

# REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

## PAC MEETING MINUTES

**February 3, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m. Zoom Online Meeting**

**Attendees:** Adrienna Van Hoek-Patterson (Chair), Jessica Koski (Vice-Chair), Alice Xu (Treasurer), Willow Minaker (Secretary), Emily Kirzinger (Vice-Principal), Hanne Smaadh, Joy Wickens, Leah MacDonald, Kuang Ernest, Letty Cortes

ITEM	INFORMATION
<b>Welcome</b>	Welcome, roundtable introductions and review of agenda
<b>Minutes</b>	January minutes approved with no objection.
<b>Principal's Report</b> (Emily on behalf of Aaron)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● First week of Q3 - half way through the year. Review the health and safety guidelines again with new classes.</li><li>● Announcement tomorrow about enhanced measures in school. Three cases of exposures in elementary schools in Victoria. For the most part students follow rules within the school (off the school grounds are more mixed results).</li><li>● Completed numeracy assessments last week.</li><li>● Marks submitted for Q2 and report cards will be circulated Feb 11, ProD day Feb 12, and Family day Feb 15.</li><li>● Looking forward to musical theatre performance - livestream versions of the show March 9-12. Tickets are on sale on the school website.</li><li>● Athletics remaining in stage 2, so are cancelling the winter seasons for inter school competitions, but teams are still able to practice in a limited capacity.</li><li>● Grad 2021 is coming up - a really tough year. Met with the school district and determined there will not be a traditional grad at UVic, nor a dinner and dance. Grad council this Friday and assembly next week to discuss and share this disappointing news. However, they will have six months to prepare for something to celebrate as best they can. What is possible will really depend on rules at the time.</li><li>● Thinking ahead to the next school year. The ministry has prepped schools to plan for 100% attendance but to be prepared to pivot. Need to be ready to move easily into a different phase. The quarter system is the safest for moving through the stages. This year was not a proper quarter - it was a semestre system folded into a quarter model. For example, physics 12 and calculus 12 ended up in the same quarter, which should not happen next year. They will try to pair classes where they can to have semester-length classes.</li><li>● Every high school is starting with a quarter system, although some are considering switching half way through if "allowed". Reynolds' team is not convinced that a semester system is so much better than a really well designed quarter system. Could also be a difficult switch mid-year for teachers to prepare their classes. Reynolds will likely stay with the quarter system for the full year but nothing is being decided at the moment.</li><li>● Course selection for grade 9s starts next week and 10 and 11 the following two weeks. They will publish google slide shows in advance, course website will be up to date, then counsellors will go to classrooms to walk through it. If a student still has questions after that point they would have to book a meeting with the counsellor. Parents emphasised the importance of getting the one on one time for Grade 11 students with counsellors to discuss course selection as they have in past years.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions about cancelling spring break are a no go with regard to teachers work hours and union agreements (teachers work extra time throughout the school year to cover the spring break period).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chair’s Report</b> (Adrienna)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report</li> </ul>
<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b> (Alice)</p>	<p><b>Report on Bank Balance</b></p> <p><i>Operating: \$1,019.19</i></p> <p>Included in the operating account: 1) \$100 - sponsored by the School Board for parent education events; and 2) the remaining of \$919.19 for other operating functions.</p> <p>The account activities for the operating account since the January PAC meeting include: \$10 received from Thrifty Foods Smile Program; \$75 for BCCPAC membership fees 2020/21 school year; \$1.95 bank fees.</p> <p><i>Gaming: \$21,373.80</i></p> <p>There have been no transactions for gaming account since the Jan PAC meeting.</p> <p><b>Call for volunteers for spring funding committee meeting</b></p> <p>Total gaming funding available for the school year is \$23.1k. In the fall term PAC received \$20.4k in funding requests, and approved \$14.9k for budget allocation. Additionally \$1.8k was paid for last school year’s awards receipts per PAC approval in the November meeting. As a result \$6.4k is available for the Spring term.</p> <p>In February, PAC will re-consider all partial funded requests received in fall. There are also two new requests received recently (\$250 requested from Spoken Word and \$2,000 requested from the musical theater). Alice will reach out to Aaron to see if there are updates on some of the approved funding projects from the fall intake (for for example for events/activities that have been cancelled due to covid) so the budget committee has a better idea of funds available.</p> <p>Parents are welcome to join us in February to prepare the funding allocation proposal through a Microsoft Team virtual meeting. It will be presented in the March PAC meeting for parents’ approval.</p> <p>Joy, Adrienna, Jessica, Willow and Letty volunteered to join the budget committee. They will be contacted by the end of this week with more details.</p>
<p><b>VCPAC update</b> (Leah)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting on January 26. Update on the Board meeting the night before. A new high school course authorized (aviation maintenance). A few motions brought forward that were not passed (climate initiative and a mandatory mask). There was an audit on high and middle school shops done and determined that they are not up to code. They will be sending out a survey about police liaisons in schools. Considerable concerns raised about transition from high school to university and the impacts of covid. A meeting was set up between the school board and student reps; they agreed that the school board will reach out to universities to see how they can facilitate a discussion on this issue.</li> <li>Next meeting Feb 23.</li> </ul>

<b>School updates from parents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Emily provided some updates on sports and music in the principal's report.</li> <li>● Grade 12s have ended CSE - such a big part of their lives that it is a difficult transition.</li> <li>● Band - the kids miss performing but are understanding about the circumstances (shared experience with everyone) and remain enthusiastic about the band and their teacher.</li> <li>● Flex and CSE - grade 8 applications have been received and decisions are being made right now for next years' cohorts..</li> <li>● There have been no discussions about fundraising for either CSE or musical theatre.</li> <li>● A suggestion was made that PAC invites representatives from the department/program heads about the program. In the past in PAC there were more formal parent liaison who would check with the department heads but they seem so overwhelmed these days that there is a hesitance to bother them.</li> </ul>
<b>New / Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Adjourned</b>	Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** March 3, 2021