

Minutes
Vic High PAC Meeting (Library)
7:03pm, September 15, 2025

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

Attendees: Monique May (Chair), Anisa Newell (Vice-Chair), Tanya Weston (Secretary), Ashima Thapar (Treasurer), Glenn May (VCPAC representative), Leah Gordon (Principal), Tara MacCallum, Samina Malik Smith, John Mercado, Natasha Okhrimenko, Yuliia Mehelbei, Ester Anderson, Zeta Lay, Fiona Zhu, Lucas Roberts, Natalie Bandringa, Karina Gutierrez, Henry Shiau, Andrew Newell, Willow Minnaker

Land Acknowledgement (Monique)

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

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

Principal's Report (Leah)

- School start up successful - staggered start
- Grade 9's divided into 4 groups
- 300+ course change requests - most processed by end of 2nd week by counselling team
- Just under 1100 students (includes both full-time and part-time international students.)
- 85 staff members
- Cornerstone breakfast on Friday - Pancake breakfast with all the trimmings prepared by the leadership students.
 - Big success
- Athletics - volleyball great turn out (girls, boys, Jr and Sr). Soccer- Boys Jr & Sr held tryouts last week. Practices start this week.
- Meet the teacher night - Weds September 17 6:15-8pm
 - Login to parent connect to get your digital schedule. Link to be included in reminder email.
 - Students are welcome to join.
- Photo Day - September 18
- Club Day - September 25

Chair's Report (Monique)

- Welcome to everyone who attended
- Gaming Grant for 2024/2025 was approved and deposited.
 - Already have reached out to Leah to ask for teacher wishes
- Lunch Program - staffed by 1 EA for 1hr each day
 - Would like to form committees to support Lunch Program, food insecurity and other programs
- Fundraising?

Treasurer's Report (Ashima)

- General Account - Bank balance - \$1565.79
- Gaming Account - Bank balance - \$18,757.19 (after gaming deposit \$17,300)
- 2025-2026 Gaming Grant application done.

VCPAC Report (Glenn, Director of VCPAC)

- First general meeting is Thursday September 18
 - More to update at next meeting

- Mandate is to bring info/concerns of all SD61 PACs to School Board (ie. band budgets, facilities/maintenance, environmental/eco, safety)

New Business

- Meet the Teacher Night - PAC would like to set up an info table - need volunteers to staff table
- How do we engage community?
 - Would like to host a potluck in lieu of a Full PAC meeting (in multipurpose room)
 - Monday October 20
 - Motion to host potluck event with folks bringing dishes from your own culture or favorite dishes to build fellowship/community: Zeta | Seconded: John | All in Favor: yes
 - Use sign up genius to organize
 - Must also have engagement component - i.e ice breakers, music bingo?
 - Offer a PAC lite option - sub-committees to be formed
 - Ask students to contribute via art - music
 - Guest Speaker?
- **Sub-committees**
 - Music PAC - individual student accounts
 - Fundraising committee
 - Grant Writing committee
 - Food Insecurity committee
- **Guest Speakers**
 - Suggestions - Student Council, Safety Officer, White Hatter (internet safety), Indigenous,

Meeting Adjourned: 8:26pm **Motion to adjourn:** Glenn | Seconded: Tanya | All in Favour: Yes

Next PAC Meeting: Monday, October 20 at 7pm in Vic High Library

Parent/Student Resources & Information

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:** [YWCA-YWCA of Vancouver Island Online Services \(activecommunities.com\)](https://www.ywca.ca/vic-island)