



# OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

November 27, 2017 | 7:00PM | Library

## MINUTES

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### ATTENDEES

Randi Falls (Principal), Kami Bourgeois (Chair), Nancy Mabey (Secretary), Christine McLaughlin (Treasurer), John Boehme (Member at Large), Catrin de Groot, Kimberley Rogers, Karen Hanneson, Tammy VanHinte, Karen Meyer, Mark Loria, Gabriela Hirt, Carolyn Kroeber, Edan North,

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### AGENDA

Approved.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 16, 2017 approved.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Report - PAC November 27, 2017

1. Updates: Since our last meeting (Oct 16) we have:
  - released Interim reports to students/parents requiring some informal feedback on progress
  - requested data from teachers on our “six week check” (connections made to counsellor and administration for academic support/attendance support)
  - created a reporting system for FOCUS attendance weekly for Advisory teachers to use to schedule students for their focus times
  - created a Healthy relationships committee (several grade 12 students, 2 teachers, counsellor and principal) - we are discussing respectful relationships, consent and a grade 9<->12 buddy/mentor system for girls.
  - placed 50 study carrels through the school.
2. Finance committee met a few weeks ago - please see hard copy of discussion.
3. Grade 11 and 12 Curriculum updates will be draft for 2018-19 school year and will be fully in place for 2019-2020. We will be using much of the

reviewed materials - given the collaborations and time our staff have invested to this date. Grade 10 curriculum will be fully in place for 2018.

4. We have been so busy with the multiple sports we have at any time at our school - please know we really appreciate the time and energy our parents invest in the teams they support.
5. Our Student Services team (Admin and counsellors) are investigating options for parent information evenings - small group discussions, etc around drug use by young people. I'd like to share some ideas with PAC as we move into the New Year -

Upcoming dates:

Report card release - end of day Friday

Band Concert - Dec 5

Drama performances - Dec 6

Parent-teacher interviews - Dec 7 (early dismissal 12:25)

PAC Social - Dec 11

Choir Concert - Dec 13

- Randi brought forward the administration team's concern regarding drug use in the school, and in particular the drug use by students in grade 9 and 10.
- Randi is asking for cooperation from parents – if you hear from your student that drugs are being distributed and/or consumed ***please provide names to Randi, and report these incidents to the Oak Bay police department.***
- There are reports that Xanax is being ground, mixed with fentanyl and caffeine, and then re-pressed into tablets.
- Oak Bay High School is working with Discovery Addiction Services to provide small group counselling sessions – if you have any suggestions or comments related to these upcoming sessions, Randi would like to hear from you.
- Oak Bay High School Police liaison Cst. M. Lueder has made a presentation to the Grade 9 students.
- Discussion generated the following ideas for moving forward:
  - Request Cst Lueder present to the Grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Randi will talk with the Student Services Team (Administrators and Counsellors at OBH) to determine if Cst Lueder may be brought in to do additional presentations;
  - Increase student participation in the P.A.R.T.Y program (which at the moment is offered to students enrolled in the Oak Bay High School Planning 10 course). The [P.A.R.T.Y.](#) (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth) Program is a dynamic, interactive injury prevention program for teenagers;
  - Provide the resource *iMinds* to teachers. *iMinds* is about maximizing young people's [drug literacy](#) and [gambling literacy](#)—the knowledge and skills they need to survive and thrive in a world where caffeine, tobacco, alcohol, other drug use and gambling are common. The goal is to encourage students to both express and think critically about their current drug- and gambling-related beliefs, attitudes and behaviours;
  - Organize a symposium for parents focusing on “street drug” education;
  - Add a weekly education component to Advisory to bring students into the conversation and provide education;
  - Express our concern as parents to School District 61;
  - Host a screening of the documentary “Angst” – Gabriela Hirt to look into this;

Inquire at VCPAC about what other schools in our district are doing to address these issues (Kami Bourgeois to make an inquiry).

- Please, if you have ideas to contribute to this conversation contact PAC or Randi.

#### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

- We are seeking volunteers for the staff appreciation lunch. Please email Kami at [kamlmb68@gmail.com](mailto:kamlmb68@gmail.com) if you can help out, or if you have any questions. Thank you!
- Please email Kami if you can volunteer to serve snacks and help with recovery when the Grade 9s have their vaccinations. The date is December 6.
- The PAC has approved to pay up to \$200.00 for snacks to be available to the students at the vaccination clinics.

#### **REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHAIR**

- Deb Gaul is excused from today's meeting.

#### **REPORT FROM THE TREASURER**

- The treasurer will present the report for November 2017 at the December 11, 2017 meeting.
- Christine presented the OBSS Committee Requests. The matrix is available upon request for those who were not in attendance. Please contact Nancy Mabey at [nmabey@telus.net](mailto:nmabey@telus.net).
- A motion was made to accept the requests as presented with one change to the amount awarded to the Visual Arts Department. Motion approved.
- The Account (after the disbursements) will have a balance of \$5,167.00.
- Christine made a motion to destroy the out of date financial documents. Motion approved. OBSSEE records are kept for 7 years and Account records for 6 years.

#### **REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY**

- Mark Loria will assist Nancy in setting up Event Brite to manage the tickets for Dr. Mohapel's presentation "The Impact of Digital Distraction on Developing Brains". The event is scheduled for Tuesday February 6, 2018 7:00 pm Dave Dunnet Theatre.

#### **OBSSSEE REPORT – Position Vacant**

#### **VCPAC REPORT**

- Deidre Murphy excused.

#### **IN-CAMERA MEETING**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday December 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm

#### **ADJOURNMENT**