Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting May 14, 2018 | 7:00PM | Library

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Randi Falls (Principal), Nancy Mabey (Secretary), Christine McLaughlin (Treasurer), Deidre Murphy, Gabriela Hirt, Catrin de Groot, Karen Hanneson, Beate Schmidtke

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. AGENDA

Approved

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 23, 2018 minutes to be approved at the June 11 meeting.

4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Kami sends her regrets

5. REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHAIR

Position Vacant

6. REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

 Discussion on the dollar amount to be requested (voluntary contribution) from parents in the first week of school. It was determined that \$10.00 per student would be appropriate; PAC members are invited to contribute potential uses for the funds collected which would then be listed along with the request for contributions.

7. **REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY -** No report

8. VCPAC REPORT

- VCPAC held it's AGM (information updates available on the VCPAC website)
- There is a parent information night "Allergies" May 24, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Spectrum High School.

9. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 1. There has been a request from the District for PACs to be aware of the new District Policy on Dress Code. Parents interested in reviewing this Policy are asked to email me and we can meet to discuss.
- 2. Three Oak Bay students were recognized by Oak Bay Mayor and Council for being "young exceptional stars" Congratulations to: Zach Charlesworth, John Horwood and Tessa Jones.
- 3. One Grade 11 or 12 student is selected each spring to sit on a committee which provides information and perspective to the Superintendent. These students attend Board meetings as well as participate in other discussion groups. Annika Weir is our representative for this upcoming school year.

- 4. We have one more SafeTeen presentation by the end of the day Wednesday, we will have offered this program to all our Grade 9 boys and girls.
- 5. We are changing our awards presentation slightly. June 11 will still be a full school assembly recognizing three of the 4 pillars: Athletics, Fine/Performing arts and Service/Citizenship. The 4th pillar (Academics) will be a FOCUS block presentation on June 14 where we will award the students who have qualified for monetary awards (Scholarships and Bursaries). In the past, these awards were presented in the fall of the following year (Provincial exam marks were required to determine eligibility) and it was always difficult to connect with all grads for the awards.
- 6. Congratulations go to: History and Scholarship teacher: Scott Alexander. He was awarded a Prime Minister's award for teaching excellence for his work with bringing History to life for students. Sanjai Sundher has been awarded a Loran "Teachers Building Leaders Award". Students who have been awarded a Loran Scholarship are invited to nominate an educator who they believe helped them achieve excellence.
- 7. On Thursday we dismiss our students at 12:25 to prepare for the arrival of our new Grade 9 students. Tours, activities and connections are the focus of this afternoon.
- 8. Our Fine Arts programs are coming to the finish line with Evening of Dance last week, Concert Band tomorrow and Jazz and R&B final May 28. Lots of trips and community concerts lined up for the last 5 weeks, as well.
- 9. Track and Field, Girls' Soccer and Rugby are still going strong. Island Championship for Track is in Port Alberni tomorrow and Wednesday. Our Sr Girls Soccer is in the Island Championships in Nanaimo today and tomorrow.
 - Our Sailing team won the Discovery Cup (Royal Vic Yacht Club event against SMU). Our Golf team qualified for the Island Championships. Tennis and Badminton are moving along in their events as well.

Upcoming dates:

June 5 - Choir concert

June 6 - Grad

June 7 - Aboriginal Grad

June 11 - Awards

June 11 - PAC

13. UPDATE ON THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

- It is hoped that a Town Hall meeting can occur the week of June 18, 2018.
- Request for administration to consider extending the funding for the Advisory Coordinator position (and Tim Spray to continue in this role if possible). Randi Falls says that this will be a September decision based on funding.
- Randi also reports that Advisories can, and are, manipulated to ensure compatible
 demographics; students will move up to the next grade level with their assigned
 mentors (i.e. grade 9's paired with grade 11 students will be partners in grade 10 and
 grade 12.)
- Parents who wish to discuss their student's advisory placement are welcome to contact Randi.

NEXT MEETING: Monday June 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm Short meeting followed by refreshments and Social.

ADJOURNMENT