

**Minutes**  
**Vic High PAC Meeting (Library)**  
**7 pm, September 16, 2024**

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

**Attendees:** Anisa Newell (Chair), Tanya Weston (Secretary), Ashima Thapar (Treasurer), Aaron Parker (Principal), Laurel Hovey (Member at Large), Glenn May (VCPAC rep/Member at Large), Willow Minaker (Member at Large), Ami Brosseau (Member at Large), Roberta Hamme (Member at Large), Allison Hyatt, Yuliia Yakornova, Eri Aoyama, Liela Safari, Deb Gauf, Greta Skati, Liezl Elesterio, Thelma Vergara, Edith Gruber, Salvador Lozada, Mary Stocks, Jack Tan, Mahmood Razzaghi, Andrew Newell

Land Acknowledgement (Anisa)

**Agenda:** Motion to approve: Laurel | Seconded: Tanya

**Meeting Minutes:** June edits - none Motion to approve: Roberta | Seconded: Laurel

**Chair's Report** (Anisa)

Welcome to all the new faces. Get to know your neighbour for a few minutes then introduce them to the group.

**Principal's Report** (Aaron)

- **Enrollment**
  - We have over 1000 students attending classes at Vic High for the first time in decades. We are excited to test out the full function of the newly renovated school. The Auditorium should be functional in October, work being done in the broadcast studio and small projects around school.
- **Cell Phones**
  - While teachers have discretion in regards to the use of technology for learning activities in the classroom, as a school Vic High is promoting a consistent approach to personal devices. We are asking students to store their devices in the cell phone 'hotel' during class time in all classes. We are also asking that students do NOT take their cell phone with them when they take bathroom or brain breaks during class time. Students may use personal devices during lunch and between classes but the school is a no cell phone space during instructional time.
- **Athletics**
  - The fall season is quickly approaching, and Vic High is excited to offer boys' and girls' volleyball, senior and junior boys' soccer, cross country, and rowing. The Vic High Athletics School Store is open, and the link can be found on the homepage of the website.
- **Open House/Meet the teachers** - September 18 @ 7pm in the auditorium.

**Treasurer's Report** (Ashima)

- Just received access so brief update

- General Account - Current Balance - ~\$4400
- Gaming Account - Current balance - ~\$5400
- Kris Grenier (2023-24 treasurer) submitted the Gaming Grant Application in the summer.
- Signing Authority switched over to Ashima Thapar, Tanya Weston and Anisa Newell.

### **VCPAC Report (Glenn)**

- Glenn May is also on the Executive for 2024/2025
- Survey sent to members over the summer (topic: Areas of focus this year).
- Educational Assistants - School Board proposing to cut \$500K from budget due to unfilled EA positions
- 16 school reps required for Quorum. Turnout has been lower than quorum so it has been hard to make binding decisions. Need more school reps to attend meetings.
- Meetings alternate between 2nd Tuesday & 2nd Wednesday of each month- Zoom and in person. Meeting location rotates through different schools.
  - Next meeting - Wednesday October 9 at Hillcrest Elementary (Library) 7-9pm

### **New Business**

- PAC table at Meet the Teachers (September 18)
  - Suggestion box/Survey - Concerns, questions, what do you want to know more about?
  - List of guest speakers - provide list of past speakers (Scholarship, Sports, Leadership, Student Council, Marine Biology Lab show & tell...)
- Staff Appreciation Event (~85 staff) Fall. Caffe Fantastic on board. PAC to purchase treats from Caffe Fantastico. Coffee etc. graciously donated by Caffe Fantastico.
  - ***Motion to approve up to \$400 for goodies from Caffe Fantastico: Laurel | Seconded: Alison | All in favour: yes***
- Gaming fund requests from Teachers
  - Further discussion at October PAC meeting (defer to November 18/December 16 PAC meeting).
- June PAC meeting date change: changed meeting to June 9 (from June 16- Awards Night)
- BCCPAC - membership fees
  - ***Motion to pay BCCPAC fee. Vic High PAC to submit receipt to VCPAC for reimbursement. Mary Stokes | Seconded: Laurel | All in Favour: yes***

***Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm Motion to adjourn: Anisa | Seconded: Roberta | All in favour: yes***

**Next PAC Meeting: Monday October 21, 2024 at 7pm in Vic High Library**