

Minutes
Vic High PAC Meeting (Library)
7 pm, November 18, 2024

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

Attendees: Monique May (Vice-Chair), Tanya Weston (Secretary), Ashima Thapar (Treasurer), Laurel Hovey (Member at Large), Aaron Parker (Principal), Roberta Hamme (Member at Large), Glenn May, Allison Hyatt, Peter Taylder, Marketa Lund, West Reynolds

Land Acknowledgement (Monique)

Agenda: Motion to approve: Roberta | Seconded: Laurel | All in Favour: yes

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve: Ashima | Seconded: Peter | All in Favour: yes

Guest Speaker: Paula Manning - Academic School Counsellor
(Department Head - Graeme Hamilton)

- Social emotional counselling for all students.
- Grade 12s - Grad checks - registered for or completed requirements for Grade 12 graduation.. Cross checks on ensuring students are on track throughout the year. Meet with students individually as needed.
- “Tracks” is the system used by post secondary for grades/marks. Tracks talks to MyEd used by Province.
- Works closely with Sam Spetter - career counsellor
- Helps students register for student transcripts.

Chair’s Report - NA

Principal’s Report (Aaron)

- **Auditorium**
 - 750-760 seated.
 - Whole student body (~800+) in the auditorium for the Remembrance Day ceremony
 - 4 events have taken place since its opening.
- **Growth Plan**
 - See handout - taken directly from District growth plan
 - Indigenous counsellor position still to be filled
 - Full review of community mascots. Represents & respectful of our neighbours
 - School may develop a 2nd goal- Social Emotional Wellness Goals
 - Feedback from parents / community to be requested
 - BC district standard questionnaire so improvements can be tracked. Grade 9 & 11 fill out survey online

Treasurer’s Report (Ashima)

- General Account - Bank balance - \$4411
 - +\$38 from Soap Exchange to be deposited and -\$210 to be still paid to Starfish
 - Gaming Account - Bank balance - \$5457

VCPAC Report (Glenn)

- Information on Growth Plan to be shared with Schools

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- Safety plan - VCPAC sent letter to District.
<https://www.vcpac.ca/2014-02-21-21-06-04/vcpac-news/309-vcpac-feedback-on-ministerial-order-no-m406-and-related-issues>
- Operations meeting -
 - 3 schools have reported staff student incidents (606 incidents). 50%+ in just 3 schools
 - Elementary EA's and Music Programs
 - Can have more than 1 rep from each school
 - Meetings are hybrid - in person or online

Carried Forward

- Gaming Grant - No news just yet
 - Sports - LVISSA and Sports fee (~\$9491)
 - School can cover part of these fees.
 - Breakfast of Champions - usually 2x per year. For all students, great celebration focusing on human goodness. PAC has supported each year \$800/year. 30-40 people attend.
 - Suggest one event in the Spring with 50-60 people attending.
 - Motion for PAC to fund the Breakfast of Champions but will look at soliciting donations to reduce costs: Roberta | Seconded: Peter | All in Favour: yes
 - Call out to be made to form a sub-committee.
- Fundraising? - Silent auctions (community, direct ask from parents/caregivers, bottle drives \$2000-\$3000.
- Caffe Fantastico - November 27 starting at 10am until after lunch
 - Caffe Fantastico to invoice PAC for the baked goods

New Business

- **School Safety**
 - November 20 - Re-Envisioning School Safety - A Spectrum/Colquitz PAC organized event
- **YMCA/YWCA Y Mind Groups** - free weekly psychoeducational support group for teens 13-18. Upcoming program and dates.
 - **In person - Downtown Victoria YMCA-YWCA 851 Broughton St**
 - **Information & Intake Sessions:** Tuesday January 14 & January 21, 2025 at 5:45-6:30pm. Individual intake sessions after the info session
 - **Group Program Dates:** Weekly on Tuesdays, February 4- March 18, 2025 at 6:00-7:30pm (in person)
 - Virtual sessions
 - Online via Zoom (offered through partner and other & sites across BC). Program Dates: TBA
 - **Information & Intake Sessions:** email Lana at mindfulness@vancouverislandy.ca. Note your interest in an online group.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:51pm Motion to adjourn: Monique | Seconded: Laurel | All in Favour: Yes

Next PAC Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2024 at 7pm in Vic High Library