

REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2020
7:00 p.m. Zoom Online Meeting

Attendees: Adrienna Van Hoek-Patterson (Chair), Jessica Koski (Vice-Chair), Alice Xu (Treasurer), Willow Minaker (Secretary), Aaron Norris (Principal), Joy Wickens, Hanne Smaadahl, Doris, Pulcherie Mboussi, Leah MacDonald, Hiromi Kato, Brenda Z, Kuang Ernest

ITEM	INFORMATION
Welcome	Welcome, roundtable introductions and review of agenda
Minutes	November minutes approved with no objection.
Principal's Report (Aaron)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Really happy to be in the second quarter with no shut down.● Second set of parent-teacher interviews coming up on Dec 11; same remote zoom format as last time.● Remembrance ceremony was focused on indigenous veterans and included a guest speaker; students watched a pre-recorded ceremony in individual classrooms then shared a minute of silence over the PA system.● Music teachers are working with students to prepare an online concert so parents can view performances from home.● Sports have been underway but mostly focused on practice (no games). Volleyball is just wrapping up and basketball has started recently. They are hopeful that they may get a short basketball game season after Christmas but they will continue to follow the guidance of the sports association. Cross country was one of the few areas that they were able to compete via individual timed races and compared times. Neva Scott-Bouris won the island and came sixth in BC.● In January, there will be four weeks remaining of Q2 then onto Q3. Students will be writing numeracy and literacy assessments at the end-January. This is a requirement for grade 12s for graduation.● The school conducted a student survey at the end of Q1 on how it went for them. Overwhelmingly, students like concentrating on two courses at a time and having that focus. However, the concentrated classes were far more challenging for heavy academic classes like math, which was very intensive learning with a heavy load. Hopefully the school can make some changes on how we do things in the future (opportunities to change beyond the covid period).● Students really like the soft start to the day (although classes start at 8:30 most teaching starts at 9am) and this may be something we might consider in the future.● One parent raised the question of whether there is any interest or willingness to consider using online tools for evaluation of individual teaching approaches (not as a critique of teaching so much as an evaluation of what works well in terms of learning approaches). Aaron confirmed that individual teachers do undertake their own processes, but nothing is done at a school or school board level and committed to looking into this further.● According to the current schedule the Q3 parent teacher interviews will take place in early March on a Friday from 8:30-10:30. Recognizing this is not an ideal time for parents, there was a discussion about alternative scheduling options. The general sense was that an 11am-1pm time slot (as done for Q1 and Q2) is preferable providing it doesn't come at the expense of teaching time in class.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brief discussion regarding why Reynolds doesn't have a staggered lunch time which is due to the size of the student population (too many students with a range of classes); in theory, half the students should leave at lunch and go home. ● Discussed the rumours of an extended winter break. Aaron confirmed that currently there hasn't been anything official other than the stated priority to keep kids in school, both for the learning and for the controlled environment (covid). ● School administration has not been informed of any COVID cases among the student population. ● There are some Grad Spirit activities underway (pj day and other theme days) and grads have received their grad pinnies. Currently hoping to be able to proceed with spring grad activities. ● There was an extra delivery fee on the Lifetouch school photos this year and a parent was informed by Lifetouch that it was a choice of the school, which is not the case. Aaron will look into this.
Chair's Report (Adrienna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report.
Treasurer's Report (Alice)	<p>Report on Bank Balance</p> <p><i>Operating: \$1,078.09</i></p> <p>Included in the operating account: 1) \$100 - sponsored by the School Board for parent education event; and 2) the remaining of \$978.09 for other operating functions.</p> <p>The account activities for the operating account since the November PAC meeting includes \$10 received from Thrifty Foods Smile Program and \$1.95 bank fees.</p> <p>We are expecting two transactions in December.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) \$10 chq from smile care program (received but not deposited). 2) \$75 BCCPAC membership fees (cheque sent but not cashed). <p><i>Gaming: \$21,373.80</i></p> <p>The only transaction during November is payment of \$1,818.60 paid to school to cover the Rewards receipts incurred in June 2020, as approved during November PAC meeting. As per the PAC gaming funds allocation approved during the November PAC meeting, the funding letters were sent out to the recipients in November.</p>
VCPAC update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Reynolds representative position is currently vacant - looking for a volunteer Reynolds parent.
School updates from parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See principal's report for updates on music/theatre and sports. ● The music program is also doing carol band again this year, which will record a performance video that will be sent to the senior's homes that they usually visit. ● CSE - Grade 12s only do CSE in Q1&Q2 and normally they do a celebration and dinner to celebrate the four years spent together. Not possible this year so they will do their "scarf" ceremony outside, with Romeo's pizza as well as a guest speaker.
New / Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A

Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm
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Next Scheduled Meeting: January 6, 2020