



## MEETING NOTES

### Attendees

Kimberley Rogers (Chair), Deidre Murphy (Co-chair/Secretary), Carla Unger (Treasurer), Kerry Pridmore (VCPAC Rep), Paula Marchese (Member at Large), Kelly McClaren (Member at Large), Terryanne Lyon (Member at Large), Hazel Currie, Kimberly Smit, Joanne Gemmill, Mercedes Calvert

### 1. Welcome, Introductions and Territorial Acknowledgement

### 2. Reports

#### Chair

- Planning for the staff appreciation event is in progress; Paula and Kim have done the research and a final plan will be decided shortly.
- Thanks and appreciation were expressed to Tom and the staff at the school for making it possible for students to attend school for the year.
- The PAC was planning to co-fund and co-host *The Like* movie with Monterey Middle School this year, organized through the school's Connect to Care group. The hope is that this will be able to go ahead next year.
- The PAC executive will do some brainstorming for next year around parent education and other events, recognizing that it's been a quiet year for the PAC.
- Parents are encouraged to get in touch with a member of the executive if they have any suggestions for speakers, etc.

Vice Chair - no report

#### Treasurer

Carla reported on the expenditures and balances of the Parent Contribution Fund and the Gaming Account.

- All applications for funding this year were approved.
- At the start of the year, there was a total of \$29,641.95 in the Gaming Account. A total expenditure of \$27,199.17 was approved for the 2020/2021 school year, leaving a balance of \$2442.78 if all monies are used as intended.
- The Parent Contribution Fund started the year off with a balance of \$10,535.91. The PAC approved expenditures of \$5,552.88, leaving a balance of \$4983.03 in the account.
- All funds that were allocated are likely to be used, with the possible exception of athletics (due to the impact of COVID restrictions on sports events this year).
- Awaiting receipts for several items that have been approved, and have yet to distribute funds for the gym doors and the archival cabinet project. Tom explained the gym doors have been purchased and

will be installed soon, while the archival project is waiting to secure the remaining funds necessary for installation of the archive.

- An application for next year's Gaming Account will be put forward soon; there is no indication that the PAC will receive less money than usual as per a concern that was raised earlier in the year in this regard.

**Secretary** – no report

**VCPAC Rep**

- Most focus in recent meetings has been at the elementary level, as well as on the upcoming budget, with VCPAC taking an advocacy perspective in petitioning the School District.

### 3. Administration Report

- Thank you to PAC executive and members, who have been very supportive of what staff are doing in the school.
- **Budget**
  - The School District is postponing decisions and voting on the budget (the meeting scheduled for this evening was postponed).
  - The School District is bringing in an advisor to look at the budget.
  - Tom will update through the school newsletter as he hears from the District.
- **Grad**
  - The school is hosting an 'Amazing Race' on Friday for grads. It will be a COVID-friendly event, with teams of 3 or 4 people (from the same cohort) competing as teams or individuals in 15 different challenges.
  - The grad parent committee is meeting on Wednesday to finalize plans for graduation.
- **Calendar**
  - Last day of instruction: **Tuesday, June 22**
  - Grad ceremony: **Wednesday June 23 and Thursday, June 24**
  - Curriculum Completion days: **Wednesday June 23 and Thursday, June 24**. Curriculum completion days are optional; they are opportunities for students to catch up on any work they may have missed. The majority of students will not be in school.
  - Staff admin day – June 25 (students are not in school)
- **Timetable for next year**
  - Staff are currently working on the timetable for next year. The school will start with the quarterly system. A school committee is looking at the option of switching to a semester system in January, depending on COVID restrictions.
  - The timetable will be available in mid- to late-June.
  - The school is aiming to create a couple of focus blocks during the week (to ensure students are able to keep up if they miss a class, for example) next year. This would likely include one morning and one afternoon a week (not a full afternoon like this year).

**Questions from parents:**

- When will the grade 10 provincial exams be held?

*Hoping to do them the week before this (i.e., the week of June 14)*

- Will there be orientation or transition activities for Incoming grade 9 students this September?  
*It's not possible to conduct in-person orientation activities for students before the start of the next school year. The school has prepared a video for incoming grade 9 students. The hope is that grade 9 students will be able to come into the school at the start of the year (before current students return to school).*
- What does the new governance model for BC school sports mean for the school?  
*At the parent level, there shouldn't be any noticeable change. There will be the same number of sports, but there will now be an advisory council. The new governance model will even out funding for all sports. They are looking at hiring someone to run championships rather than depending on coaches or people who have done it before, for example. The Island will have three people on the 54-person advisory council.*
- What is the name of the new vice-principal?  
*Jennifer Wignall will be replacing Melanie Paas as vice-principal in September. She is currently vice-principal at Spectrum Community School and has a lot of experience in secondary education, including as a counsellor. Another new staff member joining the school in September is Courtenay Campbell, who will be replacing Jerry Carter.*
- What are student numbers looking like for the fall?  
*International students will be returning to the school in the fall. This year the school had close to 90 international students, compared to the more typical 130. A total of approximately 310 grade 9s will be entering the school in September (this number is a bit higher than usual).*
- Will there be any reductions in staff or cuts to hours at the school as a result of the new budget?  
*There aren't any cuts but there will be a decrease in administrative support of .1 at all levels and lost clerical time (a total of 50 hours). This will mean less receptionist and library clerk time, as well as the loss of the science lab technician position. From a teaching standpoint, the biggest change is an increase in the ratio of teachers to international students. On the other hand, the school gained educational assistant time.*

#### 4. Election of 2021-2022 PAC Executive

The following individuals were nominated and acclaimed for positions on the PAC Executive for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Chair: Kimberley Rogers
- Vice Chair: Kerry Pridmore
- Treasurer: Carla Unger
- Secretary: Deidre Murphy
- Members at Large: Kelly McLaren, Terry Lyon
- VCPAC Rep: Vacant

Thanks and appreciation were extended to Paula Marchese and Chris Lukie for their support of and contributions to the PAC in their roles as members-at-large on the PAC executive. They will not be continuing in these roles for the coming year.

#### 5. Adjournment

- Proposed date of next meeting: September 20, 2021, 7 pm