

Minutes
Vic High PAC meeting in School Library
7 pm, April 17, 2023
Approved May 8, 2023

Attendees: Kate Wallace, Angela Haslam, Aaron Parker, Paula Ceroni, Laurel Hovey, Anisa Newell, Kristine Grenier, David Kennedy, Melinda Kennedy, Willow Minnaker, Sharon Katz

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Introductions

Agenda: Additions were made under New Business and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Angela and seconded by Paula.

Minutes of the February 21st meeting were approved. Motion put forward by Kris and seconded by Kate.

Call for Nominations for next year's Executive will be drafted by Kate and Angela and sent out to all parents.

Principal's Report (Aaron)

- Student Council Assembly in D block Thursday. The last official student Council was in 2006 but there is a growing interest from the Student Body to have an official voice.
- Grad assembly Friday in B block. Lots of things coming together for the Grads, including an increase in scholarship money available. Danya Elkhidir is the first ever Vic High student to be awarded a Loran Scholarship.
- Report cards go home on Wednesday April 26.
- Final distribution, \$15,000-\$20,000, of the Student and Family Affordability Fund, SAFAF will be disbursed. 123 families have previously been identified as being eligible. (This is one-time funding but the Ministry of Ed. is coming up with a new food program for next year.) Will co-ordinate with Fairways Cards so PAC receives a 5% rebate. Kris will connect with Fairways to ensure we still have access to their Community Funding Program.
- Musical Theatre students returning from New York tomorrow.
- Vice Principal Chris Koutougos moving to Esquimalt with Phil Pitre from Mt Doug coming to Vic High in September.
- Professional "hospital" moving company has been hired for the move back to Fernwood in January. This will help the school in a mid-year move.
- Leadership is putting on a school dance and have the funding for it.

Chair's Report (Kate) Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (Kristine)

The Career Centre went 150.00 over budget and a vote was held approving the extra funds. A vote also approved an increase in the amount held in Operating Funds to support an initiative for the new school from the 2500.00 to 4000.00 bringing the available balance in to 1087.87. The Gaming Account currently has 7276.05 with 4192.08 still to be cleared, bringing the available balance to 3083.97.

Coffee Fundraiser (Paula)

Sales have dropped and consideration is being given to finding an alternate means of raising money. Asking for donations using Cash-on-Line is an option.

VCPAC Update (Heather's notes)

Elections still open as they did not have a quorum. VCPAC met with the School District Director Indigenous Education and will work with a coordinator to identify how to engage with Indigenous families in the community.

Fundraiser for the Turkey/Syria Relief (Anisa) Postponed for later date.

New Business**Guest Speakers**

Paula will invite School Councillor and part of the Mental Health Team, Graham Hamilton to speak at our next meeting. Suggestions for future meetings include Catherine Hibbits, Vic High Inclusive Ed Coordinator; Helen Edwards, Vic High Alumni Chair; and Natalie Baillaut, SD 61 School Trustee attached to Vic High family of schools.

Grad

Vice Principal, Dani Mercer has asked if there is any way PAC can support the Grad activities. Kate has applied to Thriftys for help with the BBQ. Nothing definitive decided upon but open to suggestions and/or contributions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kate at 8:32 and seconded by Paula.

Next PAC Meeting (AGM) May 8, 2023.