

Minutes

Vic High PAC
January 10th, 2022

Virtually in attendance: Lisa Sheppard, Todd Orchard, Kate Wallace, Ben Black, Aaron Parker, Petra Gerard, Ben Isitt, Allison Hyatt, Angela, Laurel Hovey

1. Welcome and Introductions/Land Acknowledgement (Todd)

2. Approval of Agenda (Todd)
Remaining Action Items from December Meeting:

- (1) **Aaron to bring back potential costs for consultation to committee at the January PAC Meeting so that consideration to supporting this process can take place.** No update yet available. Aaron to report back at February PAC Meeting.
- (2) **Martha to provide resource links so that the PAC can review and share with parents as required.** No update yet available. Ben to contact Martha to obtain information for circulation to parents.

3. Principal's Report (Aaron)

- Most of the updates this month revolve around the evolving pandemic situation. An e-mail was sent out to all parents (approximately 2 pages in length) to remind students/parents of the COVID protocols for the return to school. The reminders included protocols around crowding in hallways, recess breaks and dismissal times from school.
- The environment will continue to evolve as the weeks progress and there is the possibility of school closures due to lack of staff/students available. Functional closures are possible depending on the impacts to staff/cleaners, etc.
- The school will not be in a position to offer simultaneous online and in-person schooling options but students in Q2 but the school will continue to do their best in terms of providing home learning packages to students that are not comfortable returning to school.
- If closures are required, that would likely result in a five-day school closure (one school week). In that scenario students would all be provided with at home work packages and protocols would be put in place until a return to school was possible. There is no longer contact tracing happening and the school is not advising when incidents of COVID exposure happen.
- Closures are possible when there is an increase of 10% to student's absences. The school saw a fairly routine number of absences in the first day back from winter break today, nothing that would require consideration of a closure.
- The school administration is not anticipating returning to remote learning options in Q3 of this school year. Students who are looking for full-time remote learning options will look to programs such as [SIDes](#) or the Link (On-line learning specialty programs in our District).

4. Treasurer's Report (Kate/Lisa)

- No major updates to report. Gaming and Operating accounts are at \$15,279.51 and \$6,747 respectively. Kate wrote a significant cheque to Vic High for the gaming expenses.
- A discussion took place on the timing of the next gaming grant requests from teachers. It was agreed that the next round of requests would be requested for receipts by Feb 2nd, 2022 and then the school office would process them into a spreadsheet and provide to Kate by Feb 4th, 2022. The next round of requests will be reviewed at the Feb 7, 2022 PAC Meeting.

6. New Business (All)

- Discussion raised by Kate on the Vic High PAC Constitution. She obtained a copy and asked whether there were any volunteers to review the constitution, compare to other newly updated high school PAC constitutions, etc. The goal would be to make it more accessible as the last constitution was approved in 2003. Ben Isitt and Laurel Hovey agreed spearhead this review.
- **Action Item: Kate to scan existing constitution and send to all meeting attendees at the January PAC Meeting.**

- **Action Item: Ben Isitt and Laurel to review the constitution and report back at the February 7th PAC meeting on progress made. A draft of their comments/potential changes will be discussed in more detail at the March PAC meeting.**
- A discussion took place on the pathway leading down to the Tim Horton's across the sports fields and how they have become muddy, wet and slippery during the winter season. Further discussion around access/egress to the Vic High School temporary site were discussed, indicating that there doesn't seem to be sufficient space for students to walk along Gilles to get to the school campus.
- **Action Item: Aaron to pursue facilities request to see what potential options may be available for the pathway (such as laying down wood chips, etc.).**

Next Meeting: February 7th @ 7pm

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