

# REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

## PAC MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2021  
7:00 p.m. Zoom/Library

**Attendees:** Catherine duBois (Chair), Alice Xu (Treasurer), Willow Minaker (Secretary), Aaron Norris (Principal), Peter Tyrrell, Starr Munro, Laurel Hovey, Janaki Niranjanan, Tanya Silleta, Leah MacDonald

ITEM	INFORMATION
<b>Welcome</b>	Welcome, roundtable introductions and review of agenda
<b>Minutes</b>	September minutes approved with no objection.
<b>Gaming Proposals</b>	Presentations by: Coin Club (Patricia Daniels); Spoken Word (Brad Cunningham, Hamza); Robotics (Juliana Huang); Performing arts (Jamie Davis, Katy Kerr, Lena Palermo)
<b>Principal's Report</b> (Aaron)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Busy September learning new schedule with blended system (quarter/semestre/linear);</li><li>• Cops for Cancer beat the \$40k mark, which was fantastic for a covid year - included car wash and bottle drive (raised \$5k alone), bake sales, chuck it in the bucket (\$1200 first day), auction (\$3k); Reynolds has raised \$945k in the past 17 years, which is also the 25 year for tour de rock and possibly their \$30M goal.</li><li>• National truth and reconciliation activities at school: discussions on personal acts, what is your act of reconciliation, what will you do; orange ribbon acknowledgement on fences; some classes did some restorative work in gardens (healing the land); student performance and artist talk with 6 classes.</li><li>• 1034 students this year, up 5% due to the return of international students (122).</li><li>• 12 athletics teams have started up; things looking relatively normal. Some covid protocols are in place and vaccination requirements for things like hotels and restaurants when travelling but tournaments are happening. Spectators are welcome to the games - the gym has 50% capacity limits (the gym fits 800 normally). Vaccine requirements do not apply to parents attending school events. Clubs have started up. Students are really interested in extracurricular activities after a year without.</li><li>• Already 1/3 through the courses for quartered classes.</li><li>• Parent-teacher interviews tomorrow for quartered classes.</li><li>• Focus on school goal "belonging and connectedness" with emphasis on mental health. Things are still complex and some staff and students are struggling. Grade 9 mental health literacy unit paired with English classes. Recognizing signs, resources available.</li><li>• Question about upcoming band concert and creating an option for live streaming and whether the same could be done with athletics. Response: it is an option but no requests have been received. Details about the band concert will be coming out shortly.</li><li>• Grad planning - working with the Island Health Authority to figure out if the winter formal is possible (200 students together, eating food, etc.). Updated guidelines are coming out in the next month. Might postpone it and try for a few months later.</li></ul>
<b>Chair's Report</b> (Catherine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new correspondence.</li><li>• Parent education funding application is open (\$250). Has observed a challenge with spending it - both having enough funding (so need to invest additional PAC funds) then a challenge getting parents out to the events.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Suggestion to consider White hatter, a local organization that offers education programs on cyber security and internet safety. Estimated \$1000, which means we would have to invest funds from the operating account.</li> <li>● These funds tend to be available throughout the year so agreement to park the idea for now until/unless a parent comes forward with a specific idea or proposal for consideration.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> (Alice)	<p><b>Report on bank balance</b></p> <p><i>Operating: \$911.09 (Last Oct PAC meeting: \$1,071.99)</i></p> <p>Included in the operating acct: 1) \$100 - sponsored by the School Board for parent education event; and 2) the remaining of \$811.09 for other operating functions.</p> <p>There is only a bank fee of \$1.95 incurred since Sept PAC meeting.</p> <p><i>Gaming: \$3,535.22 (Last Oct meeting: \$2,574.3)</i></p> <p>The only acct activity for the gaming acct since Sept PAC meeting is the payment of bank fees of \$1.95.</p> <p>Every year PAC receives gaming grants, \$20 for each student enrolled for the current school year. We haven't received gaming grants for this year yet. I have called the gaming branch and left a phone message but have not heard back. Based on previous years, I expect to receive notification and the funding in the next one or two weeks.</p> <p>As of today, we received eleven funding request applications (\$41,447.10).</p> <p>A budget committee meeting will be held later this month to discuss the gaming grants allocation. We welcome parents to join our budget committee. Let me know if you are interested in joining us. I will send out an email to the interested parents confirming the date and time to meet. A budget proposal will be then presented in Nov PAC meeting for parents' approval.</p> <p>Once the budget is approved, funding letters will be sent to the programs/clubs about the funding decisions.</p> <p>Catherine, Laurel, Peter and Alice will be in the budget committee for the fall season this year.</p> <p><b>Bank Signing Authority Change</b></p> <p>In Sept we contacted TD bank to update the bank signing authority for this school year. Catherine, Alice and Willow have signed the paper, unsure about Joy. Mobile deposit has been set up.</p>
<b>VCPAC update</b> (Leah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Majority of the meeting was discussing whether VCPAC wanted to add their voice to advocating to introduce a mask mandate for K-3 in the district (PHO announced new requirement the next day).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthquake upgrade school - city building social housing will displace track and stadium area on the grounds - VCPAC trying to push back and get the city to reconsider.</li> <li>• Police liaison review committee (still relevant in Saanich) - school board reviewing this and will be sending out a survey to get feedback on that role in schools in Saanich.</li> </ul>
<b>Updates from parents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't currently have parent reps so will remove from the agenda until (or if) this changes.</li> </ul>
<b>New / Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter reported back on his investigation into a proposal for Saanich to provide bus passes for youth. Council declined this proposal in August 2020. U-Pass program available to any school if the school will purchase for all students, which isn't feasible at Reynolds because many students already receive them free through the City of Victoria.</li> <li>• Parent feedback received by PAC Chair on the quarter system (parents of grade 9 student and one grade 11) - the concern was the pace was just too fast. It's less the balancing of the classes and schedules and more just the volume of work in a short period of time. Too intensive for some of the academically heavy courses; creating additional stress and some students moving to online options to find some balance. Principal encourage students/parents to communicate to the teacher if there is a better balance and/or work with a counsellor to see if semesteral options are available. They will start re-visiting this system with students and teachers in the coming months, looking forward to next year.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjourned</b>	Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

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