

REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2021
7:00 p.m. Zoom/Library Meeting

Attendees: Catherine duBois (Chair), Joy Wickens (Vice-Chair), Alice Xu (Treasurer), Willow Minaker (Secretary), Aaron Norris (Principal), Peter Tyrrell, Janaki Niranjana, Leah MacDonald, Johanna Kendall

ITEM	INFORMATION
Welcome	Welcome, roundtable introductions and review of agenda
Minutes	June minutes approved with no objection.
Principal's Report (Aaron)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Currently 1034 students with more international students yet to arrive. Over 80 staff (teachers, support teachers, EAs).● Ministry announcement a few weeks ago was the first direction on what the school year would look like. Students at this age level are eligible for vaccination so Reynolds is in a slightly different situation than elementary schools for example. Question about vaccination rates - no idea of the numbers of students vaccinated; they only have figures from Island Health, which has a high rate for this age group.● Masks are the only restriction; no number of student restrictions. There will be some limitations with BC school sports, but info not out yet. Masks to be worn by everyone indoors, unless seated and eating. The Ministry stated that it will no longer do covid notifications generally anymore as they heard that it raised more anxieties (although likely would still notify in the case of an outbreak).● Question around covid funding and ventilation - funds go to the district and they did an assessment and certain areas of Reynolds received ventilation upgrade.. For example, career centre, office in indigenous centre, and Annexes had a units installed,● Combination of linear, semester and quarter courses. On support block mornings, students are expected to be in class but can choose which class they need support in. The expectation is that they be present and productive; it will be a learning curve to see how it works for Reynolds. For the first few weeks, students are directed to go to their Block B class. Teachers will be taking attendance for support blocks (particularly for covid exposure). Students have been notified about how support blocks will work by email, teachers and the school app.● 8 new staff members with new energy and ideas.● A few facilities upgrades were made to the building, including new picnic tables (paid for by PAC) installed in front of the buildings.
Chair's Report (Catherine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nothing to report.
Treasurer's Report (Alice)	<p><i>Report on bank balance</i></p> <p><i>Operating: \$913.04 (last Sept: \$973.94)</i></p> <p>Included in the operating acct: 1) \$100 - sponsored by the School Board for parent education event; and 2) the remaining of \$813.04 for other operating functions.</p>

	<p>The only acct activity for the operating acct since June PAC meeting is the payment of bank fees (\$1.95 each month in July and Aug).</p> <p>Additional note is that Smile Card fundraising was the only funding source of PAC's operating. In 2019/20, we raised \$625.6. Last school year we received eight chqs, \$79.6 in total. As addressed in the June PAC meeting, there will be no more Smile Card program starting this school year.</p> <p><i>Gaming: \$3,537.17 (last Sept: \$2,576.30)</i></p> <p>The only acct activity for the gaming acct since June PAC meeting is the payment of bank fees (\$1.95 in both July and Aug).</p> <p>Gaming Grants Request Process</p> <p>The PAC has submitted Gaming acct online application for 2021/22 school year on Apr 13. The gaming account summary report was also emailed to the gaming branch on Aug 5. We are expecting to receive the approved gaming funding by mid October.</p> <p>I am going to email Hollie by the end of this week this year's Funding Request form. For school programs/clubs who would like to apply for the gaming funding, please fill out the Funding Request form and email it to me by Tue Oct 5. When requested, there will be time scheduled in the Oct PAC meeting for funding request presentations.</p> <p>We will then call for parent volunteers to join the gaming grant budget committee. A budget committee meeting will be held in late-October to discuss the gaming grants allocation. The budget proposal will be presented in the Nov PAC meeting for approval.</p> <p>Once the budget is approved, funding letters will be sent to the programs/clubs about the funding decision.</p> <p>Bank Signing Authority Change</p> <p>Four PAC Executive members will have the bank signing authority for 2021/22 school year. The change process is in progress. I also made a request to be able to make deposits on-line, instead of going to the bank in person.</p>
<p>VCPAC update (Leah)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A (no meetings yet)
<p>School updates from parents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the past year, the official parent rep role disappeared. Previously there would be a parent rep for each of the specialized program areas - Band/Music, Sports, French Immersion, Flex - and their role would be to liaise with the program heads (teachers) and report back to PAC. During covid, parents were no longer at the school and interactions were very limited so that engagement disappeared. As such, during covid it became more ad hoc and parents would report on info when they had it from the students in each area. This will hopefully be reestablished this year.
<p>New / Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus passes - Saanich was considering offering bus passes to youth (as they have in the City of Victoria) but this seemed to get sidelined by covid. Parent proposal to send

	<p>an email from PAC to Saanich inquiring as to the status of these discussions and encouraging to consider offering the same to Saanich students. Peter will draft; Catherine will send.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grad? Aaron - we've learned some things from covid that could improve the experience for everyone. Would like to take some time to reflect on these learnings. For example, could we host it at the school as more of a community event (versus formal ceremony)? Preliminary bookings have been made (Laurel Point and Uvic auditorium), but these discussions are ongoing. Forming a student and parent committee to engage in these discussions.
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 6, 2021