

REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2022
7:00 p.m. Library and Zoom

Attendees: Catherine DuBois (Chair), Joy Wickens (Vice Chair), Alice Xu (Treasurer), Willow Minaker (Secretary), Aaron Norris (Principal), Emily Kirzinger (Vice Principal), Laurel Hovey, Peter Tyrell, Janaki Niranjanan, Constable Dion Birtwistle (Guest presenter), Leah MacDonald, Lynn

ITEM	INFORMATION
Welcome	Welcome, roundtable introductions and review of agenda
Guest Speaker	<p>Reynolds Police Liaison, Constable Dion Birtwistle, came to present to the PAC about the role of the liaison within the school. The responsibilities in the 40 Saanich schools are currently between two liaison officers, but normally 4 officers and a sergeant. Whole program is under review and one of the big considerations is how they interact with minority communities or those who may have had negative past experiences and how to improve those engagements. Emily Kirzinger also spoke about her experience with the SLO program in Esquimalt prior to and after the cancellation of the program, and the comparative experience back with an SLO at Reynolds. She talked about the value of having a familiar face when a student was in crisis. Without the program they were only asking police to be in a building on a reactionary basis (when in crisis). As an administrator that relationship is very important, particularly when dealing with difficult cases.</p> <p>PAC discussed feedback to the VCPAC and agreed to send recommendation that the program continue. Agreement that the PAC Chair will send confirmation of this support and include some of the recommendations discussed during the meeting.</p>
Minutes	February minutes approved with no objection
Principal's Report (Aaron)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey on schedule - about 326 responses received. Aaron gave a presentation of the results of the survey. Overall results pointed to a strong preference for a semester schedule. On class length, generally it was felt that classes didn't need to be longer to provide appropriate support. On a consistent schedule (m-f) the results were very split. On a later start question, a slight preference for later but strong response (negative) on early start. Results on the support block were mixed. On advisory, many were supportive but almost as many were neutral.• They also produced a staff survey and have formed a committee to look at all the data from the three surveys (students, parents, staff) and come up with a recommendation. Need to decide definitely by May 31, 2022. Aaron will bring their proposal to the May PAC meeting.• Approaching spring break - PHO indicating that there might be some lessening of guidelines after spring break (in schools). Already changes to rules permitting a live performance of the musical theatre performance.• Basketball season just wrapping up and Jr. girls are at the provincials.• The Robotics club has a provincial competition at Memorial Arena this weekend.• Reynolds is full for next year and did not allow a single out of catchment student this year. The grade 9 cohort next year is 260 (could grow to 280 with in-catchment

registrations) and that is too big to fit in the school, particularly if those numbers continue.

- Decided not to run the french flex program of choice because there wasn't enough interest so that relieved some of the out of catchment pressure.
- Set to grow by 100 students in the next 7 years which will be a problem as they won't have enough room for everybody in 3 years.
- New to Reynolds parent session in a few weeks (likely still on zoom).
- The Ministry of Education is providing all schools with take home antigen tests for students; Reynolds has not yet received their tests yet but they will send them home with students as soon as they arrive.
- Grad update - hope is to have lessening of restrictions that would permit a regular graduation. Once they hear what the restrictions are, parents and students will be engaged in planning. Students interested in returning to traditional grad - UVic and Laurel Point.

Chair's Report
(Catherine)

- Reynolds requires PAC annual CSE Specialty Academy Fee approval; no change to the fee structure this year. Willow motioned to approve and Laurel seconded. Catherine will sign and return the form to Aaron.

Treasurer's Report
(Alice)

Report on bank balance

Operating: \$838.84 (Mar 2020/21: \$1,017.24)

Included in the Operating acct: 1) \$100 - sponsored by the School Board for parent education event; and the remaining of \$738.84 is available for other operating functions.

The only transaction during February is the \$1.95 bank fee.

Gaming: \$17,258.66 (Mar 2020/21: \$21,373.80)

The school programs claimed \$5,783.84 during Feb for gaming grants approved in fall.

Program	Description	Approved Fall	Reimbursement		Notes
			02-Feb-22	Un-used	
Success Committee	yearly awards night	3,000.00		4,500.00	
	For a mini Trade Fair at school: VIU Heavy Equipment Simulator:\$300 Teacher/Operator: \$500 Travel Expenses: \$150				
Careers		950.00		950.00	
	Merit Play (travel assistance to Islands and BC's \$3500 Field Hockey Uniforms \$1500 Track & Field Tops \$500 Rowing Tops \$500	6,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	Feb 2: Merit Play & Track and Field Tops
Athletics	Pizza Lunches \$300 Scarves \$700 Custom T-shirts for contest winners \$100				
Grade 9 House Program	Miscellaneous contest prizes \$200	1,300.00		1,300.00	
Robotics Club	FRC Team Registration	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	
Health Sciences Club	curriculum extension	400.00		600.00	
	Victorious Voices \$50 (Feb 2022) Hullabaloo \$200 (Feb 2022)				
spoken word	Hullabaloo travel \$2000 (Apr 2022)	1,000.00		1,000.00	
	Pizza lunches \$250				
coin club	Prizes \$175	425.00		425.00	
Inclusive Gaming	games/puzzles	500.00	283.84	216.16	
		15,075.00	5,783.84	11,066.16	

Spring funding committee meeting

Total gaming funding available for the school year is \$23,025. In the fall term, the PAC received a funding request of \$44,447; allocated \$15,075. In February two more funding requests totaling \$3,247 were received.

On the evening of Feb 9, 2022 four parents (Joy, Peter, Laurel and Alice) attended a gaming grants budget committee meeting. We took into consideration all funding requests received and would like to seek PAC's approval to allocate additional \$4,947.

Allocation Detail		
Program	Approved	Notes
Student Book Club	672.00	Spring Request
Musical Theater	2,500.00	Spring Request
BCCPAC Membership Fees	75.00	Spring Request
Health Sciences Club	200.00	Remaining of Fall Request
Success Committee	1,500.00	Remaining of Fall Request
Total	4,947.00	

Willow motioned to pass the proposed budget, Peter seconded, motion approved.

VCPAC update
(Leah)

- Almost all of the meeting was about the recent suspension of the two trustees and a motion to boycott future board meetings.
- Also a discussion about the Lansdowne property sale and motion to slow the process down. Concerns about selling below market price and environmental considerations.

New / Other Business

- No new business

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 6, 2022