to the dance program to be more gender inclusive and has opportunity to grow

Grade 12 assessment - one day completion had less impact on classes was positive and the completion rate was very high. Ministry requirements and does not affect grades.

Student Survey - social emotional for school planning.

Parent Learning Survey watch for the email

Feb 4- Parent info meeting grade 8, 9 5:30-6:30, grade 10,11 6:30-7:30

Feb 18 online course registration opens Please see the Handsworth Website for more information.

Question from the floor

Are there any new courses being offered for grade 12? No new proposals at this time

Students need to check Post Secondary requirements for the particular programs they are interested in. Will help with course planning.

March 3rd course papers are due to the office. In early April verification forms are the opportunity to review and make changes to courses.

There is a chance that some courses may be dropped if there is not enough interest  
Please consider courses carefully and counsellors if you have questions

[Handsworth Course Guide 2025/2026](#)

8. Open Discussion

Field Update: DNV website is updated.

I would encourage you to email the DNV to thank them for keeping this project a priority.

Rugby games will not be played there but practices are probably OK

9. Adjournment

“The Handsworth community develops empowered, innovative and compassionate learners”

Please sign up for our newsletter. <http://eepurl.com/iYmlec>

## 2024/2025 January Gaming Grant Recommendations

Available Funds: \$22,251 Recommended Value of Requests: \$7,190

Total Recommendations Jan 2025: \$7,190 Clubs=\$5090, Enrichment=\$2100

#	Name	Dept/Club	Request Category	Project description:	Request	Recommendation	Notes
1	Susan Chow	Art Club	Clubs	Mural for Inclusive Education Room Brushes, containers, mixing trays	1000	890	
2	Mark Hansen	Engineering Club & 3D printing club	Clubs	Three Printers & filament; 65% for printers 35% for filament;	4200	4200	give 3D printing access to the non-enrolled Handsworth student body
3	Kory Bogen	Art – Aquarium Exhibition	Enrichment	Art Panels for Aquarium Exhibition-installed from May-September 2025	2200	1200	Further information requested
4	David Bradshaw	Music Band, Strings, Jazz, Choir	Enrichment	Bus for trip	7000	900	Further information requested for entry fees and additional buses

Total Recommendation F25 to date (June 2024 + Nov. 2024 approvals + Jan 2025 approvals): \$49,018

Clubs=\$8,900, Student Council=\$2,100, Enrichment=\$12,028, Athletics=\$26,800