



MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Randi Falls (Principal), Kimberley Rogers (Co-Chair), Karen Hanneson (Treasurer), Deidre Murphy (Secretary), Kathryn Robertson (Member at Large), Catrin de Groot, Hazel Currie, Christine McLaughlin, Anne Grimm, Paula Marchese, Manjit Aitken, Kathleen Dow, Kimberly Smit, Chris Lukie, Jen LeVecque, Carrie Spark

WELCOME

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

- Kimberley is working with Monterey Middle School and VP Melanie Paas to screen a film on the impact of social media for students and the community; either Screenagers or the Like movie. Looking into cost and logistics.
- Kimberley has talked to Melanie Paas about whether the PAC might be interested in setting up a once-a-week breakfast club. It would involve organizing breakfast for students once a week. A similar program has been run successfully at Claremont and Vic High. Options include partnering with a local bakery (such as Cobs), or an organization such as Kiwanis, to solicit baked goods, equipment, etc. It would require a few parents, as well as students to run. Possible opportunity for leadership students, for example. Volunteers would be supervising, as opposed to serving students during breakfast. Need to do some more research. Any parents/guardians who may be interested in helping out once a week, contact Kimberley or another member of the PAC.
- Potential speakers from the school community:
 - Sandrine Perry – School Liaison Officer
 - Will Moore – Head of Counselling
 - Scott Alexander – Careers Education (something around scholarships and things that happen outside the timetable)
 - District representative for other opportunities
- If parents/guardians have any other topics of interest or speakers to suggest, please contact Kimberley.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

- There is currently \$28,193 available in our Gaming Funds bank account. This includes the \$25,140 B.C. Gaming Grant received for the 2019-20 school year.
- The Parent Voluntary Contribution Fund has received \$6,500 this school year from parents. Once that is transferred to the PAC by the school, the Parent Fund Account will stand at \$8764.

- As the PAC needs to keep money aside (recommend approximately \$2000) for parent education and contingencies, there is \$34,957 in total available to disburse to teachers and coaches who have applied for PAC funding for a variety of very worthwhile initiatives.
- The PAC Executive met earlier this month to review all the applications; the Executive's funding recommendations were presented to the PAC at this meeting. Under the proposed distribution of funds, all applications will be given at least partial funding, and many will receive all the funding they requested.
- The tables below provide a summary of the initiatives and recommended funding for each. Each application was discussed, questions answered and the funding to be provided was voted upon by the PAC and approved as detailed below.

Gaming Account

Initiative	Funding Allocated	Purpose
1. Robotics Team	\$1220	Replacement of programming laptop
2. Colour Clash Teams	\$400	Grade 9 transition event equipment rental, etc.
3. Rugby Teams	\$1500	Help offset cost of new rugby scoreboard (most of the \$12,500 needed is being fundraised by the rugby team)
4. Athletics	\$22,500	LVISSAA fees, BC School Sports registration, Island and Provincial championship entry fees, senior girls' soccer and basketball uniforms
5. Connect to Care	\$2000	Food/fees/gifts for guest speakers; training
6. Awards	\$500	Maintenance and engraving of awards

Parent Fund Account

Initiative	Funding Allocated	Purpose
7. Counselling	\$500	Supplying food for students in school's counselling area
8. Biology/Environment Club	\$600	10 chest waders for study and maintenance of Bowker Creek area
9. Grade 10 Program	\$1208	Two sessions of Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth (PARTY program) and bus transport
10. Book Read	\$800	Books and prizes for reading challenge
11. French Immersion	\$1250	Professional journalist workshops with Grade 11 classes; production of radio programs
12. Visual Arts	\$600	Purchase of perpetual trophies for three Visual Arts awards
13. Choir	\$1792	Purchase of microphones and cords

- Total funding from the Gaming Account is to be \$28,120. Total funding from the Parent Fund is to be \$6750. Letters will be sent to teachers during the first week of November to advise them of the funding they have been granted. Total funding approved by the PAC is \$34,870.

Motion to accept the PAC Executive's funding recommendations made by Paula, seconded by Christine. Carried.

Questions raised during the meeting

- *Is it possible for tax receipts to be issued for contributions made to the Parent Contribution Fund?*
The PAC Executive will look into this for next year.

- *Is it possible to include an option for parents/guardians to donate more than the current amount of \$20.00 per student to the Parent Voluntary Fund?*
The PAC Executive will look into this for next year.
- *Why does Athletics receive such a big proportion of the funding?*
Entry fees for competitions such as Provincials and Island championships are very high.
- *What is the purpose of the optional \$40 athletic fee?*
The funds raised will help with travel and cover teachers, and will give athletics a bit more flexibility in general.
- *Is it possible for parents/guardians to be given a breakdown of what the optional athletics fee funds were spent on?*

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

- No report

REPORT FROM THE VCPAC REP

- No report – position vacant

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Meet-the-staff night in September went well. We'll continue with the format for next year. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for Nov 7. Early dismissal for students (12:25).
2. We continue to connect with our Grade 9s to foster community. Counsellor Will Moore is spending 3-5 meeting times with all the English 9 classes (we have 12). His "end in mind" is building community and communication between the grade 9s in what he calls a "kindness" project.
3. The District Partnerships and Pathways team has been helping us connect our students with local career pathways. We sent 20 students to Viking Air in Sidney to explore opportunities in the aviation sector.
4. Victoria and Saanich police brought a last-minute presentation to us on the 17th. DIAD was a presentation on distracted driving - offered to our Grade 10-12 students (some grade 9 classes attended as well).
5. Our Volunteer Fair was well received, and it appeared students in all grades (not just our 10s) connected with different volunteer groups.
6. We have our first Career Expo on Nov 6 - 36 different careers for the students to access and learn more about. This, too, is a requirement of CLE 10 A. We also have our Grade 9s on Take Our Kid to work (TKOW) on Nov 6.
7. We have met several times recently with the organizer for the Canadian Francophone games. Our Alumni association is on board to see if there is a potential to help us fundraise to resurface the Jack Wallace track so it can be used for the youth athletes in July 2020 and our programmes and the community moving forward.
8. Our Band and Choir have already had concerts - both groups sounding strong and having fun. Ms. Tina Horwood (Choir Director) was honoured by her peers at the BC Music Educators Association conference as being BC's outstanding music educator at the high school level. Clearly a tremendous honour for Tina and our school!

9. Report from Scholarship: The offers for our 2019 grads to UVic (this doesn't include kids who earned an award and deferred for this year) - amazing result: 84 kids offered, 13 Excellence Awards and 2 Maurice William Summerhayes Memorial Scholarship (40 K each). A total of \$540,000!

10. Sports:

- Rowing - City Finals in 2 weeks
- Cross Country - Provincials early next week
- Field Hockey - 1st place at this time. Also won the Bridgman Cup (last win was 46 years ago!) and the May Tully Shield. Field Hockey Development Team is also first place!
- Sr Boys Soccer - Island playoffs starting tomorrow
- Jr Boys Soccer - finished third on the Island
- Volleyball - Islands start next weekend

VACANT POSITIONS

- Motion to elect Paula Marchese as a PAC Member-at-Large seconded and carried.
- VCPAC Rep – temporary

OTHER BUSINESS

- A number of parents have questions about volunteer opportunities for grad (e.g. Dinner Dance, decorating, block party).
- VP Phil Ohi will report to the PAC on grad plans at the next PAC meeting
- Grad will be held on May 22 at Ocean Point
- The Block Party is usually organized by parents, not the school.
- Junior Girls Basketball – would love to run a B team but there isn't a coach. If any parent or community member is interested in coaching, contact Aaron Frampton.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 25, 7.00 pm School Cafeteria

ADJOURNMENT