



# WELCOME BACK BUCKINGHAM PARENTS!

Contact the PAC:

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We are the Buckingham Parent Advisory Committee or “PAC” for short. As a parent, you are a member too! We are a group of parents and caregivers who are committed to working together to fundraise and organize in support of our school. The PAC is run by the Executive committee, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce the current PAC Executive for September 2023.

**Alicia Schuurmans is our Co-Chair**

Alicia has a son in Kindergarten and a son in Grade 6  
(as well as a Buckingham graduate in high school).

**Gurinder Aujla is our Co-Chair**

Gurinder has a daughter in Grade 3 and a son in Grade 5  
(as well as two Buckingham graduates in high school).

**Louise Woodruff is our Treasurer**

Louise has a son in Grade 4 and three daughters in Grades 1, 2 and 6.

**Tas Walji is our Secretary**

Tas has a son in Grade 6 (as well as a Buckingham graduate in high school).

Nominations for all PAC Executive positions take place at our AGM in January each year. However, we currently have openings on the Executive for up to 6 additional “Members-at-Large” and a Burnaby District PAC (DPAC) Representative – **these open positions can be filled at any time. We would greatly welcome your participation to fill one of these positions immediately.** It is not a big time commitment.

Our monthly PAC meetings are where you get to find out what’s going on in the school, ask questions, meet other parents, volunteer, give your ideas, and just get involved. **We’d love to see more of you there, and welcome new people at any time.** The PAC meets once per month, by Zoom on the first Tuesday of every month – everyone is welcome to attend and participate in our PAC meetings.

**Our first PAC meeting for the 2023/2024 school year will be on**

**Tuesday October 3, 2023**

**We are always open to new ideas for fundraising or events.**

**If you would like to organize an event or gather a group of parents together for a common purpose to benefit our students, please reach out or come to the PAC meeting to get started!**

We hope to continue with our hot lunch program again this year. However, **we are actively looking for new Hot Lunch Coordinators who can take on this role for the 2023/2024 school year.** Help and support from our existing PAC Executive members will be available to help new coordinators get the 2023 lunches off to a great start! If you are interested in volunteering as a Hot Lunch Coordinator, please reach out by email.

In order to make our PAC a success, we rely on the support and participation of as many parents as possible. Financial support is important, but we also need support of your time and skills. There many opportunities for volunteering in small and big ways.

We are hoping to host many of our usual events and fundraisers again this year - family game nights, movie nights, sunchip sales, seasonal Purdy's sales, spirit wear, family dance night, and concession stands at school events are all opportunities where we will need volunteers!

**In addition, we hope to embark this year on a multi-year plan to fundraise for a new outdoor shelter – stay tuned!!**

**As a reminder: we also coordinate a number of year-long passive fundraising efforts – Flippgive, ReturnIT Express, Mabel's Labels, and Scholastic – see the attached flyer for more information. You are welcome to help support these ongoing efforts anytime, please share with your friends and family to help make a bigger impact. We are always open to new ideas for fundraising.**

Once again, welcome back to Buckingham! Thank you in advance for your support and commitment to help all our students reach their full potential. If you are interested in joining the Executive, Volunteering or just have questions about the PAC or the school in general, we are happy to connect. Please email us at [buckinghampac.sd41@gmail.com](mailto:buckinghampac.sd41@gmail.com) and one of us will respond.

We look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,

The current Buckingham PAC Executive –

Alicia, Gurinder, Louise, and Tas

