

REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2022
7:00 p.m. Zoom

Attendees: Joy Wickens (Vice Chair), Alice Xu (Treasurer), Willow Minaker (Secretary), Aaron Norris (Principal), Laurel Hovey, Peter Tyrell, Tara, Leah MacDonald

ITEM	INFORMATION
Welcome	Welcome, roundtable introductions and review of agenda
Minutes	January minutes approved with no objection.
Principal's Report (Aaron)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New semester started this week and marks half way through the school year.• Still under enhanced orders from PHO. Decided to do a short lunch for 3 weeks to get through the initial weeks of omicron. Feedback was that lunch was too short so they have returned to the regular 55 minute lunch hour.• School sports are still happening but can't currently participate in tournaments and no spectators.• Right now planning for a musical theatre production and hoping they can have an audience by then. Waiting until the new orders to make final decisions.• Band concerts are still on hold until they can be hosted live.• Expect a new PHO update on Feb 16 when current order expires; indications are that rules should be loosening a bit.• This week, they will be sending out a survey for the 2022-2023 school year to get feedback on the scheduling options. They will be looking for feedback in three areas: timetable (combination quarter/linear/semestered or go back to full semester), daily schedule (early start or later, consistent or early dismissal Friday, more flexibility in day), calendar (support block or not, advisory period with consistent teacher and students over 4 years). Aaron will provide an overview of the results at the next PAC meeting.• Ministry assessments were postponed due to covid; they have not been cancelled yet although students scheduled to graduate in January are excused. Schools are expected to reschedule. This will present a real challenge as they are usually divided into two groups (fall and spring classes) and now all will have to be assessed at once. Unsure at this point how the school will manage this. They are still awaiting final decision/direction from the ministry.• These assessments are not reflected in report card grades and currently universities only look at grade 12 but assessments are required to graduate (although there are some recent graduates that have been excused due to the postponement). The Ministry is discussing this with the universities, particularly how these excused students will be impacted. Some concern was raised regarding the impact on assessment marks for french students who take the assessment months after they completed the course, and university french programs look at these assessments. Aaron encouraged parents to reach out to universities with these concerns.• Grad - so hard to plan anything right now. Under current orders, grad couldn't even happen. Given how things are right now, it is very unlikely that we will have a grad at Uvic with 2000 people in the audience. Many families would not be comfortable. Grads have expressed that they aren't interested in the proposal for an outdoor family event

	<p>but reality is, they probably can't have what they want (Uvic, Laurel Point). They are looking to engage further with students on alternate plans. Uvic and Laurel Point are both still booked, but seems unlikely at this point. Things get confusing because there are different rules for schools than for the general public (e.g. no sports tournaments for schools but possible for other sports teams).</p>
<p>Chair's Report (Joy)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student from the dance program contacted the PAC chair via email to express some concerns around support (or lack thereof) for the dance program as well as about an interaction last week with a teacher around safety and the use of facilities in the gym. PAC Chair encouraged the student to contact the school administration to discuss concerns, which they did, and a meeting took place to address these concerns. • No further updates.
<p>Treasurer's Report (Alice)</p>	<p>Report on bank balance</p> <p><i>Operating: \$840.79 (Feb PAC meeting last year: \$1,019.19)</i></p> <p>Included in the operating account: 1) \$100 - sponsored by the School Board for parent education event; and 2) the remaining of \$740.79 for other operating functions.</p> <p>The only acct activities for the operating acct since Jan PAC meeting is \$1.95 bank fees.</p> <p><i>Gaming: \$23,042.50 (Feb PAC meeting last year: \$21,373.80)</i></p> <p>There are no transactions for the gaming account since the Jan PAC meeting.</p> <p>Call for Volunteers for Spring Funding Committee Meeting</p> <p>Total gaming funding available for the school year is \$23k. In the fall term PAC received \$44k funding request, and approved \$15k for budget allocation. There is about \$8k 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 for Spring term (\$672 requested from Student Book Club to purchase books and \$2,500 requested from the musical theater for costume funds, building supplies and updating set structures). We will also consider using the gaming grants to pay the membership fees for BCCPAC.</p> <p>Parents are welcome to join us in February to prepare the funding allocation proposal through a Microsoft Team virtual meeting. The budget proposal will be presented in March PAC meeting for parents' approval.</p> <p>Joy, Peter, Laurel and Alice will meet later this month to discuss the Spring Budget.</p>
<p>VCPAC update (Leah)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah was unable to attend but meeting notes are attached (see p.4). • One issue discussed was the request from VCPAC for input from PACs on whether the Police Liaison program should be continued. • Aaron spoke about the experience with the liaison officer at the school. The liaison officer supports the school with police issues and also to speak to classes (law, criminology, career life). Teachers use liaison officers to make a direct connection to the

	<p>police community. When it comes to policing matters, because there is an existing familiarity with the school, they can interact with the students in a way that builds on a relationship. Aaron clarified that the Saanich police budget pays for this service, not the school or school board. There is a concern that if the program is lost, it would be very difficult to get it funded again in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PAC discussed whether or not to provide feedback on the police liaison program to VCPAC. The decision was that without further information/research the PAC didn't feel there was consensus to make a recommendation at this time. Leah will confirm the deadline for input and parents will bring concerns/thoughts to the next meeting to discuss input/recommendations from PAC about the program. ● Aaron offered to invite the Reynolds liaison officer to the next meeting to speak to the program. This is tentatively on the agenda for the March meeting.
New / Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No new business
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 2, 2022

VCPAC General Meeting
January 25, 2022 7:00 pm on Zoom

Present:

REPS: Lora McKay (Arbutus), Karin Kwan (Cedar Hill), Angela Carmichael (Central), Lisa Gelling (Colquitz, Tillicum), Mathew Payne (George Jay), Erika Palmer (Hillcrest), Sonja Yli-Kahila (Marigold), Dr. Lisa Gunderson (Mt. Doug), Paula Marchese (Oak Bay), Natalie Tokgoz (SJD), Jonathan Bleackley (Vic West), Kristin Wright (Willows)

NON-VOTING: Karen Anderson, Zeta Lay, Ian Graeme Soren Henrich

Welcome:

Meeting started: 7:00 pm

Meeting chaired by Angela Carmichael There was no quorum.

Agenda, Minutes:

Agenda: moved by Erika to accept

Minutes: no quorum

VCPAC Update - Angela Carmichael

Angela gave an update on the SD61 Board Meeting held on January 24. The trustees do not seem to be listening to the concerns brought forward by parents, stakeholders and rights holders. There was discussion about the land sale at Lansdowne to the Victoria Hospice Society. There was concern that if this sale is due to lack of funding why is the amount so low. We are still facing the usual 4/5 split for trustee voting.

Police Liaison Survey Results

Presented by Dr. Lisa Gunderson. Dr. Lisa went through the survey report. She is asking the reps to share the information sent out regarding the school police liaison program and talk with their PACs to determine whether they want the program to continue, continue with changes or to end. This will help make an informed recommendation to take to the school board and should be shared with Dr. Lisa. Any discussion on the whys and suggested changes should be written down and saved for the next step in the process.

Summary Report:

- 1) please click here <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/meetings-of-the-board/>.
- 2) scroll to the agenda under the Education Policy and Directions Committee Jan 10, 2022
- 3) See pg. 45 for memo and survey results

Budget Planning Committee Update

Presented by Karin Kwan and Paula Marchese

They attended their third budget meeting last week. This meeting was to look at the Operations line items. Presentations were made on operations, finance, human resources, maintenance, facilities, etc. There is a deficit in the number of trades people available to do the necessary work. There were a lot of requests for funding but not many suggestions for saving money. Energy management and maintenance for the two that gave money saving recommendations. The next meeting will cover education, including music. There will be a thought-exchange initiative with middle and high school students to discover what they think about the learning opportunities in the district. They also want to look at how the cost of living affects SD61 compared to similar districts.

Google Document to collect parent feedback:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12n7FDIMOFkPRKXdgoUQ1oD118cHvDIbno8U-UCHB2RQ/edit>

Draft Budget Letter

Presented by Lora McKay. Karin, Angela and Lora drafted a letter to try and unify the parent voice as far as the district budget is concerned. This will be shared with PACs as a template to share with parents who are encouraged to sign and send it in to trustees and MLAs. They welcome any edits or suggestions.

Google Document:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yvIKJpu6FWVVV9WXF2B_4pxhES7dX_PedDI4fghrKcM/edit

Friends of Bowker Creek Presentation

Presented by Ian Graeme and Soren Henrich. Ian presented a slide show showing the history of their organization, the plan to restore Bowker Creek and the concerns they have over the sale of the land at Lansdowne Middle School.

Website: <https://bowkercreek.org>

ACTION: Send information out to the PACs and ask for feedback as Angela will have to speak on this again at the board table.

Safe Guardian Network

Presented by Zeta Lay. Zeta explained that the Safe Guardian Network is a grassroots community initiative. It is a network of community members committed to the health and safety of youth and children. They are aware of the commercial sexual exploitation of children in our communities. They stand for youth and children being free from sexual exploitation. Their goal is to have at least 200 conversations by February 25 in the community regarding statistics and estimates of this exploitation and abuse. They are looking for 50 adults to register for training in the prevention of child sexual abuse and 25 adults to register for a workshop on the prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children. They have arranged a free 1-hour workshop through the Children of the Street Society to take place on February 10 at 7pm online. There will be room for 100 participants.

ACTION: send this information out to parents.

Black History Month

Dr. Lisa Gunderson shared an event being presented by Black Youth Empowerment. The Bystander Intervention workshop will take place on February 21 from 3-5 pm. It is open to black youth in grade 8-12 across Canada. There is a maximum of 20 participants.

Workshop Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7hvk9Kz2eU1GhfFmPyfLzHOiLfKNqKiL0-Liyfr5emRn1IA/viewform>

Adjourned: 8:50 pm