



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

PAC Co-Chairs: Kris Nichols and Kathryn Robertson

PAC Treasurer: Carla Unger

PAC Secretary: Kalina Popova (Acting)

PAC Members at Large: Hazel Currie, Craig Hickie, Paula Marchese, Kalina Popova, Kim Smit

Principal: Shawn Boulding

Attendees: Tricia Byer, Mercedes Calvert, Graham Currie, Joanne Gemmill, Pierre Kaba, Jen Levecque, John McCartney, Kelly McLaren, Carolyn Neil, Johanna Pahnke, Audrey Wang

Regrets: Karin Sweeney (PAC Secretary)

1. Welcome, Territorial Acknowledgement and Introductions

- Kris welcomed everyone and gave a territorial acknowledgment

2. Adoption of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Be it resolved that the Agenda for February 27th be approved* - **Approved**

MOTION: *Be it resolved that the Meeting Minutes from January 23rd be approved* - **Approved**

3. Naloxone Training for Parents (Presented by The Foundry)

<https://foundrybc.ca/victoria/>

4. Co-Chair Report

- Staff Appreciation Day was a success
- Screenagers Film Event was a success with 250 people in attendance
- Naloxone Training was a success
- Reconciliation Event
- Funds being distributed
- Call for new PAC members

5. Administration Report (Shawn Boulding, Principal)

- School administrators are trained in using Naloxone kits and have them available in the office.
- Potential to have staff training arranged but for the moment up to individual teachers.
- Drug education has stalled because the District has not clarified whether abstinence or harm prevention should be taught in schools. No strong, concerted curriculum is available.
- Wellness program is continuing. Current priorities are around consent education, healthy relationships, and online presence.

- Student Learning Survey for Grades 10 and 12 (staff and parents). Youth Development Index (YDI) for Grade 11. These surveys will provide comprehensive information to school administration. If you want to learn more about how the results of these surveys are used to help understand the situations of youth and adolescents, information is available at the following links:
Youth Development Instrument (YDI) <https://chartlab.ca/about-ydi/>
BC Adolescent Health Survey https://mcs.bc.ca/about_bcahs
- Career Centre Society: two classes each for Grades 9, 10, 11 and one Grade 12 class (provincial).
- Course selection began in early February and is now complete for current students.
- Meeting for new Grade 9 families this Thursday, March 2 from 5-7 pm.
- 1,500 students are projected to attend Oak Bay High next year with 275 incoming Grade 9 students. This year all in-catchment students were approved; everyone else is waitlisted in the transfer process.
- Chicago musical starts this Friday, March 3rd: <https://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/our-school/chicago-tickets-2/>
- Question about who the new accounts clerk is? No replacement at this time; currently being done by all administration

6. Treasurer Report (Carla Unger)

- Many receipts are still outstanding therefore unable to provide an estimate of current leftover funds.
- Reminder sent to staff to submit receipts.
- Cash on-line money continues to come in (Shawn to follow-up).

MOTION: *Be it resolved that the PAC will pay \$120 over the original budget for the Staff Appreciation - Approved*

6. Graduation 2023 Plans (Kathryn Robertson)

- The Grad Block Party will take place at Willows Beach on Friday, May 19th.
- Rhiannon Cokayne is the lead contact. Please refer to the following document for more information:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NZWYDEpFPe6EWQVBF5znu5TypMrsrAaSu-_W8EmD7s/edit.

MOTION: *Be it resolved that the PAC grad contribution can be increased up to \$800 as needed - Approved*

7. Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) Report (Paula Marchese)

- Starting next year, VCPAC will communicate directly with parents. This will also apply to all PACs in the District and parent contact information will be shared. Parents will have the option to opt-out. Details around privacy and logistics are still being worked out.
- District Budget. There will be a meeting next Tuesday, March 7 for parents to express opinions (see attachment below).
- Reinstating custodial in Elementary and Middle Schools.

8. Adjournment

Next PAC meeting: Monday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

Dear PAC Members,

The following notice was sent out by the district today.

Monday, February 27, 2023

Registration Opens for Greater Victoria School District Public Budget Meeting

VICTORIA, BC – The Greater Victoria School District is hosting a public budget meeting on Tuesday, March 7th, to gather input on budget priorities for the 2023/24 school year.

The District is inviting all members of its learning community—students, staff, parents and guardians, and community partners—to participate in an in-person meeting to help inform the upcoming budget decisions. The Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer will present and provide further details on budgetary considerations and ways to advance student success.

Participants can learn more about resource allocation and emerging needs that require investment, such as initiatives within the [Strategic Plan](#) and [Framework for Enhancing Student Learning](#). Attendees will be able to ask questions, participate in tabletop exercises and provide their input on budget considerations that align with the District’s strategic goals, vision, and values.

“Our Board is facing a deficit budget again this year, which comes with some very challenging decisions,” said Board Chair Nicole Duncan. “It is important we inform our community about these budget shortfalls and provide an opportunity to foster a meaningful dialogue about how we can allocate or possibly reallocate resources to best support students. We must also ensure that we review the budget through an equitable lens, focused on working together to support the needs of all learners.”

The District is estimating a \$4 million structural deficit as it budgets for the 2023-2024 school year. The pandemic, static enrolment, and inflation have all been contributing factors to the shortfall. If spending patterns continue, the District does not anticipate having unrestricted surplus available at the end of 2022-2023 school year to help offset this deficit. The District will be required to find efficiencies and savings in order to develop and approve a balanced budget by Spring 2023.

A Budget Advisory Committee was assembled in October 2022 and has been convening to review the operating budget to develop recommendations for the Board of Education. The committee is composed of Trustees, Senior Staff, School-based Administration, the Four Houses (Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, Urban Peoples’ House Indigenous Advisory, and the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria), and representatives from the Greater Victoria Teachers Association (GVTA), CUPE Local 947, CUPE Local 382, Allied Specialists Association (ASA), and the Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Council (VCPAC).

For more information about the work of the committee leading up to the public meeting, please visit: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/financial/>

Public Budget Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Uplands Campus

***Registration required**

Those who are looking to participate must register in advance. To register, contact cmanders@sd61.bc.ca. The deadline to register is March 6th at 4 p.m.

For those unable to attend, the presentation and supporting documentation will be posted on the District's website. Following the meeting, feedback is invited through written submissions to community@sd61.bc.ca until March 17, 2023.

The first reading of the Board's annual budget bylaw is on April 4, 2023. The Board requires three readings of the bylaw to approve the budget. The Board intends to have all three readings passed by April 6, 2023.

The Greater Victoria School District is comprised of 48 schools that serve the communities of Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Victoria, View Royal, portions of Saanich and the Highlands. In addition, it serves Four Houses: Esquimalt Nations, Songhees Nations, the Urban Indigenous Peoples' House Advisory, and the Métis Nations of Greater Victoria. It is proud to provide quality education for more than 20,000 students – including 1,000 international students from across the globe and over 650 adult learners.

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