



MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

PAC Co-Chairs: Kris Nichols and Kathryn Robertson

PAC Treasurer: Carla Unger

PAC Secretary: Karin Sweeney

PAC Members at Large: Craig Hickie, Paula Marchese, Kalina Popova

Principal: Shawn Boulding

Oak Bay High Liaison Officer: Constable Natalie Mishrigi

Guests: Kim Basi, Valter Brum, Mercedes Calvert, Joanne Gemmill

Regrets: Hazel Currie (Member at Large)

1. Welcome, Territorial Acknowledgement and Introductions: Kris Nichols (PAC Co-Chair)
 - Welcomed attendees to the November PAC meeting and gave the territorial acknowledgment
 - Attendees all introduced themselves

MOTION: Approve the minutes from October 17, 2022 PAC meeting - Approved

2. Principal Update: Shawn Boulding

Ministry of Education Indigenous Education Content:

- Indigenous focus course required for graduation starting next year through Social Studies and English course work. The school is working with the District and the two local Nations to understand MOE requirements and how best to approach student learning. Option through MOE for 8 different courses with some leniency to create our own content but need to do so respectively with input from Nations, while also considering capacity and cost.

Grade 12 Winter Social:

- Grade 12 Winter Social will be going ahead on Monday, December 12th from 7-10 pm. The evening will include music, catering, decorations, photo booth. \$65/ticket (price has now increased to \$75 a ticket)

Student and Family Affordability Fund:

- Student and Family Affordability Fund is a \$1.9 million province-wide fund for this year only. Oak Bay High received \$37,000 and will prioritize food and clothing for families in need. The email was sent to all families and some forms were sent home. 27 families have reached out so far. Suggestion for Walmart gift certificates. The funding amount has to be over and above what the school would already help with.

3. Guest Speaker: Constable Natalie Mishrigi (OBH Liaison Officer) and Kim Basi (Police Camp Coordinator)
 - There have been 9 presentations so far for Grade 12s in collaboration with Kate Baker's Wellness Program. Students seem comfortable with the presence of a police liaison officer at the school.

- Police Camp is running a 7-day leadership course from March 17-25 for students in Grades 10-12 offered at no cost through the Greater Victoria Police Foundation. Cut off date for applications is December 12.
- There has been an increase in the use of mushrooms and pills. Grade 12 class discussions have been around overdosing and the use of Narcan kits. The School has kits and admin staff is trained to use them, however, there is no formal training for all teachers.
- Suggestion made for a contact who may be able to provide training.

4. Co-Chair Report & Treasurer Report: Focus on Requests for PAC Funding

- PAC Co-Chair provided a review of the funding process (see attached)
- PAC provided copies of the funding summary for attendees to review (see attached)
- PAC reviewed all fully supported proposals with the group.
- Question about the \$60/\$80 athletic fee and what that goes towards? PAC is requesting more information on this. Important to have transparency re: available funds.
- PAC reviewed all proposals that require more information with the group.
- Question about why there is not more funding for the increased number of students at the school? The Principal replied that he has asked but there is no more funding available.
- Suggestion that PAC funds should be given to clubs, etc. rather than retrofitting the school for excess enrolment. The Principal replied that our school is newer and therefore it is hard to ask for more money when other schools have less.
- PAC asked about the \$20 Cash Online Weight Room Fee and how that money is used. Also, there was a question about the Activity Fee. The Principal replied that the Activity Fee fund is close to \$10,000 and is to be distributed evenly between Fine Arts, Leadership, and Athletics. Very limited funds have been received to renovate the weight room. Shawn said that the Athletics fund includes the \$60/\$80 Athletics Fee (now totaling about \$16,000), PAC (\$) if approved, and Student Activity fee (\$3,000). At the present time, Athletics fundraising goes to individual student accounts (mostly Track and Field) for trips. Athletics does not do fundraising for the program as a whole.
- PAC raised the fact that we have a (\$34,664) gap this year between requests for funds (\$77,739) and how much the PAC has to allocate (\$43,084). PAC needs to have a better understanding of funding streams for different programs to make final decisions on many requests.
- PAC to send letters to proposals not currently approved to outline further steps required.
- Principal discussed that the school budget is tight this year and that many proposals are a result of these clawbacks. He will also look into how the textbook fee is being used by the school.
- The PAC also would like to ask Shawn if the school can cover gifts for judges for the Grade 9 Speak Out since this is a curricular – all Grade 9s are required to participate.
- PAC Treasurer will look into how to bump up the PAC Donation on School Cash Online.
- PAC decision was made to have an extraordinary meeting to approve the remainder of the funding requests in a timely manner. Date to be determined.

MOTION: Approve the items fully supported by PAC (Total \$12,562.32) - Approved

5. School District Level PAC Report (Paula Marchese)

- Summary document attached.

6. Any Other Business

- Question about whether there is a Drive-Wise rebate to the school for every student that does a class with them? PAC and Principal will look into this.

Adjournment: **Next PAC meeting: Monday, January 23 at 7:00 PM**

Applicant	Group (pillar**)	Description	# of students	Amount requested	Academics	Athletics	Fine Arts	Leadership & Philanthropy	Recommendations	Notes
Richard Fast	Athletics	LVISSAA Fees \$425.00 BC School Sports registration 2025.00 Island Championship entry fees (based on last year) 4000.00 BC Provincial Championship Entry Fees (based on last year) 6000.00 Replacement uniforms: Junior Girls Basketball 3000.00	600	\$21,475.92		\$21,475.92			\$3,000.00	PAC would like to support the purchase of the Junior Girls Basketball Uniforms. We would like to gather more information regarding other sources of funding for Athletics prior to further approval of funding.
Eric Simonson	Academics	Dobsonian Skywatcher Telescope - \$1000, Estes rocket kit - \$100	40	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00				\$1,100.00	PAC would like to support this in full.
Horwood, McKnight, Price	Fine Arts	Microphones	242	\$1,297.72			\$1,297.72			More information is required to make a decision.
Brianna Kane	Fine Arts	Transportation (\$500), Costumes (\$1500)	100	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00		\$1,500.00	PAC would like to support \$1,500.00 for the purchase of costumes. More information is required regarding the request for funds for transportation.
Susanna Peterson	Academics	Prizes (\$150), Cards and Gifts for Judges (\$50) Speak Out	350	\$200.00				\$200.00	\$0.00	PAC Principal: Prizes/Gift Cards are not something we will support at this time.
Susanna Peterson	Academics	Prizes for Creative Writing Contests	Whole school	\$200.00			\$200.00		\$0	PAC Principal: Prizes/Gift Cards are not something we will support at this time.
Jeff Weaver	Fine Arts	Oak Bay Band, Percussion equipment	385	\$9,000.00			\$9,000.00			More information is required to make a decision.
Nichelle Garraway	Academics	French Immersion Book Read, Books (\$300), Bookstore Gift Cards (\$100)	50 - 100	\$400.00	\$400.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	The school is able to purchase books for this club.
Bob Gronotte	Academics	Engineering Club - 2 - 3D Printers	75	\$3,324.64	\$3,324.64				\$1,662.32	PAC would like to support the purchase of one of the two 3D Printers requested.
Lisa Green	Academics	Book Read, \$600 for books, \$200 for Prizes	200 -300	\$800.00	\$800.00				\$0	PAC Principal: Prizes/Gift Cards are not something we will support at this time. The school is able to purchase books for this club.
Laura Horton, Ben Turner	Leadership	Outdoor Pursuits - Canoes	60	\$2,400.00				\$2,400.00		More information is required to make a decision.
Murray Dennis	Academics	6 Electric Bike Kits, 2 batteries, turbocharger, display gauges, TIG welder, powder coating setup, paint sprayer gun.	80 Students	\$5,290.65	\$5,290.65					More information is required to make a decision.
Shrubsole, Zolbrod		Native Plant Garden and Garry Oak Meadow, Soil - \$250, Seeds - \$150	80	\$400.00				\$400.00	\$400.00	PAC would like to support this in full.
Aaron Frampton	Athletics	Projector and local speaker system for the Small Teaching Gym	750	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00				More information is required to make a decision.
Aaron Frampton	Athletics	42 " Television for Gym Foyer	1500	\$750.00		\$750.00				More information is required to make a decision.
Aaron Frampton	Athletics	75 " Television in the Weight Room	750+	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00				More information is required to make a decision.
Aaron Frampton	Athletics	Mirrors for the Weight Room	750+	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00				More information is required to make a decision.
Aaron Frampton	Health and Wellness	Speakers	700	\$2,500.00		\$2,500			\$2,500.00	PAC would like to support this in full.
Scott Alexander	Awards	School Awards - maintain and replace awards, replenish our certificate "keepers" that have the school logo.	50	\$700.00	\$700.00				\$700.00	PAC would like to support this in full.
Will Moore	CL & P	Counselling Dept. - Food	Whole School	\$700.00				\$700.00	\$0.00	School to fund.
Kate Baker		Wellness Program, guest speakers, supplies and support materials, agency partnerships	Whole School						\$0	School to fund.
Chris Hinrichsen, Corrina Simpson		Chess Boards	10 - 16	\$200.00	\$200.00				\$200.00	PAC would like to support this in full.
Corey Wright/Dani Guy/Worsly Harrison, B. Gronotte/A. Bowen/L. Saxby/N. Riva Dalla/C. Simpson		Display Case	Whole School	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00					PAC would like to hopefully support this project in a year where there is not as much demand on funds for direct programming.
Grad Committee		Graduation		\$500.00					\$500.00	PAC would like to support this in full.
PAC		Teacher Appreciation		\$500.00					\$500.00	PAC would like to support this in full.
PAC		Speakers		\$500.00					\$500.00	PAC would like to support this in full.
** Pillars: Academics (Ac)			TOTAL	\$77,738.93	\$26,815.29	\$33,225.92	\$12,497.72	\$2,400.00	\$12,562.32	
Athletics (Ath)										
Fine Arts (FA)										
Community Leadership and Philanthropy (Cl & P)										

VCPAC November 2022 Meeting Report for Oak Bay High School

Submitted by Paula Marchese, pjmarchese@gmail.com

I have been named as one of two parents in the district to the district's budget committee, which includes trustees, district staff, and stakeholders. VCPAC is exploring making recommendations to next year's budget to keep cuts as far away from students as possible. Some ideas we are considering: restoring custodial cuts (see below) and restoring Elementary Strings to the district budget. If you have any thoughts please send to me. (Next year's budget will likely be a deficit budget again, so it's important to convey feedback before the budget proposals are finalized.)

Other issues in the district right now from October and November committee and board meetings:

- Lack of available EAs, especially covering daily EA absences
- Difficulties continue in hiring specialist teachers (such as home ec and tech ed in middle schools; math and sciences in secondary; and French Immersion at all levels.
- Four schools in the district are currently over capacity, including OBH
- Ongoing capital projects: Vic High rebuild (delays are continuing and school is not scheduled to be completed until March 2024) and Cedar Hill Middle School rebuild (design has been submitted by architects but many questions remain, particularly that the design does not include a woodshop or HVAC for middle school students).
- VCPAC will be presenting at tonight's district Operations committee meeting about the impact of cuts to daytime custodians at district elementary and middle schools. Many parents and school staffs have concerns about this.
- The district has hired a consultant to perform a K-12 music review to determine how best to strengthen the program and if the way that the district offers music aligns with the district's strategic plan and the provincial curriculum. Parent input will be sought and a recommendation will go to the board in January 2023.

VCPAC:

Specific secondary concern raised at November 2022 meeting:

- Grad dates and the order in which schools are able to do their ceremonies. It has been raised that schools in the district always hold their ceremonies in the same order. Some schools hold grads in May and students return to school for a full month; other schools have end of June dates, so their grads take place after all classes have been completed. This seems like an equity issue. If anyone has thoughts, please email me.
- PARENTS NEEDED: There are some district (facilities, French Immersion, school police liaison) committees and parent committees (budget, equity, events, governance) currently being formed. I will send Shawn a list of committees that have openings to be included in this week's parent newsletter. Please consider putting your name forward. You do not need to be a regular member at VCPAC meetings to participate in district or parent committees.