

## PAC MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2023

7:00 p.m. Library

**Attendees:** Peter Tyrrell (Vice Chair), Pauline Robertson (Secretary), Aaron Norris (Principal), Marc Lerman, Alanna Kellar, Brendan Berbenuik, Melody Burns, Hanne Smaadahl, Jessica Koski

**Regrets:** Maryse Neilson (Chair).

ITEM	INFORMATION
1. <b>Opening</b> (Peter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to order at 7:00pm. Welcome!</li> <li>• Land acknowledgement</li> </ul>
2. <b>Gaming Grant Application Presentations</b> (Guests: Alecia Jones, Brad Cunningham, Joe, Honzo, Nic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alecia Jones, Joe, and Honzo spoke about the Minority Empowerment Club. The club started last year with the purpose of creating open space for minorities to mingle and share culture in a safe place and to bring visibility. Lots of activities last year (e.g., cultural day w/ PAC support, Black History Month, Asian History Month) &amp; want to expand what they're doing. Formation and success of club is evidence of unmet needs. Funding request is to bring in a consultant (Lisa Gunderson) to plan for how to move forward in school-wide anti-racism journey (\$500 for (discounted) consultation fee). Would also like funding for cultural day to pay for supplies (cups, etc.) &amp; food. Lots of positive feedback from PAC members. Might ask for additional funding in 2nd semester.</li> <li>• Brad, Joe, and Nic spoke about Reynolds' Spoken Word Poetry group. Poetry slam = competitive poetry. Important energy at poetry slam of voices being honoured and being seen in a safe place. Will perform at Remembrance Day and open mics throughout the year. Two poetry slams (Victoria's Voices &amp; one in Vancouver). Reynolds has an established reputation. Nic &amp; Joe each performed one of their spoken word pieces. Request is for entry fees &amp; travel costs for poetry slams (same request as previous years).</li> </ul>
3. <b>Agenda</b>	Reviewed & approved (with amendment of moving Gaming Grant presentations to beginning of meeting so guests could join).
4. <b>Minutes</b>	<a href="#">September 21, 2023 minutes</a> approved as circulated (moved by Marc/seconded by Jessica)
5. <b>Chair's Report</b> (submitted by Maryse)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent Education Grants now available (up to \$250 per PAC) through SD61. Katy Bigsby (who is an educational consultant who runs "Reil Learning" who supports social emotional learning and creative learner engagement in and out of school) is willing to offer a session to parents at this price. <b>Marc will contact Maryse re: completing the grant application form through the district for this session.</b></li> <li>- BCCPAC – Tracy Humphries is now the Executive Director. (Not yet sure what that means for Tracy's role as Chair of VCPAC.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heard from one teacher re: social media and PAC – would love to see our social media share photos of the work we do in the school through the Gaming Grants. [See further discussion under New Business.]</li> <li>● Upcoming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Huge thank you to Pauline for taking on the Treasurer role and to Melody for stepping up to the plate with the Secretary role. The Executive will need to meet at the bank (TD at Fort and Foul Bay) one day soon to change signing authorities on the accounts. <b>Maryse will arrange and reach out.</b></li> <li>- Still in need of a VCPAC representative. This is a very important role – please consider taking this on – <b>reach out to Maryse if interested.</b></li> <li>- PAC Orientation package is on hold given Maryse’s situation with her Mom.</li> <li>- Gaming Grant application went out to all staff last week – due October 20 and have asked to email to Treasurer and cc Chair. Executive will meet week of October 23 to review and bring recommendations to November 1 meeting. <b>Pauline &amp; Peter &amp; Jessica (&amp; Maryse) volunteered to review applications; meeting details to be confirmed.</b></li> <li>- November 1 meeting we will discuss staff winter holiday appreciation. Consider what you are all willing to do (workwise) to make this happen and offer suggestions accordingly. We will not be over-relying on one or two of us.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6. Treasurer’s Report	No report.
7. VCPAC Representative Report	No report. <b>Please consider volunteering for this role!</b>
8. Principal’s Report (Aaron)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Final enrolment = 1038 (2 students more than last year). ~40 additional international students expected in February.</li> <li>● Reynolds Truth and Reconciliation week activities – drumming (using drums that PAC helped fund materials for) &amp; beadwork every day run by Marc Vermette (EA on staff). Some presentations in theatre from students of Indigenous ancestry. Indigenous studies class created presentations. Focus was to try &amp; learn something new about local indigenous culture.</li> <li>● Reynolds Gives Campaign (Oct 3-13) – started this week. Bake sales, car wash, Terry Fox Run, clothing drive, food drive, pie the teacher. Many things donated by community.</li> <li>● Reynolds September Pro-D focus – descriptive feedback for reporting (new for Gr 10-12). Worked with teacher from Cedar Hill who shared expertise/knowledge. Trying to work through how to do this for 100+ students.</li> <li>● Reynolds School Goals – listed on website. Two goals = 1. Better connect students to school; and, 2. Connect students to their learning through the learning process</li> </ul>

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	<p>and assessment/self-assessment. <b>Let Aaron know if you have any feedback on these goals.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent-teacher interviews in a couple of weeks. Informal learning updates being sent to families now.</li> <li>● TWAR comes as a “push” from app via e-mail that users subscribe to. App has ~5000ish users, with 2805 current subscribers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. New / Other Business</b></p>	<p>a. PAC Executive nominations/elections – Pauline tendered her resignation as Secretary.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pauline nominated Melody Burns for Secretary (seconded by Marc). Melody accepted the nomination. There were no other candidates. By show of hands, Melody was duly elected as Secretary.</li> <li>Peter nominated Pauline Robertson for Treasurer (seconded by Marc). Pauline accepted the nomination. There were no other candidates. By show of hands, Pauline was duly elected as Treasurer.</li> </ol> <p>b. Constitution &amp; bylaw review – Pauline circulated a summary of the proposed revisions. Most changes are minor. Some procedural text is being removed so it can be more appropriately be included in a manual. Discussion about how best to define quorum; this PAC is currently well attended but there are many other secondary school PACs where it can be difficult to get five people to attend. <b>Please contact Pauline before October 15 if you have any suggestions for how/if we should change our current definition of quorum.</b> Proposed changes will be circulated again 15 days before our next meeting (i.e., by October 17) so we can vote on the revised constitution &amp; bylaws in November.</p> <p>c. Social media – The group discussed whether we should start with Facebook and/or Instagram. The school-based Instagram account (maintained by Emily Kirzinger) is active. A school FB page exists (inactive) &amp; no idea who runs/owns it. Consensus was to start by adding to the existing school-based Instagram account (rather than start a separate PAC account). Ideas for content: encourage teachers/students to send photos of activities related to Gaming Grant spending; post teacher appreciation events; include reminders of PAC meetings; ask for volunteers; emphasize that PAC is an opportunity to hear things first-hand. <b>Alanna will contact Emily and work with her to get PAC content posted.</b> Suggestion was to keep “social media” as a standing agenda item to discuss what we want to post.</p> <p>d. Gaming Grant Applications Presentations – see beginning of minutes.</p>
<p><b>10. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.</p>

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** November 1, 2023 @ 7:00pm in the Library

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