

Minutes
Vic High PAC Meeting in School Library
7 pm, October 16th, 2023

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

Attendees: Laurel Hovey (Member at Large/Acting Chair), Aaron Parker (Principal), Rosemary McCutcheon (Member at Large), Tanya Weston (Secretary), Kris Grenier (Treasurer), Melissa Cistaro, Monique May, Glenn May, Willow Minaker, Sean Wallace (Guest Speaker)

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Introductions (Laurel)

Agenda: Motion to approve: Melissa | Seconded: Kristine

Meeting Minutes: June 5. Motion to approve: Rosemary | Seconded: Melissa

Guest Speaker (Sean Wallace, VHS Scholarship Coordinator, Career Life 12, Law 11/12)

- Scholarships:
 - Liaises with donors/alumni for scholarship funds and connects students with scholarship/bursaries available. Guide/assists students with applications.
 - Scholarship 12 offered outside timetable. Workshops at lunch.
 - New website: [Scholarship Information](#)
 - 2022 grads - \$315,000 awarded to 56 students from 100 different scholarships
 - Annually available ~\$50,000 earmarked for Vic High Students (57 community donors, local businesses, and Vic High Alumni Association) + \$25,000 (20 district) + other scholarships (ie. banks etc)
- Capstone Project is part of Career Life Connections 12 (CLC)
 - 3 Teachers - Wallace, Morrison & Conkin
 - [En career-education 10-12 career-education-guide.pdf](#)
 - Capstone is an independent culminating project, presentation, or performance that showcases their successes/achievements. How they overcame challenges & reflection of the last 4 years & how it relates to the core competencies. Many students do visual displays. Capstones presented in May.

Chair's Report (Laurel)

- Summarized meeting with Vic High Alumni Association
 - Lots of ideas on how to collaborate. Looking forward to working together. Suggestions: sneak peek tour of new Fernwood campus/social event for parents & alumni in January? Invite to PAC meeting. Participate in Staff Appreciation.
- PAC Exec met for a visioning/strategy meeting:
 - Hope to increase parent participation with PAC and engage the diversity of families represented at Vic High. Support & work with the student body perhaps via student council. Explore ways to strengthen support structures (mental health & preventative) for youth. I.e. annual Fall meet n greet?. Build on the success of last year's Gr 9 families who connected. I.e. Use Whatsapp groupings to meet for coffee, arrange hikes, outings, brunches, service projects etc.. Support for a second staff appreciation effort.
- From the PAC email inbox
 - 1/ BCEdAccess & BC First People Advocacy conference - hybrid event on self-advocacy & disability in education -October 19-22 in Surrey. 2/ Familles du Monde- received letter introducing French Exchange program. For more info <https://www.famillesdumonde.ca/>, 3/

Camosun College has 3rd party (ForwardVu) gathering website feedback (insight into features & functionality) from parents/caregivers of high school students. Virtual workshop on October 18 but if unable to attend, email pangs@camosun.ca with feedback.

Principal's Report (Aaron)

- Sexual Health Clinic starts October 17th, public health nurses will be on site every Tuesday from 11:45 to 1:45 to provide a free and confidential sexual health clinic. They will be hosting the clinic out of the counseling area on a drop in basis.
- Athletics Program is thriving- 105 students on the eight teams. Boys Soccer - currently in the playoffs. Volleyball - both Sr volleyball teams are set to make the Island Championships. Cross Country- several athletes participating in the Cross-Country Islands competition this week. Winter season, we are excited to offer 4-5 basketball teams depending on our number of Jr boys' basketball players. Excited about the new Under Armour jerseys that our Sr girls' basketball team will match our Sr boys' team and push our rebrand forward. Vic High Athletics is a growing program that is preparing to offer more opportunities for the growing populations in the next few years.
- Ghost Walks by Musical theater students participating in this year's ghost walks on October 27. Annual fundraiser for the Musical Theatre program!
- Important Upcoming Dates: Oct 25- Parent Teacher Meetings

Treasurer's Report (Kristine)

- Gaming Account - Received \$17,160 in gaming grant, Current balance - \$21,178.34, Outstanding expense requests - (\$695), Proposed Balance available - \$20,483.34
- General Account - Current Balance - \$8835.44, New School Expenses held in reserve- \$4000, Outstanding Cheque - \$210. Proposed balance available - \$4625.44

VCPAC (Laurel)

- attended 2 meetings - discussed outdated resources/textbooks, canceled Police Liaison Officer (PLO) program (June 2023) & concerns how those services will be replaced. Vic High perspective - noticed that police are slow to respond. PLO helped liaise with victims of crime to navigate the justice system and if criminal activity with youth explained long-term consequences. These tasks are now done by SD61 staff. PAC signed up for VCPAC snips (newsletter). \$75 VCPAC membership fee due by December if PAC wants to vote at AGM (will be reimbursed). Does Vic High PAC want to host a meeting?

New Business

PAC Chair - appointed Anisa Newell, Vice PAC Chair - appointed Monique May, VCPAC representative - appointed Glenn May, Member at Large - appointed Melissa Cistaro

- Adding Tanya Weston as check signatory following resignation of Heather Currie
- Teacher appreciation - October 26 @ 10am, PAC to purchase baked goods from Cafe Fantastico at 2022 cost.
 - Motion to approve expenditure: Laurel | Seconded: Rosemary. Approved
- Parent Info Night grant to be submitted.
- Guests for future meetings TBD at Exec. meeting- VHS Alumni ,VHS Student Council
- Received teacher requests for Gaming Funds - PAC executive to meet to discuss with approved requests announced at November PAC meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 8:31pm Motion to adjourn: Laurel | Seconded: Tanya

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023