



**MEETING OF THE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL**

MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024, 7:00pm, OBH CAFETERIA

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Attendees:

PAC Co-Chairs: Kalina Popova and James Chaney, PAC Treasurer: Melissa Donaldson,
PAC Secretary: Krissy Johns, PAC Members at Large: Karin Sweeny, Beth Boyd, Craig
Hickie, Krista Henry, Karen Mayer, Kerstin Heilgenberg, Principal: Shawn Boulding
Additional members: 2

Territorial Acknowledgment and Welcome

Given by James Chaney

Approval of the Minutes and the Agenda

MOTION: *Be it resolved that the Meeting minutes for September 16th be approved.*

Approved

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Approved

Minutes will be published in pdf and available on the school website.

Administrative Updates (Shawn Boulding)

- School population is down by about 30-40 students. Maximum school capacity is 1286, we are at just over 1300 students. Expect this number to drop within capacity limits over the next few years.
- Wednesday is parent teacher conferences in the gym. Conferences will be every 10 minutes, from 4-7pm. Admin and counselling staff on hand to guide parents to correct locations
- Ministry assessments beginning soon.
 - Literacy 10 and 12, numeracy 10. Equivalent in French immersion. No assessments in grade 11
 - 4-point scale (0-Unacceptable, 1-developing, 2-competent, 3-proficient)



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Administrative Updates Continued...

- Career centre is very active.
 - Roxanne Taggart organised the career fair on Nov 6 for grades 10-12
 - 40-60 presenters. Students will be able to see up to 3 different presenters.
 - Nov. 6 - Take your kids to work day for grade 9 students.
- Choir concert- Oct. 29th
- Dance performance- Oct. 31st.
- Sports
 - Volleyball in full swing.
 - Cross country teams off to Powell River
 - Boys soccer happening
 - Rowing season finishes at the end of the month
- Grad Leadership
 - Dance (Winter theme) is being planned again this year for grade 12. This will be the 3rd year.
 - Photo booth, catered.
 - There will be a small fee for students to attend (less than \$60).
 - Students may ask PAC for funding help.
 - Looking into a possible Jr. Dance later in the year.
- The School Budget is 80% of last year – operating fund and capital.
- 80% is only covering operating. Probably result in more requests from the PAC.
- School cash online charges fees. The district used to cover the fee, but with budget shortfalls the fee is being passed along to parents.
- If you pay by cash or cheque, the 4% fee stays in the school.



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PAC Treasury Update (Melissa Donaldson)

Melissa Donaldson was appointed treasurer by agreement of the PAC executive on September 23, 2024 via email vote, in accordance with the Bylaws.

- Transition to new treasurer going well; access and paperwork is completed or in progress
- Everything will stay similar to last year re: budget allocation
- Received confirmation of the Gaming Grant
- \$4940 donation from school
- Within the next month, it's expected that teachers will reach out for funding assistance.
- PAC will look into increasing the suggested donation from parents from \$20 to \$30 for next year. PAC will bring up this topic at a future meeting.
- Melissa will explore alternate ways for parents to make monetary donations to the PAC, that don't include using School Cash Online.

PAC Co-Chair update (Kalina Popova and James Chaney)

- ReconciliACTION committee
 - Professional group that facilitates connecting different community groups to work towards reconciliation
 - Organised the ceremony at the Sno'uyutth pole in front of the school
 - Oak Bay High already has some school sponsored events co-planned with the ReconciliACTION committee.

PAC Will consider inviting a representative from the ReconciliACTION committee to a future PAC meeting to discuss how PAC can participate while maintaining our mandate as set out in our bylaws and constitution.



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PAC Co-Chair Update Continued...

- Funding Application Update
 - An updated application form will be sent to the exec/parents in attendance for review, then will be emailed to teachers next week.
 - Requests come from clubs, athletics, arts.
 - Funding for bus replacement
 - Deadline for applications is November 10th.

VCPAC Update (Krista Henry)

- Meetings can be attended in person or online via Zoom.
- Money available from the school board for parent education presentations by application on a first come first served basis. Contact the VCPAC for more information.
- Gang initiation in schools was discussed.
 - Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) – gangs using snapchat to recruit kids
- Lots of discussion about funding cuts.
- Talks about Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) testing
- Discussion about safety in schools
- Talks about School Cash Online

New Business

- Bike thefts are a concern amongst parents in the community
 - Discussion if cameras are able to be used for deterrent
- Parent Ed potential topics
 - Screenagers Movie



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- AI usage in schools - *Karen will explore if this can be presented to parents*
- Gang Presentation can be revisited in future years
- Naloxone training - Possible to plan for student training after school and parents in the evening. Will discuss at the November PAC meeting. -*Craig will explore the logistics*

Next Meeting

November 18, 2024, 7:00 pm at Oak Bay High School in the cafeteria.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm