



**MEETING OF THE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL**

MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, January 19, 2026, 7:00pm, OBH CAFETERIA

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Attendees:

PAC Secretary: Krissy Johns, PAC Members at Large: Annie Chow, Principal: Shawn Boulding

Additional members: 3

Territorial Acknowledgment and Welcome

Approval of the Minutes and the Agenda

MOTION: *Be it resolved that the Meeting minutes for November 17th be approved.* (Krissy, Patti)

Approved

MOTION: *Be it resolved that the Agenda for January 19th be approved.* (Patti, Annie)

Approved

Minutes will be published in pdf and available on the school website.

PAC Treasury Update:

No changes since the November meeting. See attached statement of accounts at the end of the minutes.

PAC Chair update (Krissy Johns, Secretary):

VCPAC presents the family literacy forum, Thursday January 22, 6:45-8:30 at Oak Bay High

GVTA has filed a grievance with the board regarding classroom temperatures exceeding 26 degrees celsius in June and September 2025 at 18 schools in the district,



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including Oak Bay High. VCPAC has also sent a letter to the school district regarding this matter.

OBH PAC succession planning to begin in February.

Administrative updates from Shawn Boulding:

Sherri Bell (Official Trustee) - Approval has been granted to change the election process from an at large model to a more representative model. 7 electoral areas. One will be Oak Bay. And 1 Songhees and 1 Esquimalt Nation representatives.

Ministry assessments - These were cancelled last November. They are currently taking place and will continue through the 23rd. A make up session is available for students who missed their original time and date.

We are nearing the end of semester 1. February 2 is the start of the second semester.

Jan 29 - CC day

Jan 30 - teacher turn around day (no students)

Course planning happens in early February for grades 9, 10, 11. Admin and counsellors will go to middle schools to talk to incoming grade 8s. Course selection drives staffing and timetables once course demand is tallied.

Fine Arts

It's a quiet time for performing arts showcases, with only Evening of Dance schedules for January 27&28



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Athletics

Basketball in full swing

Ultimate frisbee numbers through the roof

Rugby is starting

Ski team - Just returned from Mount Washington. Struggling for lack of snow. Hoping conditions will improve.

New Business:

Parent concerns around technology in school

1. Technology in school - A parent is concerned regarding cell phone usage and dependence in schools.
 - *Response from Shawn Boulding:* school is constantly addressing this issue. We are dealing with cell phone addiction. The ministry outline is cell phones must be off and away unless teachers give permission. Looking at Australia for guidance.
2. Class teachers don't always book the chromebooks, so students without cell phones don't have access to class materials.
 - The suggestion is to contact the class teacher to help find a solution.
3. All sign ups for events and clubs use qr codes.
 - *Response from Shawn Boulding:* These are created for ease of access. Ask the teacher sponsor, or the office for alternate sign up methods.



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4. Chat GPT usage in school

- *Response from Shawn Boulding:* Some teachers use tools to police the use of AI in school work, and some teachers are changing teaching methods. More pen and paper, but still navigating.

5. Why is math and PHE semester based instead of linear?

- *Response from Shawn Boulding:* There are positives and negatives to each method. Oak Bay was the last of the public linear schools, and only recently switched to the semester system, under pressure by the district to be in sync with the other high schools. Linear means carrying 8 subjects which can be a struggle for some students. Accessibility to other schools programs didn't work since the classes didn't align, creating "singletons" that complicate the timetable for the rest of the students.

Oak Bay Choir Risers (Choir teacher: Tina Horwood)

The current risers are from 1991. They are damaged and need replacement, with some being too dangerous for use. They get used for 10 choirs, as well as community events. The old risers are not compatible with new versions, so they all need replacement.

5 segments are \$4925 each, for a total of \$27000 with educational discount. The Alumni association has given some money, and there may be some outside funding, but not much.

As there are not enough PAC members present to vote for ongoing funding on such a scale, the discussion and vote for this item has been moved to the February meeting.



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Robotics Club

Gap in the program possibly offering more robotics options, and having a parent volunteer for afterschool robotics club. Entering competitions is an option being considered

Community Police Liaison

Matt McNichol is willing to attend a PAC meeting to let parents know what the plan is with liaison officers in the school.

Next Meeting:

February 23, 2026, 7:00 pm at Oak Bay High School in the cafeteria.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51pm