



OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

October 16, 2017 | 7:00PM | Library

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Randi Falls (Principal), Kami Bourgeois (Chair), Deb Gaul (Vice Chair), Nancy Mabey (Secretary), Christine McLaughlin (Treasurer), John Boehme (Member at Large), Deidre Murphy (VCPAC Representative), Catrin de Groot, Meg Thompson, Anne Fuller, Edan North, Jennifer LeVecque, Karen Hanneson, Kimberley Rogers, Victoria Barr, Jennifer Bisley.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

AGENDA

Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 25, 2017 were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Finance forms (ie – gaming request forms) were released Friday. We expect them to be return by next week. I will then meet with the committee and invite Christine (and others) to join to review the requests. Hopefully we will have our requests solidified by November.
2. I am working with our Track and Field teachers to refinish the track and level the field on the south end of the school lot. We are applying for a variety of grants and are teaming with Victoria Track and Field to raise \$200,000. The District has put forward \$50,000.
3. The Rugby pitch is still unusable and the issue is presently before lawyers. The original developer has sold his firm and there are some issues regarding party responsible for bringing the field up to the standard as was originally planned.
4. Cops for Cancer was amazing. I'm so pleased and proud of our community raising \$90,000 to send kids to summer camp!
5. The administrative team is bringing forward a plan for a school committee focusing on student health. We are looking for active student involvement and wish to explore avenues to help our students make healthy decisions with regards to "consent", drugs and alcohol and other issues for our adolescents to consider.

6. We have experienced a rash of bike thefts in the recent weeks and are working with OB Police to address. I have suggested the police come and have an “engraving” session with the student cycles.
7. As part of the new Careers and Pathways curriculum, we are encouraging all our GRADE 9 students to participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day (Nov 1). A registration package (including a reflective assignment) has been released to students through English 9 classes. Any student unable to participate is expected to attend classes.
8. Interim reports will be sent home on Thursday for students who the teachers feel are struggling in one or more aspects of a course (homework, tests, completion timelines, etc).
 - Re. Cell phones in classrooms during instructional time: Partial feedback indicates that 85% of teachers feel that cell phones are not a problem. Randi will have a more comprehensive report at the November PAC meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

- 26 Oct – Halloween Dance
- 10 Nov – Remembrance Day Assembly

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- We are seeking volunteers to work the coat check and water station at the Halloween dance.
- Should we do a Staff Appreciation lunch in December? The consensus is ‘Yes’. Kami will report back on the progression/date etc. of the lunch at the November meeting.

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHAIR

- PAC 101 was interesting, useful, and productive. The Superintendent was in attendance. One of the ideas brought forward was that PACs can benefit by establishing, and putting in writing, long term goals. Establishing long term goals gives the group direction, and momentum, in addition to helping shape funding targets. PAC may come to identify long term goals with some visioning exercises i.e. “What keeps you up at night?”

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

- The treasurer presented the following: Treasurer’s Report for October 16, 2017; Direct Access Account (Gaming) Statement of Revenue and Expenses April 4 – June 30, 2017 and September 25 – October 16, 2017. Copies may be requested from Nancy Mabey (PAC Secretary).
- Motion to close OBSSSEE account, move the Gaming Account to CIBC (from BMO), and open a general PAC account also at CIBC. This will centralize our bank accounts. Motion approved.

- Christine has organized all the account information (and the PAC meeting minutes) into a file system that will be kept at the school. Thank you, Christine!

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

- Dr. Paul Mohapel is confirmed to present “The Impact of Digital Distraction on Developing Brains” on Tuesday February 6, 7:00 pm in the Dave Dunnet Theatre. This presentation will be funded through VCPAC Parent Education funds. An application for funds was made in partnership with Monterey Middle School, and Lansdowne Middle School. The presentation is one hour in length with a Question and Answer period to follow.

OBSSEE REPORT – Position Vacant

VCPAC REPORT

- Deidre reports that the District is moving toward a district wide dress code, the bottom line of which is that schools cannot dictate what kids wear. If parents wish to comment on the motion they may email School District 61. Thank you for attending the VCPAC meetings as our representative, Diedre.

NEXT MEETING: Monday November 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT