



## MINUTES

### ATTENDEES

Randi Falls (Principal), Kami Bourgeois (Chair), Nancy Mabey (Secretary), Christine McLaughlin (Treasurer), John Boehme (Member at Large), Catrin de Groot, Erika Goetz-Lad, Alastair Chesson, Roswitha Posingies Chesson, Fenke Weud, Mark Loria (Member at Large), Gabriela Hirt, Heather Thomas (Member at Large), Jose Tudela, Koo Parekh-Walch, George Bielay, Anne Fuller, Beate Schmidtke, Meg Thompson, Carrie Spark, Deidre Murphy (VCPAC Rep), Mark Redchurch.

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### AGENDA

Approved.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 27, 2017 minutes approved.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - No report

Information shared:

- Harold Caldwell, District Principal Student Services (SD 61) is in the process of forming a committee to address Drug Education. Randi Falls will be one of the committee members. Deidre Murphy will inquire about whether or not there is a representative from VCPAC invited to sit on the committee. Randi will keep us posted as to the composition of the committee, and she will speak with Mr. Caldwell to find out if parents from our PAC can join, and if there will be student representation on the committee.
- Oak Bay is hosting a series of workshops through the Boys and Girls Club entitled "Parents in the know". It is a series of six sessions and begins on January 16, 2018.

#### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Grade 9 vaccinations took place all day on December 6, 2017 and overall it went very well.
- If you are contributing food to the Teacher Appreciation Lunch this Thursday, you may drop food off at the office any time after 8:00 am.
- For those who are volunteering at the lunch, please arrive any time after 11:00 am to help set up. Kami will send out a synervoice message with information and a call for volunteers.
- The Principal received a letter from concerned parents raising the issue of safety, and substance use at Oak Bay High School. This led to a discussion highlighting the urgency of the situation, and what can be done to improve it.
- It is agreed that a meeting will be arranged for concerned parents/guardians to further discuss methods of dealing with substance use. Randi will assist with finding space to host the meeting at the school.

- The PAC and Principal agreed to write a letter to the Superintendent of School District 61 Mr Pieter Langstraat. The letter will:
  1. Outline our concerns
  2. Ask for information in terms of what the District is already doing to address substance use education.
  3. Ask for a call to action pertaining to substance use at Oak Bay High School.
- PAC also agreed to send a letter to parents and guardians to warn them that some Grade 12 students were planning a night of drinking and partying known as an 'Endurance Night' on December 21, 2017. This is not a school sponsored or sanctioned event; It is a dangerous situation that has resulted in serious medical situations in the past. It is only a matter of time before tragedy occurs. Kami will draft the letter and send it out as soon as possible.

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

- Deb is excused from today's meeting.

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

- The treasurer's report is available upon request.

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

- Reminder: Dr. Paul Mohapel is scheduled to present "The Impact of Digital Distraction on the Developing Brain" on Tuesday February 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Dave Dunnet Theatre. The tickets are free. An online ticket system will be announced in the near future.

#### **OBSSEE REPORT – Position Vacant**

#### **VCPAC REPORT**

No report

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion: questions, comments, and insights on the topic of substance use by Oak Bay High School students, and the health and safety of students.
- Emphasized the need for education to students across all grades that empower them with the knowledge and skills they need to survive and thrive in a world where alcohol, tobacco and other drug use is common.
- Oak Bay High School policy related to substances is on the website under Code of Conduct 2017.
- Education for students should also include information that provides them with timely, accessible, and safe places to go for support and/or to report concerns.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday January 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm

#### **ADJOURNMENT**