

Minutes

Vic High PAC
September 20th, 2021

Virtually in attendance: Todd Orchard, Liz Sheppard, Kate Wallace, Ben Black, Aaron Parker, Petra Gerard, Vanessa Morris, Valerie Lykkemark, Jen dur Keitl, Laurel Hovey, Nhelia Gabun, Allison Hyatt, Sandra Slade

1. Territorial Land Acknowledgement (Todd)

2. Welcome and Introductions (Todd)

2. Approval of Agenda (Todd)

Remaining Action Items from June Meeting:

None

4. Principal's Report (Aaron)

- **Principal's Update**

- Aaron noted that the school year is off to a good start with the regular busyness that would be expected.
- The Cornerstone Celebration (Pancake Breakfast) was held on Friday, September 17th, 2021 and was well attended. This event is usually something students look forward to, and although it wasn't the same as during pre-pandemic times it was well done.
- Aaron raised that the Vic High community was quite fortunate to have a low number of COVID cases at the school last year. That said, the impact of COVID on the student population has been significant especially when looking at the international student population. The total school population is now under 700 students which is a key number for teacher salary funding, etc. The hope is that if COVID improves some of the international student population will increase again.
- Parent Teacher interviews are coming up on October 6th. Email instructions will be sent out to all parents this week. The interviews will be held virtually again this year by Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- Aaron noted that with the 1st National Truth & Reconciliation Day coming up there will be some plans at the school to honour the day. All students will be involved in a virtual assembly with more details to come. There will be no classes on the 30th.

- **Q&A:**

- o Kate asked for Aaron to provide a bit more detail on Flex Time.
- o Vanessa asked for details about how parents can get involved/volunteer time. Aaron indicated that there isn't as much ability for parents to volunteer compared to elementary/middle school but that some of the music/athletics program may benefit from some support. He suggested Mr. Herlaar and the Soccer program may be a good fit.

5. Treasurer's Report (Kate/Lisa)

- No major updates to report. Gaming and Operating balance amounts were shown. Kate noted that \$2,500 has been set aside from the operating budget for Cultural Improvements (as required for the new school). A discussion took place on the upcoming requests from teachers for the Gaming Grant funding. It was agreed that all requests should be in by **October 22nd, 2021**. The PAC Executive will hold a special meeting on **Nov 1st, 2021** to review the requests prior to the November PAC Meeting.
- Lisa& Kate indicated a new coffee fundraiser would be launching soon from Café Fantastico!

6. New Business (All)

- Rotary Youth Programs E-mails. Ben provided a short update on the emails received. It was agreed that Ben would reach out to the contact to ask for them to send information along to share with the parents.
- Fairway/Thrifty Reloadable Cards – There was some discussion around changes to the Thrifty Reloadable Cards that may make them more challenging to use. Also, an email was received from Fairway representation about us not using them. Follow-up is required to clarify.

Next Meeting: October 20th @ 7pm

Upcoming Events: Teacher Appreciation (October)