

Minutes
Vic High PAC Meeting in School Library
7 pm, November 14th, 2023

(Note: Minutes considered Draft until formally approved at the next PAC meeting)

Attendees: Anisa Newell (Chair), Monique May (Vice Chair), Tanya Weston (Secretary), Kris Grenier (Treasurer), Glenn May (VCPAC rep), Aaron Parker (Principal), Laurel Hovey (Member at Large), Rosemary McCutcheon (Member at Large), Melissa Cistaro, Sharon Katz

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Introductions (Anisa)

Agenda: Motion to approve: Kristine | Seconded: Laurel

Meeting Minutes: October 16 edit - add Conkin as 3rd CLE teacher. Motion to approve: Glenn | Seconded: Melissa

Facilities Presentation - Marnie (Director of Facilities) & Arch (Associate Director of Facilities)

and Due to vandalism before/during construction, exterior cameras to be installed at Fernwood Campus before being occupied.

- Parameters - not active during school hours. Cameras active before/after school~6pm-6am and are motion activated only. Data is encrypted, password protected with access restricted to Associate Director of Facilities only if there is an incident.
- Very effective at South Park - regular vandalism stopped after cameras installed
- Need for cameras is reviewed and approved annually.
- **Motion to approve** installation of exterior cameras: Kris | Seconded: Laurel | All in Favour: yes

Chair's Report (Anisa)

- Staff Appreciation event by Caffe Fantastico went well. Enjoyed by staff.

Principal's Report (Aaron)

- **Indigenous Library Collection** - We have added a significant Indigenous collection organized using the Brian Deer classification system.
- **Athletics Update** - It has been an exciting fall season for Vic High Athletics, with 103 athletes participating in volleyball, soccer, and cross-country teams. There is a music and athletics fundraiser on December 20th at the Victoria Event Centre, which will include music from our very own R&B Band and a silent auction. Here are some highlights from each team:
 - Cross Country: Brian Pinon and Parker Aiken qualified for the BC Championships.
 - Volleyball: Jr. Boys finished third in the city and are competing at Islands Championships today and tomorrow. The Senior Girls team qualified and is hosting the Island Championships this weekend, while the Senior Boys team is the 6th ranked team in the province and the best team on the island. They have Islands this weekend in Comox.
 - Soccer: We were able to field a junior team for the first time in at least seven years, and both teams were able to compete in the league. The Senior Boys finished 4th in the city.
 - Basketball season is starting next week, and it is expected to add about 20 students to our athletics list.
- **Jan 30th BBQ** Rootbeer and Pizza Moving Party? \$1765.15 for Phillips Soda Works

rootbeer and approx \$2200 for Ferwood Pizza.

- Jan 26-30 no classes for students- move to Fernwood Campus, student orientation at new campus, Mid-year party (Homecoming/Goodbye SJ Willis) - need \$4000 to feed 1000 staff/students. Have \$2000 in school budget and requesting \$2000 from PAC
 - **Motion to approve** up to \$2000 expenditure for Mid-year party: Laurel | Seconded: Anisa | All in Favour: yes.

Treasurer's Report (Kristine)

- General Account - Current Balance - \$4625.44 less \$2000 for mid-year party and other new School Expenses held in reserve- \$2000, Outstanding Cheque - \$210. Proposed balance available - \$4625.44
- Gaming Account - Current balance - \$21,178.34. Decided to no longer hold over funds from 2022/2023 (\$695). Teachers will need to reapply in the spring if funds are still desired.

VCPAC (no update, next meeting is November 15. Glenn to attend).

New Business

Teacher Requests for Gaming Funds

- Recommend approval of most expenses ~\$21,178 except Sr. Girls jerseys \$4984
 - Over the next few years, Vic High in consultation with Indigenous Community (4 Houses) will choose 1 mascot/name.
 - **Motion to approve** all gaming fund requests except jerseys: Kristine | Seconded: Laurel | All in favor: yes.
 - Balance in Gaming ~\$2670 available for submissions in Spring.

Parent Education

- Mental Health - increase in gang activity so anxiety rising
 - Monique to reach out to established mental health contact and apply for grant
- Social media?
- PAC receives VCPAC emails with resources, items of interest for parents/caregivers. PAC to send out email with details/links as they arise. Once per month?

Guests for future meetings

- Capstone Project - December?
- VHS Student Council - December?
- Marine Biology Mr. Young - February?
- VHS Alumni

Meeting Adjourned: 8:29pm Motion to adjourn: Laurel | Seconded: Tanya

Next PAC Meeting: Monday December 11, 2023