

Minutes
Vic High PAC meeting in School Library
7 pm, December 12, 2022
(Approved January 9, 2023)

Attendees: Sara Reside, Danie Mercer, Aaron Parker, Kate Wallace, Willow Minnaker, Paula Ceroni, Kris Grenier, Andrew Newell, Petra Gerard, Laurel Hovey

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Introductions (Kate)

Guest Speaker – Sara Reside, Leadership teacher, and Danielle Mercer, VP
Currently, there are 50-60 active Leadership students. There is an ebb and flow of students, generally 50% Grades 9s then numbers taper off. Students meet twice a week, outside of school hours, as well as taking an active role in planning and executing school activities (pancake breakfast, holiday events, school spirit stuff, talent show, “club” event in the library, etc.) They need to accumulate 30 hours, which can also include participating with the school’s Green Team, which manages the school’s recycling, community volunteering, paid employment, and “Passion” projects for the 4 credit course. Sara will talk to the Green Team teacher to see if they have any ideas about how the PAC could contribute to the “greening” the new school.

Agenda (Kate)

Motion to approve was made by Kris and seconded by Kate.

Minutes of November 14th meeting were approved. Motion put forward by Kris and seconded by Kate.

Call for nominations for Members-at-Large.

Paula Ceroni accepted a nomination and was duly voted in. Heather Currie also nominated but not able to attend the meeting so a follow-up vote will take place at the January meeting.

Principal’s Report (Aaron and Danie)

Vice Principal Danielle Mercer presented an update on **Vaping** response/education. She has reached out to the Tobacco & Vapour Prevention and Control Team, Island Health, and CRD for resources and suggestions for signage and education.

Winter Concert at Oak Bay was successful with 4 ensembles including a performance by the new Orchestra class.

Winter Formal at Eidelweiss Club was well attended. Students reported enjoying the photo booth, food but mostly the dancing. The group was enthusiastic and inclusive, spending much of the night dancing.

Topaz Park – District is communicating with Vic PD and Bylaw to improve supervision and support for the Topaz Park area. Suggestion from PAC to look at more supportive and instructive communications in the future.

After a discussion about the delayed move back to the “New” school and how the PAC could share future updates about the project, it was decided that the school will send out a link to the School District’s website, where regular updates can be found. A Google Form will also be created and sent to families asking for their thoughts on an independent PAC Newsletter whereby the PAC could send out information independently of the school.

Chair’s Report (Kate)

The PAC received a Thank You letter for Gaming funds from the Dance Department which Kate shared with everyone.

Treasurer’s Report (Kris)

Gaming Account balance is currently 11,694. Operating Account has 7,155 after purchasing two \$20.00 gift cards for volunteer Volleyball Coaches. The Coffee Fundraiser is continuing on a monthly basis.

VCPAC Update (Heather)

No VCPAC meeting this month so nothing to report!

Parent Education “Climate Change – Anxiety and Hope” (Laurel)

Parent education night confirmed: Wednesday, January 18th, 7-9 pm. A promotion sheet with zoom link will be distributed to all the feeder schools of both Vic High and Reynolds.

Room of their Own (Kate)

Kate read a proposal by Darren Alexander suggesting that the school consider creating a Student Lounge. Aaron will connect with Darren to get a clearer idea of what Darren envisions and what might be possible.

Next PAC Meeting January 9, 2023