

Minutes

Vic High PAC Meeting

7 pm, October 17, 2022
(Approved November 14, 2022)

Attendees: Angela Haslam, Kate Wallace, Heather Currie, Paula Ceroni, Kristine Grenier, Laurel Hovey, Aaron Parker, Petra Gerard, Andrew Newell.

Welcome and Introductions followed by a Land Acknowledgement.

Calls for additions to the Agenda, a motion to approve by Angela was seconded by Kris.

Approval of the September 12 meeting's minutes, motion put forward by Petra and seconded by Angela.

Chair's report (Kate)

Parent Ed Survey received 20 responses with the biggest interest in a Parent Ed Event being Mental Health. Claremont PAC provided us with some info about a couple of events they participated in last year and are interested in collaboration in future events. Reynolds and Central also interested in collaboration. Still looking for suitable presenters. Heather will check into VCPAC's list. Will aim for a January Zoom event.

Operating Funds – suggestions of how to allocate the funds included trees at Fernwood Campus, Indigenous art, bike racks, and team uniforms (once a new mascot/logo/names are established). Aaron recommends holding off on any decisions as he will be asking for community involvement/input as to what will be needed once the school moves back to Fernwood. Further discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

Things to note:

20-30 trees were removed but each will be replaced by 4 trees of appropriate species as part of the construction costs. 4 new major Indigenous art installations by well-known, local artists have been approved and funding is in place. Some possibilities where PAC funds would be welcome - new servery/kitchen/multi-purpose room - need to establish an environmentally responsible food program. How can we be zero waste? Team uniforms - currently, every team has its own name and mascot originating from the 1930s. Although there is legacy to consider the goal is to have a mascot/logo that reflects the values of Vic High today. A new podcast and media recording space - the school is working with the Alumni on fundraising (25k) for equipment for this. Musical program wants to create a drum line –(20k). Vic High and Central students will be asked for input on all the above items.

Principal's Report (Aaron)

Athletics - Good luck to our fall athletic teams. Volleyball, Male Soccer, and Cross Country are entering their playoffs.

Grad events - 11 teams competed in the 2023 grad amazing race last Friday, Oct. 14. Lots of fun was had. A recently established annual event.

Truth and Reconciliation Week - Several events commemorating T&R week. Many students joined one of the viewings of the witness blanket, drumming and singing led by Frank Conibear and Gordie Bear, and various events in classes and across the school.

Women's History Week - Several prominent speakers including our MLA and parliamentary secretary for gender equality visited classes.

Club Fair - SOGI, SOCA, New Textiles and Crafts Club, New Film and Photography Club, and Victoria Reads clubs promoted.

Toast Program - Return of school toast program. After a halt to the toast program, our student leadership program has re-established our daily toast program. Most Donated by Cobbs, spread purchase supplemented by community link funding. Mr. Sakayama dressed up like toast.

Parent Teachers Meetings - **appointments can be made** starting tomorrow for meetings next week.

Vaping in the Washrooms - Smoking is prohibited on school property as per provincial legislation but vaping continues to be problematic.

BC Assessments - happening in November.

Fernwood Campus - till targeting for reopening Sept 2023. Will have no room at Topaz for next year's anticipated enrollment.

Treasurer's report (Kristine)

7158.10 Balance in General Account, included is 2,500 for new school.

21,582.74 Balance in Gaming Account.

The Executive reviewed the 30 funding requests last week and recommend that any food/snack requests not be approved as the school will be getting money from the province that can be used for these. Also, recommended that 7,000 be held in reserve for allocation in the spring.

Otherwise, a total of 13,160.00 was approved for the fall budget. If anyone wants further info please email vichighpac@gmail.com with "attention Treasurer" in the subject line. Kate made a motion to approve which was seconded by Petra.

VCPAC Report (Heather Currie)

Newly elected Chair, Tracey Humphries is orientating herself in the role, met with SD Administration, developing orientation materials for PAC members, updating SD61 activities on Twitter and Facebook (will try to set-up on Instagram).

VCPAC organized two successful forums for School Trustee Candidates. One was held at the Topaz Campus.

VCPAC is looking folks to sit on School District committees, eg. budget, music PACs (AMIS), Justice Equity Diversity Inclusiveness (JEDI) as well as VCPAC committees, eg. Events/Policy Onboarding. Doing an inventory of what is needed, then a notice will go out to all parents regarding involvement.

A letter was sent to the SD61 Board in response to the Judiciary Review hearing findings that demonstrated Diane McNally and Rob Paynter should not have been suspended. The letter is posted on the VCPAC website.

Coffee Fundraiser (Paula Ceroni)

6 orders for a total of 14 bags of coffee brought in 57.00. December is a good time to push it.

Parent Info on School Website will be updated this week. Check it out.

Next PAC Meeting Monday, November 14th . Guest speaker: Dave Pitre, Athletics Department