



OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

February 27, 2017 | 7:00PM | Library

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Randi Falls (Principal), Deb Gaul (Treasurer), Nancy Mabey (Secretary), Heather Stokes, Catrin de Groot, Ruth-Ann Webster, Grant Kerr, Kate Kerr, Donna Sanford, Christina Aitchison, John Boehme, Bill Pardos, Christine McLaughlin, Linda Horsland, Eva Tyson, Mark Redchurch, Orissa Henderson.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

AGENDA

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 12, 2017 and February 27, 2017 to be approved on March 13, 2017.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. I have felt very welcomed by staff and students as I've been settling into Oak Bay. Kudos to the culture in this school. Part of my role will be to work with the Grade 9 students (academic/social support, family connections).
2. Several things underway as we begin to prepare for September 2017:
 - a. Grade-wide assemblies to discuss course selection
 - b. Course selection forms due today
 - c. Middle school feeder school visits
 - d. Transfer process and informing approved transfers (District informs and we host an evening for families to select courses).
3. Winter sports teams have done exceptionally well – once again Sr Girl's and Boy's basketball are going to the Provincial Championships. Grade 9 boys basketball are going to Island Championships in Cumberland. Our boys group in our Ski team have earned a chance to participate in the Provincials in Whistler. Spring sports: Rugby, Badminton, Track and Field and Girl's soccer are practicing and getting ready for the season. The Swim team went to the Provincials in Kamloops.
4. Band Concerts and Legally Blonde round out our time in the evenings at Oak Bay. These are a genuine pleasure to watch and cheer on the students.

5. We have a Grad assembly tomorrow where the student choose the Valedictorians, choose the theme for the dinner/dance and the song to be presented at the ceremony.

We have one Spring Break retirement: Ron King will be retiring after 32 years of teaching in Applied Skills (and other areas such as Math).

We have a number of staff going on Maternity leave:
Joyce Preston
Jessica Abrami

Report from the Chair

No Report

Report from the Vice-Chair – Position Vacant

Report from the Treasurer

- January, and February, 2017 Treasurer’s reports presented and discussed (documents attached)

Budget Discussion

- Fall 2016 Distribution of Funds report (document attached). This report follows the recommendation put forth by the Finance Committee at their November, 2016 meeting. Tonight’s meeting was an opportunity for parents to review, discuss, and approve or not approve, the expenditures. Parents requested a breakdown (receipts from last year’s Gaming Fund contribution) related to the Athletics request for \$13,000. Pam Carberry will be asked to bring up the records, and the receipts will be presented to PAC once this has been completed.
- Motion to move \$450.00 from the *Music Horwood* line under School Account column into the Gaming Account column, and to contribute \$400.00 from the School Account to Dave Thomson’s retirement gift. Seconded. Approved.
- Motion to approve the Fall 2016 Allocation of Funds. Seconded. Approved.
- It was also suggested that PAC may want to consider advance planning for future financial budget allocations.

Report from the Secretary

No report

OBSSEE Report – Position Vacant

Report from Parents/Other Business

There was a discussion related to the process for Course Selection. Highlights include:

- To reduce pressure on students and families, initiate the course selection dialogue earlier in the academic year – for example, the newsletter could prompt students and families to begin thinking about course selection in early Fall; this would enable students to meet with counsellors as needed (some students missed this opportunity because of the tight timelines, and the limited availability of counselling appointments)
- “Pick and stick” increased anxiety on the part of some students.
- Is there a way for parents to have more input on which teachers their student will have for a specified course?
- Can the district present the summer school options *prior* to the course selection deadline as opposed to the month after the deadline? Not knowing the summer school options complicates the course selection process.
- Ms Falls encourages parents to forward their suggestions, and/or comments regarding the Course Selection process to her directly. For example “it would have been great if...”

Discussion regarding the Musical Legally Blonde:

In future, it is recommended that when a production is a PG 13 production, this be prominent on all posters and advertising; including to the middle schools to whom the invitation to see the production is extended.

NEXT MEETING: Monday March 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT