

Minutes
Vic High PAC AGM in School Library
7 pm, May 8th, 2023
Approved June 5, 2023

Attendees: Angela Haslam, Kris Grenier, Laurel Hovey, Aaron Parker, Graeme Hamilton

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Introductions

Guest Speaker – Graeme Hamilton, School Counsellor began teaching career in 1996 on the Lower Mainland and then moved to Victoria in 2016. Started with Tech Ed and then moved into Counselling. He worked at Vic High from 2017-20 and is back now as Dept Head, working alongside fellow counsellor Paula Manning, the YFC (Youth and Family Counselling) team, and Samantha Spetter (career centre coordinator).

The school counsellors currently spend about 40% of their time on scheduling, 30% on mental health concerns, and 30% of their time working with Inclusive Learning Staff and assorted other duties.

YFC team has been hit with budget restraints and currently consists of 2.6 positions.

Would like support from the PAC to bring in speakers and hold in class workshops with targeted areas and specific topics. Starting to see fallout from Covid – isolation, motivation. Would also like to work on Website Communication to get more information available to help families find resources in the community.

This year the YFC team set up a table with information during Parent Teacher Interviews. *The PAC proposes to invite members of the Counselling Team as September's Guest Speaker(s).*

Agenda: Motion to approve was made by Kris and seconded by Angela

Minutes of the April 17th meeting were approved. Motion put forward by Angela and seconded by Kris.

Principal's Report (Aaron)

- **Upcoming Events** Grade 12 Capstone Presentations – Wed. May 10th, School Dance – Thurs. May 11th, and Black and Gold Alumni fundraiser – Sat. May 12th.
- **Code of Conduct Review** - a few changes have been made for 2023/24 and will be sent out to all families.

- **PAC Meeting Dates** for next year were established taking into consideration any Pro D days, Statutory holidays or other conflicting events that will fall on the regular 2nd Monday of the month.

Chair's Report: Kate unable to attend

Treasurer's Report (Kris)

- General Account balance is 6,640.05 with 4,000.00 being held in reserve for a "New School" Initiative. Waiting for a Fairways cheque for 975.00 which once received will bring the amount available to 3,615.05.
- The Gaming Account balance is 7,276.05. The school has asked the PAC to hold 4,350.34 of this year's approved budget allocations over to next year which brings the total amount available to 2,925.

VCPAC Update: Heather unable to attend but please note upcoming events:

- May 30, 7-9 pm, George Jay Library, VCPAC Awards and Network to Get Ready for next school year!
- May 31, 7-8 pm, Zoom – VCPAC Annual General Meeting
- For other current VCPAC info check out their website at <https://vcpac.ca/>

New Business

- **June Meeting**
- No guest speaker but allow for some informal social time with tea and treats.
- **Future Guest Speakers** – Grad Teacher presentation for Parent Orientation re: Capstone, Scholarships, Winter Formal, Grad events, etc.

Election of 2023/24 Executive: no quorum so postponed until next meeting

Nominees to date:

- Chair –Heather Currie
- Vice-Chair – Anisa Newell
- Secretary –
- Treasurer –Kristine Grenier
- Member at Large – Laurel Hovey
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- VCPAC Rep -

Motion to adjourn made by Kris at 7:55, seconded by Laurel.

Next PAC Meeting June 5, 2023.