

# REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

## PAC MEETING MINUTES

**March 1, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m. Library**

**Attendees:** Maryse Neilson (Chair), Willow Minaker (Secretary), Aaron Norris (Principal), Netta Brown, Jason Cruickshank, Hanne Smaadahl, Jessica Koski

ITEM	INFORMATION
<b>Welcome</b>	Welcome, land acknowledgement, roundtable introductions and review of agenda
<b>Minutes</b>	February minutes approved with no objection
<b>Principal's Report</b> (Aaron)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two weeks to spring break. Course selection underway. This Friday "R" block, students should receive their course verification forms. Last "R" block they did the spaghetti tower competition (highest tower was 83cm - lowest was negative 2 cm as it fell over and a marshmallow hung over the edge of the table). A great team building activity. To celebrate the opening of musical theatre, teachers brought in photos from the 80s and students had to guess who was who.</li><li>• Musical theatre show starts Friday - The Wedding Singer.</li><li>• Senior girls basketball at provincials (rest of teams done for the year). First time senior girls have reached provincials in 30 years.</li><li>• Looking forward to next year, set to grow in size. Gone through programs of choice then cross boundary transfers have all been put on the waitlist. For the next six years there is a large cohort coming through. 244 grade 9s coming next year (this year 236). Yes to everyone in catchment.</li><li>• In budget season for the Board. There is a public presentation that parents can sign up for. District is facing another structural shortfall (\$4M short this year) and looking for input.</li><li>• Focus for staff professional development is the indigenous grad requirement and new reporting order coming into effect for secondary schools this year (July 1). Grade 9s will no longer get grades next year. Grades 10-12 will get both grades and proficiency scale reporting. Focus will also be in educating parents.</li><li>• Spending a lot of time talking about the year end assembly and the success committee. Reynolds give out a lot of awards and generally to the same 100 kids rather than the broader community. Looking at honour roll awards: 3.2, 3.6, and 4.0. All based on terms 1-3 (by 4 students gone). Starting to question why they are doing it. Many schools have completely eliminated honour roll. For grade 9, do teachers' awards that have to do with hard work and commitment (not marks) and you get a Reynolds scarf. You can only get it in grade 9 and by being on the teacher's choice list. If they keep it, what marks do they include from what classes? Interested in feedback from PAC.</li><li>• General PAC comments - not sure if it is needed. Isn't doing well the reward in itself? Does it demonstrate hard work or is it often those students who find school relatively easy? There are many reasons why students do well or not at school and it isn't always about hard work. General sentiment seemed to be that there wasn't real value in it.</li><li>• The school would like to put something together to educate parents on this change of perspective and get broader feedback.</li></ul>
<b>Chair's Report</b> (Maryse)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominations to new PAC Executive for next year - Pauline Robertson has indicated that she would be willing to be Secretary next year. Netta and Jessica are willing to continue in their roles, as is Maryse.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM - need to decide about when to hold it. According to the Constitution it should be in April but due to spring break and Easter that first week is not a great time to hold it, so propose to hold it either later in April and cancel early April meeting and combine with May OR just move it to May.</li> <li>• Proposal to move it to April 26 and hold the AGM and regular meeting then cancel the April 5 and May 3 meeting. Passed with no objections. Maryse will contact Hollie to change the dates and will send out a message to parents notifying of the new AGM date and inviting them to the April meeting.</li> <li>• PAC Constitution - Maryse is happy to take that on during the summer when she has more time. Laurel indicated willingness to help. Maryse will check with Laurel and make a plan to report back.</li> <li>• Teacher appreciation - there are plenty of funds this year. During the gaming recommendations meeting, this was discussed and they could choose to go with a restaurant with choices for staff. Parent volunteers could be available to set up the location and make everything look nice. Also an option is to do a "teacher appreciation week" for example lower cost item each day. For example donut wall, charcuterie board day (fruit, cheese, meat), then ice cream bar. If charcuterie boards there is an idea of a board with an etching (thank you and name) for each staff member. General agreement. Volunteers for each day who plan and purchase the food for the day and submit receipts. Proposal is to have the staff appreciation on June 13, 14, 15. The 14th is staff collaboration morning so would be a good day for the donut wall. Maryse and Netta will meet for an initial brainstorming and come to the April meeting with a budget proposal and request for volunteers.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> (Maryse)	<p>Unable to access the accounts this month to report current bank balances. However, Melody sent an up to date statement for invoices that she has received at the school. A further \$2606.36 has been spent by staff for Grade 9 activities, Musical Theatre, Rowing Machine, Stock Exchange Club, and Cruicut Club expenses, and \$825.00 is pending for the Grade 9 scarves. She has also spoken with a couple of the teachers who still haven't spent their funding and they will be on it shortly. Laurel will get a reimbursement cheque to Melody when she returns in the first week of April.</p> <p>Gaming grant proposals. Peter, Laurel and Maryse met on February 8th and reviewed all funding requests. There are insufficient funds for the full requests. There was considerable discussion about the mats and deemed that as they aren't critical and can be partly funded through other sources (plus can be ordered in batches), it was decided not to fund those at this time, thereby enabling everything else to be funded. If there are unspent funds available at the end of the year, PAC may be able to contribute some funds for the mats. Alternately, they will be invited to submit again next fall.</p> <p>The budget committee recommended funding approval of six proposals for a total of \$6016.11 (see summary at the end of the meeting notes). Netta motioned to approve the budget, Jessica seconded the motion.</p>
<b>VCPAC update</b> (Jason)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of GVTA and talked about budget issues and concerns that there is no cost of living increase in the next 3 year budget. Costs and expectations have increased for teachers. Classrooms are underfunded, workloads increasing. Teachers not participating as much in extracurricular activities such as coaching. Some schools looking out into the community to find resources for coaching/supervising clubs and</li> </ul>

	<p>teams. Ministry curriculum packages are no longer being used so teachers feeling more isolated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant received from the City of Victoria for celebration and recognition for students of African descent, which will take place in June.</li> <li>Next two year's calendars are posted on the School Board website for input and feedback.</li> </ul>
<b>New / Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robotics Club is going to the Worlds (there is no national). They are competing in the provincials today and tomorrow and have already qualified for Houston at the end of April.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjourned</b>	Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

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

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** April 26, 2023

**Approved Spring Grant Proposals:**

Category	Program	Description				# Students Served	\$ Ask	\$ Recommendation
Athletics	Sr Girls Basketball	Shooting Machine 5,000 Community donor willing to match the PAC donation Team is willing to fundraise				all athletes, not just basketball players	2,500.00	2,500.00
Athletics	Althletics	Mats for Room 103 to provide suitable surface of extracurricular activities - basketball, volleyball, rugby, x-country, rowing, dance, yoga, leadership & wrestling. Requesting 5901.92 of total cost of 9,901.02				200 +	5,901.92	0.00
Other	Room 109 Low Incidence Classroom	Field Trip to Butchart Gardens - entrance fee 136.40 Carousel Ride 38.00 Bus rental 120.00				10 students 8 staff	294.40	294.40
Fine arts other?	Drumming	Materials, etc for 17 new drums Elk Hides 765.45 Yellow Cedar Hoops 530 Rubbermaid Container 48.15 Blanket 27.99				school-wide benefit	1,371.16	1,371.16
Other	Dungeons & Dragons Club	Dungeon Master Guide 116 Players Manual 232 Monster Manual 58 Tasha's Cauldron of Everything 65.95				25+	495.55	495.55
Athletics	Field Hockey	Scrimmage/team Pinnies (set of 12) 80.00 Training Cones 25.00				20-25	105.00	105.00
Other	Ice Cream Club	Professional Grade Ice Cream Maker 1250.00 School -wide benefit as ice cream could be make for school events - games, fundraisers, salad bar, etc.				15-20	1,250.00	1,250.00
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