

Minutes

Vic High PAC
May 9th, 2022

Virtually in attendance: Todd Orchard, Kate Wallace, Ben Black, Aaron Parker, Kristine Grenier, Lisa Sheppard, Petra Gerard, Louise Thornton, Laurel Hovey, Ted Godwin, Angela Haslam

1. Welcome and Introductions/Land Acknowledgement (Todd)

2. Approval of Agenda (Todd)

Remaining Action Items from April Meeting:

(1) Laurel to provide updated Constitution to PAC Executive for final review and comments. Complete.

3. Principal's Report (Aaron)

- Breakfast of Champions coming up **Thursday, May 12th**. One of Aaron's favorite events as it recognizes the unsung heroes that quietly go about the school doing amazing things that benefit their fellow students. A continental breakfast will be provided to the students along with their parents. As this is the first breakfast of champions this school year there will be 20 recipients (higher than usual).
- The new Grade 9's starting at Vic High in September 2022 will be the sesquicentennial grad class from Vic High (150th anniversary class). Vic High is the oldest school north of San Francisco and west of Winnipeg. The tour will be held on the afternoon of **May 19th** which will result in dismissal at noon for all students that day.
- Vic High Award Evening (all Athletic and Academic/Subject Awards) will be held virtually again this year. It was permitted in person but two venues cancelled on Vic High so the school has reverted to a virtual plan. The award ceremony is being held **June 13th** via Zoom.
- Some big changes to the 2022/2023 school calendar. Staying the same will be the school start time at 9am. Focus time will continue but will change from four times a week to two times per week. There will also be a school based Pro-D day and two CC days in June 2023 to allow sufficient time to get set up for the move back to the main campus. That will result in school ending on **June 20th, 2023**.
- Liz provided an update on the Indigenous Art installations being proposed at the new school:
 - o Trying to create a theme of truth and reconciliation throughout the school. The school has been working with Frank Conibear (Aboriginal Ed at Vic High) to make sure the space is welcoming before students/parents even enter the space. It is being proposed that the concrete outside the main entrance will be stamped/sandblasted with four canoes – with four paddles which will represent the four houses – Lekwungen, Kwakiutl, Nuuchahnulth and All Nations.
 - o Lower Plaza – Circular with seating, areas for people to sit or stand/theatre type space. The ground will be embedded with a Butch Dick inspired/approved spindle whirl design.
 - o It is proposed that the entrance will have interactive display screens for people to learn about the history of the lands around the school/Greater Victoria.
 - o Seeking artists to work on a huge glass panel in the school that will represent visually the story of pre-contact, contact and present day.
 - o Finally, there will be three large doors into the library, made of carving grade cedar – looking for local artists to carve the door.
- Graduation Update:
 - o 1st in person graduation in a number of years
 - o The grad song will be 'We are young' by FUN
 - o Valedictorians have been selected – Nadine and Ahmed – all the candidates were incredible and could have well represented the school!
 - o Grad ceremony is June 2nd at UVIC; Grad Picnic on June 17th – likely a hot dog roast; Again this year particle board is being purchased for the grad class to all sign and they'll get to install it in the old school when it re-opens.
 - o June 23rd – Grad Dinner and Dance will be held at the Inn at Laurel Point

4. Treasurer's Report (Kate/Lisa)

- No major updates to report. Gaming and Operating accounts are at \$10,165 and \$6,825 respectively.

- Coffee fundraiser did well this year raising over \$400. \$60 was raised in the most recent call for interest in coffee. There will be two more opportunities for coffee this year.

5. VCPAC Update (Allison)

- No update to report

6. Elections (All)

- Kate Wallace nominated by Angela Haslan for President; seconded by Petra Gerard for President. Kate accepts the nomination.
- Kate nominated Angela Haslan for Vice President; seconded by Lisa Sheppard. Angela accepts the nomination.
- Todd Orchard nominated Kristine Grenier for Treasurer; seconded by Kate Wallace. Kristine accepts the nomination.
- Petra Gerard nominated Laurel Hovey for Secretary; seconded by Ben Black. Laurel accepted the nomination.
- Petra remains as Member at Large for 2022/23.

6. New Business (All)

- None to report.

Next Meeting: June 6th @ 7pm