



MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Melanie Paas (Vice-Principal), Kimberley Rogers (Co-Chair), Karen Hanneson (Treasurer), Deidre Murphy (Secretary), Anne Pappas (VCPAC Rep), Kelly McClaren (Member-at-Large), Hazel Currie, Terry Lyon, Stephanie Novak, Orissa Henderson

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

GUEST SPEAKER - CONSTABLE SANDRINE PERRY (SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER)

Constable Perry has been the School Liaison Officer at the school for two years. She spoke to parents about ways in which she is working with the school to support students, as well as on issues such as social media and consent.

Talking points included the following:

- The importance of school-police liaison offers establishing relationships with students from K - 12
- Constable Perry is working with Linda Tate, a counsellor in the school, to educate and support female students around the use of social media and consent in order to help them understand the implications of actions such as photo-sharing, as well as how to make good decisions.
- This year the focus has been on grade 9 - 10 girls.
- Has taught yoga classes to students this year.
- Important to continue discussions at home and to build students' self-esteem.
- Vaping is an issue; the school is dealing with it and the government is changing legislation around vaping.
- Parents also have a responsibility in helping students navigate and be safe on social media (now and in the future). Recommended strategies include:
 - Knowing passwords to children's phones
 - Checking messages
 - Monitoring access
 - Being familiar with apps children are using
- Other initiatives include presentations last year on substance use
- Constable Perry works with the school in different ways: talks to students, helps them to understand potential consequences of their actions.
- Boys have had sessions from Island Sexual Health (ManMade program for grade 9s and a session on consent for grade 12s).
- Parents talked about the Snapshots produced by the District and sent out by the school. The question was raised as to whether the District is looking at what response the snapshots are getting? A survey was sent out last year to get feedback. The school is looking at different options to help ensure students read/access the information in the posters (e.g. a wall featuring all the snapshots, or hard plastic covers for installation of the posters in bathrooms).

STAFF APPRECIATION EVENT

- This year's Staff Appreciation event will be a staff breakfast, to be held on the morning of Thursday, April 9th (Team Planning Day) from 8 – 9.30 am in the cafeteria.
- The change in time means parents/guardians will need to drop off food and other needed items before school on the day (there will also be an option to bring contributions the afternoon or evening before).
- Contributions and help on the day will be needed to ensure enough food for approximately 110 teachers/staff
- Volunteers will also be needed to help in the morning with serving and clean up, and/or the evening before to set up the cafeteria
- More information will follow, and a Sign-up Genius will be circulated before Spring Break for parents to sign up for food contributions and/or help on the evening of the 8th or the morning of the 9th.

REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIR (KIMBERLEY ROGERS)

- Information shared by a student at UVic re free entry for students (with ID) to Point Ellice Heritage House Museum and Gardens:
Looking for a bit of fun this March break? Head over to Point Ellice Heritage House in Rock Bay area with your student ID card. Your ID will give you free entry into the historic house, museum, and gardens of this hidden gem for all of 2020. The home is possibly one of the most central sites to Victoria and BC history, as it was the home of Indian Reserve Commissioner Peter O'Reilly and his family for several decades. The house boasts the largest collection of Victorian objects passed down through a single family. It also has short scenic trails and a waterfront view. If you happen to be in the area grabbing food from the numerous vendors nearby, like Parachute Ice Cream and Saltchuck Pies, bring your snack over, grab a seat on our lawn, and enjoy the weather! The views are Insta-worthy. Point Ellice House Museum and Gardens will be open this March break on Saturdays and Sundays, 12 pm to 4 pm.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

- Funds are being disbursed from the two PAC accounts (Gaming and Parent Contribution Fund) to cover commitments made at the start of the year.
- Forms to close the third account (OBSSSEE) have been submitted to the CRA; the status of the account will be finalized shortly.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

- No report

REPORT FROM THE VCPAC REP (ANNE PAPPAS)

- The VCPAC rep received a last-minute invitation to attend a Talking Tables Budget Dinner meeting on February 20. It was an opportunity to discuss topics around learning and resources, as the funding model for education in BC is changing. Trustees want feedback from stakeholders as they move toward approving the 2020-2021 preliminary budget in April.
- A review of the way funding is allocated in the K-12 public education sector in BC was conducted and a report provided in 2018.
- There were 10 parents in total; Anne was the only VCPAC representative from a high school. Each table had board members, trustees, principals, VPs, teachers, etc., providing opportunity for rich discussion.
- Input from students was gathered earlier.
- The new funding model has implications for high schools in terms of funding for courses taken inside and outside the timetable. There will be no extra funding for courses taken outside the timetable, for example, which means schools may not be able to offer all courses.
- Important that parents understand the implications of the proposed new funding model.

- The report is available here: [Improving equity and accountability report BC Ed 2018.pdf](#) (the funding model report on p 36 outlines the basic allocations).
- Notes from the Talking Tables will be posted on the website.
- The suggestion was put forward that the report be circulated and discussed with school administration.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (MELANIE PAAS, VICE PRINCIPAL on behalf of RANDI FALLS, PRINCIPAL)

- PAC approval for the use of Connect-to-Care funds allocated by the PAC in the fall to help pay for student and staff screenings of the LIKE movie in early April requested (PAC applied for and received District funding for a joint community screening of the film with Monterey Middle School).
1. We are in the process of completing the review of transfer requests across the district. I anticipate that Oak Bay will not be able to accept any transfers for grade 9 placement at this point until we begin the school year.
 2. We have completed course selection for our present students and will be visiting our middle schools for course selection next week.
 3. Several terrific assemblies have been offered to our students recently and upcoming: Youth Philanthropy Initiatives (YPI) showcased the work of our students researching 27 different local charities and sharing their findings to compete for \$5000 grants to go towards the “winner” charity. This year the winner was the Victoria Youth Clinic.
 4. Grad assemblies will be more frequent and more important as we get closer to the finish line for our grads. Today we had our Valedictorian “speak off” and chose the grad song and grad gift. The valedictorians: Zach Charlesworth and Paris Ford. The grad song theme from Friends - “I’ll be there for you” and the gift: a donation to re-surfacing the Jack Wallace track.
 5. We hosted the BC Lions “Be More than a Bystander” presentation for our grade 11 and 12 classes. This presentation provides some perspective on “safe partying” and consent.
 6. We have a grade 9 presentation on Wednesday - Take Care of Each Other and Take care of Ourselves (TCO²) will present on consent and safety in the community.
 7. Basketball - Sr Boys won the Islands and are heading to the Provincials. Jr Boys are presently playing in the Provincials. Girls’ teams have finished their season. We now move into: Tennis, Track and Field, Rugby, girls’ soccer, sailing and Ultimate Frisbee.
 8. Connect 2 Care initiatives:
 - a. Sexual Health Ambassador Training (lead by Jen Gibson from Island Sexual Health) - 3 training sessions on March 3rd from 3:15 to 6:00 at Oak Bay High, March 10th from 3:15 to 6:00 also at Oak Bay High and April 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Health Clinic. Details and sign up found here (<https://forms.gle/hndtoHz6c76D3ALs9>)
 - b. Second Naloxone Training this Thursday, February 27th from 3:15 to 4:15 in collaboration with AIDS Vancouver Island and hosted at Oak Bay Rec’s Teen Centre.
 - c. Community Screening of the film LIKE (<https://www.thelikemovie.com/>) with a post-film discussion panel on April 7th starting at 7:00-8:30 pm in our Theatre. Tickets will go out to the community shortly (admission donations accepted at the door). Showing for all Oak Bay and Monterey students over the days of April 6th, 7th & 8th in the Oak Bay Theatre.
 - d. Mental Health & Wellness day - April 23rd: during a special, extended Focus (65 minutes), guest speakers will be offering students presentations/workshops on a wide range of Mental Health &

Wellness topics. We are looking for presenters! If you have ideas, please email Linda Tate (ljtate@sd61.bc.ca)

9. New Parent Night - April 15th: intended for parents who will be new to Oak Bay High next school year. Info will be sent out to parents of middle school students after spring break.
10. **NEW ITEM: Superintendent Shelley Green will be in the Oak Bay library at 3:30 pm APRIL 8 to take parent thoughts on NEW PRINCIPAL traits.**

Upcoming dates:

- Musical - Fiddler on the Roof: Feb 28, 29 and March 4, 5, 6, 7
- Report cards - released March 13
- Staff Appreciation breakfast - April 9
- LIKE Community Screening - April 7th
- LIKE Student Screenings - April 6th - 8th
- Mental Health Fair - Apr 23rd
- Next PAC meeting - April 20th

GRADE 12 GRAD BLOCK PARTY UPATE (ANNE PAPPAS)

- Plans are underway for the grade 12 Block Party, to be held on Friday, May 22nd from 4.00 to 6.00 pm
- The Block Party planning committee has met three times and includes approximately 26 parents (a total of 9 working committees: 3 pre-, 6 day-of, and 3 post-Block Party). There has been great take-up of grade 10 and 11 parents, which will help with continuity in terms of planning for subsequent years.
- Prior Block Party events have been analyzed in order to determine a budget; once the budget has been determined the PAC will be approached for funding.
- The committee is looking at three different venues for the Block Party:
 - Willows Beach
 - Turkey Head Point (next to the Oak Bay Marina, the Marina Restaurant and the Dockside Eatery)
 - Oak Bay Avenue (between Cob's Bread on Wilmot Place and the Oaks Tearoom on Monterey Ave)
- An online survey with the three choices has been sent to grade 12 students to determine their preference with help from Phil Ohl (Vice Principal).
- Once a venue is decided on the next step is to obtain permits from Oak Bay municipality.
- Anne will meet with the school administration to determine what the school can cover in terms of insurance to minimize costs.
- **Update (Thursday, February 27, 2020):**
 - Willows Beach received the most votes from grads and is therefore the preferred venue for the Block Party.
 - An application to the Oak Bay Municipality for final approval to host the Block Party at Willows Beach (in the park) will be submitted.
 - Mr. Ohl will inform grads of the results of the survey.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2020/21 PAC EXECUTIVE

- Elections are in May
- Expressions of interest for positions on the PAC Executive are welcome.
- Terry Lyon nominated for a Member-at-Large position on the PAC Executive.

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2020

ADJOURNMENT