



## MINUTES

### ATTENDEES

Randi Falls (Principal), Kami Bourgeois (Co-Chair), Kimberley Rogers (Co-Chair), Karen Hanneson (Treasurer), Deidre Murphy (Secretary), Mark Loria (VCPAC Rep), Kathryn Robertson (Member at Large), Carrie Spark, Jen LeVecque, Hazel Currie, Kelly McClaren, Christine McLaughlin, Anne Grimm, Janet Morris-Reade, Paula Marchese, Jane London

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

### REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

- An overview of the PAC was provided, including its purpose (to facilitate information between parents and the school). The point was made that the primary function of the PAC is not fundraising.
- The PAC Executive is looking into guest speakers for the year; parents are asked to let the PAC Executive know if they have any suggestions for speakers.
- An FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) document has been created in response to questions raised by a parent about the school last year. Once complete it will go on the PAC website or the new Oak Bay School App.
- Sign-up sheets for parents/guardians to help out with various PAC and PAC-supported activities, including Teacher Appreciation Lunch, Grad Committee, and the Halloween Dance were circulated; sign-up sheets will also be available at the Meet the Teacher night on Thursday.

### REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

- The PAC maintains two accounts:
  1. Gaming Grant - based on funds secured through the Gaming Grant (every year schools receive money from the Gaming Commission; fund allocation is based on student numbers). Expecting approximately \$25,000 this year (slightly less than last year).
  2. Parent Voluntary Fund – recommended contribution is \$20 per student; the fund for this year currently stands at \$5260.
- Money from the Gaming Grant account is used to fund extra-curricular activities/items
- Money from the Parent Voluntary Fund can be used for both curricular and extra-curricular activities/items.
- The deadline for teachers to submit applications for funding from both the Gaming and the Parent Voluntary Fund is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Kami (PAC Co-Chair) and Karen (PAC Treasurer) will attend the upcoming PD day for a few minutes to encourage teachers to apply for funds and answer any questions. Once received, the PAC Executive will review the applications with a view to sharing them at the October PAC meeting. The aim is to get funding to teachers within 60 days.
- The total amount in both accounts currently stands at just under \$6,000.
- The question was raised as to whether parents can contribute more than \$20 per student to the Parent Voluntary Fund. As it stands, it's difficult to contribute more; the PAC Executive will look into making it easier to contribute different amounts for next year.
- A question was asked about PAC contingency funds; it was noted that a small contingency fund is maintained from the Parent Voluntary Fund for events that arise throughout the year, such as last-minute speakers or an activity for which a group requires funds.

## REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

No report

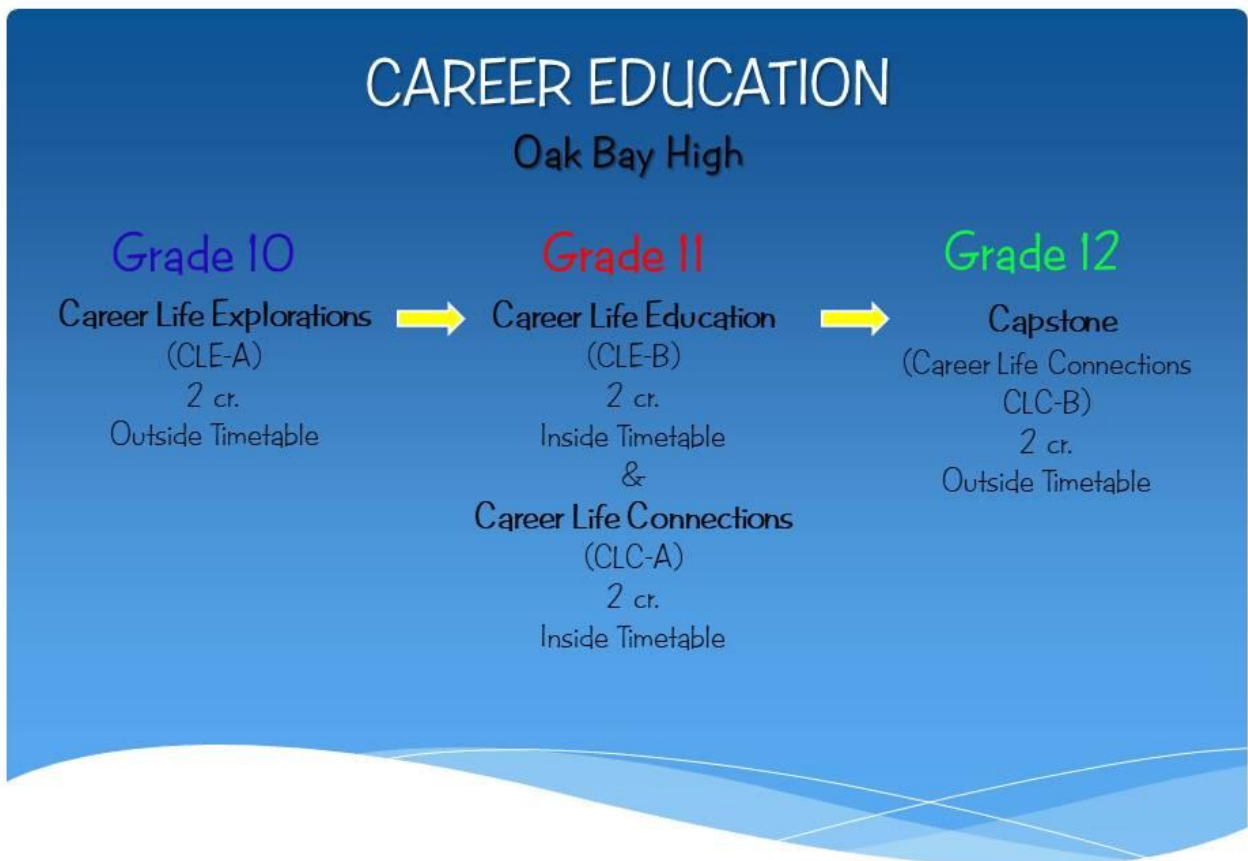
## REPORT FROM THE VCPAC REP

- The VCPAC (Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils) consists of representatives from all PACs in the Victoria and Sooke School districts
- Meetings focus on different issues/topics; last year there was a lot of discussion about catchment areas, for example
- The first VCPAC meeting for the year will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> at Campus View Elementary, at 7 pm
- VCPAC funds a number of parents to attend conferences (e.g. Vancouver Island Parent Conference); Mark (VCPAC Rep) will let PAC members know about these conferences and opportunities to apply as they emerge
- VCPAC holds an awards ceremony every year to recognize teachers, coaches, parents, and PACs. The call for nominations typically goes out in early Spring. It is recommended that we put names forward for awards.

## REPORT FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back! We presently have 1262 students and are at capacity for registrations. Some students remain on the “out of catchment” waitlist and we are still tracking down potential “no show” students.

1. We have a number of new staff: Phil Ohl joins us as a new VP (Phil Pitre moved to Mt Doug). Michael Orlandi is Tech Ed, Syke Gilbert (Language Arts), Julianne Cameron (Language Arts), Megan Johnson (Math), Natasha Nygaard (FRAL 10 for Garraway Mat leave), Steve Chapco (Sciences Humaines 9), and Derrick Norton (Sciences). Several positions closed today and we hope to have all positions filled by end of the day tomorrow.
2. Career Education - IF your student was in Grade 10 last year OR is in Grade 10 THIS YEAR



3. IF your student chose SIDES as the vehicle for Careers Exploration:

Grade 10	Grade 11
CLE 10 (4 credits)	CLC 12 A (2 credits)
AND – CLC 12 B (Capstone) is done at home school for 2 credits	

4. IF your student had CLE A with us in grade 10 = 2 credits

Then to SIDES in Grade 11: CLE A and B = 2 credits (CLC A already completed at Oak Bay – so no credits awarded)

Stay at SIDES for CLC 12A for 2 credits

And CAPSTONE with us for 2 credits

5. CAPSTONE for 2020 grads – is worth 4 credits...the student must have completed Career Connections for 4 credits.

6. Goals for our school for this upcoming school year include strengthening connections with our District Partner and Pathways group, continuing to support and promote wellness in our school and Authentic Assessment practices. This upcoming Pro-D day will be focusing on the Assessment practices including the Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Assessments.

**Upcoming dates:**

- o Sept 19 – Meet the Staff Night
- o Sept 23 – Pro D
- o Sept 25 (Wednesday) - Team Planning – Classes at 9:20
- o Oct 1 – CUE 8:30 -11:30
- o Oct 16 – Band Concert 7:00 pm

**PAC EXECUTIVE: VACANT POSITIONS**

- Members-at-Large positions are open. The positions involve minimal commitment and give parents/guardians an opportunity to give feedback in an ongoing way, without a portfolio of responsibility.
- Kelly McLaren acclaimed as new PAC Member-at-Large

**OTHER**

**Feedback from Parents:**

- Students love the new schedule; it allows more time for in-class discussion and is less stressful and anxiety-inducing. It gives students more time to think.
- The extra 10 minutes [later start time in the morning] is also welcome.
- Randi Falls explained that teachers like the longer classes (70 minutes), and noted that issues re lateness will show up more quickly than with the old timetable.
- Parents also expressed appreciation for and positive feedback on the new Oak Bay School app

**Screenagers**

- A parent reported that a new movie by the producers of Screenagers (aimed at understanding the impact of technology on teenagers) is out; it was suggested that the PAC could consider buying and screening the film in partnership with other schools in the area (cost is approximately \$900).

**Parenting Classes – Boys and Girls Club**

The following information on parenting classes offered by the Victoria Boys and Girls club was shared by a parent:

- The programs are affordable, inclusive, and use an evidenced-based curriculum.

- The programs are a great mix of parent education and group support. Parents rave about the programs and many have expressed that our group is their weekly self-care and that it has built community for them as they do this very good and yet challenging work – raising kids/preteens/teens/adults!
- **Fall Parenting Programs:**
  - Parents in the Know (for parents of teenagers)  
345 Wale Road, Colwood  
Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm starting October 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Parenting Without Power Struggles (for parents of preteens)  
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  - Parenting Without Power Struggles (for parents of preteens)  
Norgaard Boys & Girls Club Centre, Brentwood Bay  
Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am
  - Parents Together (ongoing program for parents of teenagers)  
1195 Esquimalt Road  
Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Fall Resource Fairs:**
  - Spencer Middle School Resource Fair Thursday, September 26th from 6-7pm
  - SD62 Community Resource Fair Wednesday, October 23rd 3:30-5pm @ MFRC
  - SD61 Community Resource Fair Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:30pm @ Uplands school gym

**NEXT MEETING:** TBD; a message will be sent advising parents and guardians of the date

**ADJOURNMENT**