

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

March 12, 2018 | 7:00PM | Library

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Randi Falls (Principal), Kami Bourgeois (Chair), Nancy Mabey (Secretary), Christine McLaughlin (Treasurer), Catrin de Groot, Meg Thomas, Heather Stokes (Member at Large)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

No quorum this evening

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 19, 2018 minutes, and March 12, 2018 minutes to be approved at the April 23, 2018 meeting if there is a quorum.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Report cards released today. Reviewed by Admin electronically (so no signature) - course verification forms are attached and should be reviewed. Courses identified at "Alternate" are not included in the primary or initial schedule build. Alternates will be considered if the student schedule has a conflict with a "Recommended"/requested course.

2. Our "Be More than a Bystander" presentation was 2 weeks ago. Feedback was generally very good. I believe there is interest in exploring other speakers for next year (Jackson Katz was suggested). We start our "Safeteen" for grade 9 students April 11.

3. Anything Goes - Musical for this year was outstanding! It appears next year will be "Mary Poppins". Reminder, too - Drama 9, Drama 10 and Acting 11/12 also perform periodically through the year - as do the Band and Choir groups.

4. There was a notice to OB Police and to the admin team of a threat involving Oak Bay High School. Police responded in the early morning hours to the source of the social media notice. Police determined at that time there was no reason to believe staff or students were at risk at any time. Our Admin team and a District counselor met with the students and parent of the who were involved. We continue to connect with the family; partially due to the coincidental fire alarm pulls (that day and the next). We are working with OB Police to conclude that police file.

5. Basketball season is over. 3 of our teams earned seats in the Provincial Championships. The Ski team also went to Provincials - came in 5th overall! Our Speech and Debate club participated in the "Scholars Cup" hosted by Brentwood College. 2 of our teams of 3 qualified for the "Worlds". 6. We are losing Emma Abrioux (Chemistry and Math) after Spring Break. Andrea McMorran is returning from Mat leave. Joyce Preston (Chemistry) is also returning from Mat leave and will be picking up four of her blocks, leaving three to Angela Zukowski (she has been teaching the students since Sept).

7. The Rugby Team travels to Spain and Portugal and Live Different will be traveling to Mexico this spring break. 8. Preparing calendar for 2018-19. Looking for third Monday/month for PAC. Upcoming Dates: April 4 - School re-opens April 19 - Career Fair for all High Schools (site TBD)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Call for nominations for Executive positions at AGM on April 23, 2018. Please see Kami if you would like further details on any of the executive positions.
- The Grad committee has made a request to PAC for \$250.00 to help offset the cost of the Block Party.

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHAIR - Position Vacant

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

- Lawyer awaiting documents from government to file for 2017.
- Lawyer will bill us for 2017 once documents are received from Provincial Government and submitted for 2017.
- Filing by Lawyer for 2018 will be to close account with Provincial Government.
- Awaiting final contribution from Provincial Employees Donation. Expect it will be in April and will then close account and prepare 2018 CRA filing.
- Cheques received for the Gaming Account.
- Cheques received for the PAC General Account.
- In a review of the BC Gaming Grant Guidelines, the Teacher appreciation lunches do not qualify. I would like approval to write a cheque from OBSSSEE to the Gaming Account to cover the expense.
- I will look into using the Gaming funds for the Grade 9 immunizations, and if there is a conflict, I will let you know.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

• An inquiry was made about the possibility of Dr. Mohapel (Digital Distraction) presenting directly to students in the 2018-2019 school year. He can be booked to do a general assembly or deliver the content directly to classrooms. Nancy to be the contact person if PAC would like to follow-up.

OBSSSEE REPORT – Position Vacant

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion regarding fundraising There is no foreseeable revenue stream for the PAC General Account in the coming year.
- A parent proposes that we solicit \$1.00 per student in September 2018. If agreed upon, we would ask administration to add it to the request for school fees from parents at the beginning of the school year.
- If PAC wishes to fund large scale or long-term projects outside of our currently funded annual events (i.e. Staff appreciation lunch, Grad block party etc.) then those events would require a separate fundraising stream.

VCPAC REPORT

- VCPAC has put out a call for nominations for their annual awards. There are awards for teachers, parents, etc. Nominations are due May 4th. Details, including criteria, and nomination forms are available on the VCPAC website.
- The MOE has added a non-instructional day to the calendar for 2018/2019. This, along with the recent change in date to BC Day, has resulted in the calendar for next year being

adjusted, despite the fact that it had already been approved. The deadline for feedback is March 28.

• District Senior Administration would like to inform PACs that they are willing to attend PAC meetings to discuss topics or issues of concern. Parents can contact Mark Walsh at: mwalsh@sd61.bc.ca. In addition, should PACs think an issue or question might be relevant to other schools, they are welcome to let VCPAC know and they will arrange for the district administration to attend a VCPAC meeting.

UPDATE ON THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Topics we are working on at the moment:

- Our group did some research about the potential improvements of the advisory times at OBH. A document was drafted, a meeting took place with the teacher Tim Spray, the OBH advisory coordinator. Various ideas were discussed and our committee is working on preparing up to two 40 min. presentations to be offered to teachers for their use during the advisories. Themes suggested are mindfulness, mental health, and substance use. Ideally, we hope to use the iMinds curriculum for these presentations. the committee will still discuss recommendations to improve advisory times at schools.
- We are getting closer to figuring out how a health and wellness event for OBH students this spring could look. Meetings with the principal, and the student led group HeadStrong took place and Randi talked about the idea with the staff committee. From the discussed options, our committee favours the idea of dedicating 2 blocks and lunch time for a school wide hands on education on health and wellness. Kami is preparing and outline and will meet with Randi this week to discuss details.
- After further studying the Iminds learning tool the committee values these learning modules on various aspects of addiction even more and wishes to support our staff to use them more broadly. A group of parents is working on figuring out a way to make it easier for our teachers to use IMinds. Kami will talk to the teacher representative to learn how we can support teachers in this.
- We are working on organizing an educational event for OBH parents. Kami is in contact with Michael from the Boys and Girls Club. They are interested in holding an educational event for parents at OBH. Kami will talk to Randi and Michael about a date for this this spring.
- PAC Letter to the school district The committee is in the process of drafting a letter to the SD to address the need for more prevention measures regarding substance use and mental health at schools across the District.
- We talked about the wonderful variety of Clubs at OBH and how getting more kids interested and involved in those would help with school connectedness. We noticed that not all of them are listed on the website. Can that list be completed, please? And how could the clubs be more well known to the students? There could be tables set up with representatives of clubs at meet the teacher night. Club representatives could go to

advisory and talk about what they are doing and that they are inviting new members. Connecting grade 9s and new students to clubs, activities and sports could be a goal for the "Buddies" to focus on.

- Mike is going to talk to Richard Fast about how we could have more recreational sports activities for students.
- Anyone who is interested in supporting our committee work is invited to connect with the PAC Chair.

NEXT MEETING: Monday April 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT