

**Minutes**  
**Vic High PAC Meeting (Library)**  
**7 pm, February 10, 2025**

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

**Attendees:** Monique May (Co-Chair), Tanya Weston (Secretary), Laurel Hovey (Member at Large), Aaron Parker (Principal), Glenn May (VCPAC rep), Deb Gaul, Allison Hyatt, Natalie Bandringa, Willow Minaker, Peter Taylder, Fakhrah V.

Land Acknowledgement (Laurel)

**Student Council/Leadership Guest Speaker** (Fakhrah- Grade 11 student council rep):

- Representatives are voted in by peers. Reps for each grade, Indigenous, Fairey Tech, Arts/Media, LGBTQ+, SOCA, Neurodiverse, Sports, etc. Those interested in representing had to do a presentation/speech for leadership. Meet once per week to discuss school improvements/
- Working on Food Program - 90-120 students participate (90 food insecure, 30 convenience). Budget supports Monday-Thursday only (no program on Fridays). 50% of the budget is already spent but we are not 50% through the school year. Miss Mercer runs the program. \$8.25/meal. Leadership program does breakfast while food program meals are organized/served by paid staff. Looking for a solution to expand to Fridays - hoping to figure out solutions to raise funding.
- Arrange guest speakers - Wellness Grant - Nurses, Mental Health, Sexual Health,
- Other initiatives - have bathroom doors re-installed.
- 2 new crosswalks across Grant at Camosun were in the original plan. Follow up requests have gone to the City of Victoria.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve: Willow | Seconded: Monique | All in Favour: yes

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve: Allison | Seconded: Glenn | All in Favour: yes

**Principal's Report** (Aaron)

- Visit from the Supreme Court of Canada Judge Justice Karakatsanis on Feb 4 was cancelled due to snow day.
- Transfer Week - applications due this week
- Expecting/planned for ~ 225 new students.
- Course selection - starts Feb 18. Due by
- Musical - City of Angels - March 4-8
- Doors were removed from Bathroom entrances due to lots of vandalism.
- False Alarms - (\$200/fire department visit after 4 "freebies") Vic High has been sent an invoice for \$1400 so far
  - pull station covers to be installed (~\$3000) as deterrent on all pull stations.

**Treasurer's Report** - updated via email

- General Account - Bank balance - \$4265.57 (January balance \$4258.03 + \$8.54 interest received - \$1.00 Deposit interest)
- Gaming Account - Bank balance - \$5457.19

**VCPAC Report** (Glenn)

- SD61 Board was disbanded by the Minister of Education

- Vice-Chair & Chair are stepping down from VCPAC (conflict of interest- both are parents and are teachers). This will leave only the treasurer and 2 directors on the executive.
- Next VCPAC Meeting is on Wednesday, Feb 12 at 7pm at Cloverdale School
  - A Special AGM likely to be called for April

### **New Business**

- Gaming Grant - no word from Gaming
  - Sports - LVISSA and BC Sports fee (~\$9491)
    - School Athletics has paid for this fee (Fundraising & Student fees)
  - Breakfast of Champions - Teachers nominate students who contribute positively to the school community - Award of Goodness (not greatness). Suggest one event in the Spring with 50-60 people attending (April). Tentative set for Wednesday April 23
    - Monique will put a callout to form a sub-committee.
- Mental Health Presentation - Glenn to contact Steve ([www.reachtrauma.com](http://www.reachtrauma.com)) Date to be determined.

### **Parent/Student Resources & Information**

- **Stolen Sisters March** - Sunday, February 16 at 11:45am March from Centennial Square to Legislature.
- **Soap Exchange** - donates 5% of your purchase to Vic High. Just tell them your child/student attends and it is an easy way to give back to Vic High.  
<https://victoriasoapexchange.com/>
- **Y Minds - free, weekly psychoeducational support group** for teens 13-18 and young adults 18-30 experiencing mild to moderate stress, worries and anxiety. Participants learn healthy coping skills through mindfulness, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) and Self-Compassion to navigate their stress, connect with other young people and receive support all in a safe and supportive community environment.
  - **Online registration for information/intake sessions is available here:**  
[YMCA-YWCA of Vancouver Island Online Services \(activecommunities.com\)](http://YMCA-YWCA of Vancouver Island Online Services (activecommunities.com))

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:24pm Motion to adjourn: Glenn | Seconded: Allison | All in Favour: Yes**

**Next PAC Meeting: Monday, March 10 at 7pm in Vic High Library**

### **Carried forward to March agenda**

- Discuss contribution to the Athletics program to help offset \$9491 spent by the school.
- Fundraising? - Silent auctions (community, direct ask from parents/caregivers, bottle drives \$2000-\$3000.