

**Minutes**  
**Vic High PAC Meeting**  
7 pm, September 12, 2022  
(Approved October 17, 2022)

**Attended by:** Kate Wallace, Angela Haslam, Kris Grenier, Laurel Hovey, Petra Gerard, Aaron Parker, Olga Kovalenko, Sharon Katz, Darren Alexander, Willow Minaker, Piasaun Narongrit, Heather Currie, Odessa Bagorio, Annie Arciaga, Andrew Newell, Anisa Newell, Lesley Valour, Angela Carmichael, Paula Ceroni (and 3 unidentified folks)

**Chair's Report (Kate)**

Welcome and Introductions followed by a Land Acknowledgment  
Called for additions to the Agenda, then a motion to approve by Petra was seconded by Angela Carmichael. A motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes of June 6<sup>th</sup> by Angela Haslam was seconded by Anisa Newell.

**Principal's Report (Aaron)**

**Vic High Enrollment** - over 850 students – Capacity 800

**Lockers** – Optional – students are not being issued lockers automatically. Students should register for lockers through the student app.

**Bus Passes** – students outside the city of Victoria are eligible for bus passes. This is part of the building project transportation plan. The project is paying app \$40000 a year in city bus passes for our students.

**Lunch Program** – currently Youth and Family Counsellors are making sandwiches daily for the approx. 30-40 students. Is this the best use of resources? No hot lunch items this year.

**Student Family and Affordability Fund** – there is a survey asking for parent feedback on possible allocation of funds from a one-time provincial initiative for students in need. Possible ideas were discussed at the meeting: food, school costs, mental health support and transportation.

**Upcoming events**

Cornerstone Breakfast – This Friday Pancake Breakfast

Meet the Teacher, Sept 21. 7 – 8:30

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Truth and Reconciliation Week Sept 27-29

**Treasurer's Report (Kristine)**

The balance in General Account is \$6,928. \$2,500 is earmarked for something, yet to be decided, for the new school. We are looking for ideas on how the balance could be best used. Caffe Fantastico is our only fundraiser at this time.

The balance in Gaming Account is \$6,662. Funds from the Gaming Branch should be available in mid-October. Submission deadline for Gaming Funds Requests from teachers is October 7<sup>th</sup>. The executive will draft a Budget Proposal and present it at the next PAC Meeting for approval.

**VCPAC (Angela Carmichael, VCPAC Past Chair)**

The Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Council is made up of representatives of all schools in SD 61. They advocate for our students at a district level and can have a strong influence on School Board decisions. Due to concerns involving the suspension of two School

Trustees last year, VCPAC stepped away from participating with the School Board. After a new Executive is elected at their upcoming meeting, they will likely resume relations. Heather Currie volunteered to be our new VCPAC Rep and will report back at our monthly meetings.

**PAC Plans/Goals** for the year (Kate)

Include making meetings more engaging – bringing in guest speakers/staff to share what is going on in their departments and students to talk about their clubs/teams.

**Hybrid Meetings:** The school has found that it is almost impossible to make a combination of in-person and Zoom meetings effective so meetings will be in-person.

**Teacher Appreciation** will be sponsored by Caffè Fantastico on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Parent Education:** The PAC is looking for topics that address the concerns and needs of parents. There are \$250 grants available through the School District for Parent Education events.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kate will create a Survey asking for parent input.

**Petra moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, seconded by Laurel.**

**Next meeting: October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**