



MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Randi Falls (Principal), Melanie Paas (Vice-Principal), Phil Pitre (Vice-Principal), Kami Bourgeois (Chair), Kimberley Rogers (Co-Chair), Deidre Murphy (Secretary), Beate Schmidtke (Member at Large), Gabriela Hirt (Member at Large), Karen Hanneson (Member at Large), Kathryn Robertson (Member at Large), Nancy Mabey, Catrin de Groot, Heather Stokes, Jennifer LeVecque, Jen Chambers, Nathanya Vo, Hazel Currie, Stephanie Novak, Anne Grimm, Stella Spak, Manjit Aitken, Meg Thompson, Kelli Mulley, Mark Redchurch, Koo Parekh-Walch

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft of June 11, 2018 minutes circulated; to be approved at October 15, 2018 meeting.

Motion made to change the process for approving minutes of PAC meetings (draft minutes would be sent via email to the PAC Executive and individuals that attended the meeting for approval).

Motion to be voted on at the October PAC meeting.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Looking forward to the year and to working with the school and the PAC

REPORT FROM THE VICE CHAIR

- A brief online survey to determine parent/guardian priorities for the year has been drafted and will be sent out soon on behalf of the PAC

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER – Report from the Chair in the absence of the Treasurer

- The Gaming grant (funding from the Provincial Government, equal to approximately \$20 for each full-time equivalent student) has not been approved. Funds will be received in late September or early October, and decisions re disbursement will be made at the October PAC meeting.
- Funds from parental contributions to the PAC fund currently stand at approximately \$6400.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

- Nancy will investigate whether the PAC can apply for the \$250 VCPAC parent education grant to be put toward Dr Paul Mohapel's presentation to students on the effects of technology on the brain.

VCPAC REPORT (position vacant)

- The VCPAC representative position will be posted in the school newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Student body comprises 1300 students, including 130 international students
- The school has had an outstanding start-up, with a number of new staff and a new School Liaison Officer
- Five trades classes were collapsed due to lack of a qualified instructor (despite intensive recruitment efforts), resulting in adjustments to 60 sections. The District Pathways and Partnership Department is working with the school, along with other institutions (e.g. Camosun College) to provide students with hands-on experience in trades and technology.
- Inclusive education position for the school remains open
- PAC donations currently stand at \$6400; donation continue to be accepted
- September's Professional Development Day was very successful. Discussions focused on key areas of focus for the school year, including assessment and inclusion.
- Island Ukulele group (Little Ukes) has requested use of the school library on the evenings the PAC meets; it was agreed that PAC meetings will be held in an alternative location going forward to accommodate the request.
- Canadian Universities event to be held Tuesday, September 25th, 2018. 50 post-secondary institutions from across Canada will be present.
- Tour de Rock (Cops for Cancer) event October 4th
- Two 'party program' sessions will be held on October 11th, focusing on recovery from brain injury and making wise choices. Sessions are primarily for Planning 10 students.

VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

The school has a number of initiatives in place for grade 9 students, including:

- Darren Laur (the 'White Hatter') presentation on digital safety and literacy
- Mentorship program - grade 11 (and some grade 12) students are acting as mentors for grade 9 students. Mentors have received training, and have between two to five mentees each.
- Grade 9 Leadership Club - attached to the Grade 10 – 12 Leadership Club; grade 9 students to be mentored by the older students.
- Grade 9 PE (now Physical Health Education, or PHE) curriculum has been changed to incorporate elements that were previously part of Planning 10. A number of professionals are coming in to the school to work with PHE staff, including a public health nurse, and outreach speakers from different organizations (e.g. Aids Vancouver Island, the Foundry Youth Clinic). The new curriculum will be rolled out to other grades in time.
- The Oak Bay Rec Teen Centre (attached to the school) is free to students and open every day at lunch, Monday – Wednesday 3 – 5 pm, and Friday 2 – 4 pm.
- The annual school Halloween dance will be held on October 25th. A request for parents to help in the evening will be sent out by the school.
- Two grade 12 students have started Intramurals volleyball (two days a week)
- The Student Council is planning a number of events for students (e.g. pancake breakfast)
- Large graduating class this year (359 students)
- Grad dinner and dance at UVIC on May 10th, 2019; graduation ceremony June 5th, 2019
- Grad Leadership Group has organized a number of events to raise money for Cops for Cancer
- Grad photos: Oct 22nd and 26th in the Rec Centre (information will be on the school website)

UPDATE ON THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

- Naloxone training was held off-site at the end of the last school year and was well-attended
- Discussion was held re the possibility of holding a Health and Wellness Fair (to be organized with students) in October (Mental Health Month)

- Discussion was held re how the Health and Wellness Committee might continue to work with the school to help support students' health. The question was raised as to whether this might be a better fit for the District, as the issues are not limited to Oak Bay High School.
- A motion was put forward (based on the Health and Wellness Committee's end of school year report presented at the June 11th PAC meeting), requesting the School Administration consider the initiation of a dialogue about student mental health and substance use with school-connected stakeholders (e.g. students, parents, community members, School Liaison Officer), such as a roundtable or a series of meetings, in order to build on the good work already being done in the school, and to further foster resilience and school connectedness.
- The school administration would like further information
- Motion carried

SPEAKERS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Discussion re speakers for the upcoming year tabled until completion of the PAC survey for parents/guardians.

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Information session by Marketa Lund (emergency preparedness representative, VCPAC) on emergency reunification to be held October 3rd at Margaret Jenkins Elementary School.

NEXT MEETING: Monday October 15, 2018, 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT