



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

PAC Chairs: Kalina Popova

PAC Treasurer: TBD

PAC Secretary: Craig Hickie (substituting for Karin Sweeney)

PAC Members at Large: Beth Boyd, Hazel Currie, Craig Hickie, Kathryn Robertson, Kim Smit

Principal: Shawn Boulding

Vice-Principal: Paul Ledet

Regrets: Karin Sweeney (Secretary)

1. Welcome, Territorial Acknowledgement and Introductions

- Kalina welcomed everyone and gave a territorial acknowledgment
- Round table introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: *Be it resolved that the Agenda for September 18th be approved* - Approved

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Be it resolved that the Meeting Minutes from May 15th be approved* - Approved

4. PAC Introduction

- The PAC meets monthly throughout the school year and is a great way to meet other parents and keep track of what is happening at the school
- There are opportunities for parents to serve on the PAC Executive; at this time we are still looking for a Co-Chair and a Treasurer
- High school PACs differ from middle school PACs with less organized activities and little to no fundraising
- Members at Large meet regularly and help with decision-making, others are welcome to attend meetings and take part but do not need to commit to regular roles
- Last year PAC members organized a teacher's lunch during the January semester turnaround day; well received and will be planned again for this year
- VCPAC lead would attend those meetings or get involved in central committees if they wish
- There is a standing invitation for all parents to participate in the PAC

5. Administrative Report (Shawn Boulding, Principal)

- The PAC offers a chance for parents to have a voice and bring concerns forward through the PAC Chairs
- OB High is a large school with a lot going on and many activities; the school community is very involved with many participants
- Wellness is an ongoing theme at the school and is embedded in many strategies being worked on all the time; Health and Wellness classes occur as part of English blocks (Grades 9 and 10) and include visits by specialists
- The first PD Day is focused on meeting the needs of the Ministry of Education; faculty are working hard to incorporate defined requirements and plan for the year
- Tomorrow is Club Day; students are encouraged to participate and see what is available
- Photo Day is already done
- September is busy and things start to settle down in October
- Parent Questions and Answers:
 - Proficiency scale for grading will be used for Grades 9 and 10; Letter grades continue for Grades 11 and 12
 - The school website is not well organized at this time; daily announcements are good to visit regularly for an overview; the previous administration discontinued the App as it was too expensive
 - School doors are locked during the day to keep the non-school community from entering the building for security reasons; ongoing conversation to see the impact on the students with the possibility of the doors being opened later in the school year
 - Eye-opening session last year for students at risk, parents were invited
 - Mounted cameras at doors to monitor school? The School Board does not allow cameras on campus, OB High follows this standard
 - Washrooms are sometimes used for improper activities (smoking) and staff goes in and out to provide a standard that students are observed
 - Catchment decision: school is over capacity at this time and we have had to say no to many students, moving to 1300 students is ideal (Grade 9 = 320, Grade 10 = 375, Grade 12 = 357) with about 125 faculty and staff
 - Bike theft was rampant in the past, but last year was almost none
 - Theft in changing rooms during PE is common
- Sports: cross country, boys soccer, volleyball, field hockey, rowing - teams do not have a website; Google Classroom is used for specific information

6. Future Meeting Themes

- We will plan for particular sessions in the upcoming months
- Last year: Foundry naloxone training, counseling visit, Screenagers
- Plan for this year: reconciliation activities, mental health, and anxiety, gender diversity, possible repeat from the Foundry
- Parents are encouraged to approach the PAC Executive with ideas, especially about other organizations that they are interested in; we can have outside activities and include other high/middle schools

7. Treasurer Report (TBD)

- A grant will arrive in October for ~\$26,000 (final number TBD based on actual student count)
- Parent contributions will give PAC options in spending, grant comes with more rigorous rules
- Last year PAC spending requests were far more than funds available; it took longer to make decisions because the need was so high

- This year we will ask for what alternative funding exists for each request as part of that process; if there is funding for some initiatives vs. others with no funding options, that will impact the PAC funding decision process
- Parent Education Fund is a \$250 District grant that we can apply for, the earlier the better
- Last year, the Screenagers event was partially funded by PEF, and around 200 parents and students attended, including the Oak Bay and middle schools that stream

8. Communications

- Facebook page
- Weekly notice from the Principal
- Emails between PAC meeting attendees

8. Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) Report

- PAC has a rep volunteer who attends monthly Zoom meetings
- There is a VCPAC event at the Legislature on September 20 supporting Gender Diversity
- VCPAC statement of support for 2SLGBTQ+ children, parents, and educators:
<https://vcpac.ca/vcpac-documents/2023-09-2slgbtq-support-letter/viewdocument/1056>
- BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils statement of support:
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/>

9. Staff Appreciation

- Last year the staff appreciation was held on Jan 31st on a semester turnaround day
- Kim will lead the event this year and ask for volunteers to be involved
- Staff is always appreciative of the event

Next PAC meeting: Monday, October 16