

REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2022
7:00 p.m. Library

Attendees: Maryse Neilson (Chair), Peter Tyrell (Vice Chair), Laurel Hovey (Treasurer), Willow Minaker (Secretary), Aaron Norris (Principal), Netta Brown, Hanne Smaadahl, Jessica Koski

ITEM	INFORMATION
Welcome	Welcome, roundtable introductions and review of agenda
Gaming Grant Presentations	Spoken Word Club (performers - Tegan & Jez accompanied by Brad); Scholarships and Stock Market Challenge (Patricia Daniels); Library (Aaron presented); Minority Empowerment Club (video)
Minutes	September minutes approved with no objection
Principal's Report (Aaron)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the middle of C4C craziness - head shave, leg wax, bake sell, pie in face day, etc. all took place today. The \$54,000 goal is within reach. On Fridays the riders will visit and the school will present the cheque at the C4C Assembly and they are invited to the wrap up party at the legislature. 25 years of the tour. Very successful car wash. Huge for school spirit - a great buzz around the school.• Lots of sports are in full swing.• Parent teacher interviews are tomorrow.• End of September size report to the ministry and we are the same size as last year with a really big grade 9 group (240). Normally that number is more like 220.• On the list for the seismic upgrade for the school - #1 for expansion (6 portables and population growing) and #2 for seismic so they will try to do the two together.• Ministry assessments are coming up (November 4-5) so they will shift the schedule in order to put the ~800 students through provincial assessments in two days.• Indigenous grad requirement will come into force in 2024. Currently there are 5 courses offered at Reynolds that will meet this requirement. Currently First Peoples English 12 will meet both the English 12 requirement and the indigenous grad requirement. Over time more courses will be offered.• Student Affordability Fund - don't know the amount yet. Can cover any range of activities as long as it goes above and beyond regular costs and curriculum. Considering the demographic, they would say about 22% of the Reynolds school population would be considered at risk or in need of assistance. Discussion about ways to fill some of the gaps in the school but still waiting for further details/documentation to inform the discussions.
Chair's Report (Maryse)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correspondence was mostly funding applications.• VCPAC now has a chair and has sent out some communication about the recent Supreme Court decision and the importance of being actively engaged in the upcoming elections. VCPAC/GVTA is putting out a slate of candidates for the upcoming election. VCPAC is concerned about a few elements: VIVA slate of candidates and the democratic process (surrounding the dismissal) . There is a rally next Thursday for interested parents. Information could be found here: https://www.vcpac.ca/

Treasurer's Report (Laurel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transfer of signatories on the PAC's bank accounts is complete. ● There has been no banking activity in either account except for the monthly service charge of \$1.95 for each account. ● Current Gaming Account Balance is \$2,961.69 , Operating Account Balance is \$626.58 (\$100.00 of this is earmarked for Parent Education). ● We've received a letter from the Gaming Branch approving \$20,580. Funds should be deposited soon and the total in the Gaming Account will be \$23,541.69. ● VCPAC has announced that they will cover our annual BCCPAC Membership. I have applied for it but have not yet heard back. ● The school's Accounts Clerk is on leave until December so Aaron and Hollie will be covering for her. It will be a learning curve for all of us. ● In the month of September, PAC received 128 donations and \$1750. ● As of Sept 30 we have received 14 requests for Gaming money, totalling approximately \$18,000, considerably lower than last year. Requests range from \$220 to \$4,300. ● Discussed briefly the Scholarship application as it is a bit unique; deferred detailed discussion to budget committee. ● Looking for Budget Committee volunteers. Maryse, Laurel and Peter volunteered, and Willow will include a request for volunteers when she circulates meeting notes to the broader parent distribution list.
VCPAC update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See under Chair's report.
New / Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent education event ideas: Climate change related anxiety and depression among youth. There is a faculty member at UVIC that has recently given a talk on what you can do and messages of hope. Maryse will follow up with a possible speaker. Proposal to invite the broader community of schools. ● Discussed whether or not there is value in maintaining the PAC facebook page (it has been inactive for over a year). Agreement that unless it is actively used it is probably not a useful tool. Agreement that it wasn't worthwhile and to shut the page down.
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm

Note: Minutes considered draft until formally approved at the next PAC meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 2, 2022