



PAC MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2024
7:00 p.m. Library

Attendees: Peter Tyrrell, Bruce Bidney, Megan Boniface, Pauline Robertson, Alanna Kellar, Hanne Smaadahl, Marc Lerman

Regrets: Jessica Koski, Maryse Neilson

ITEM	INFORMATION
<p>1. Opening (Marc)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 7:05 pm. Welcome! • Land acknowledgement
<p>2. Agenda</p>	<p>December 4 2024 Agenda approved by Pauline, seconded by Haane</p>
<p>3. Minutes</p>	<p>November 6, 2024 minutes approved by Hanne, seconded by Marc</p>
<p>4. Chair's Report (Marc)</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VCPAC/BCPAC – Hanne will discuss - Some teen mental health opportunities that I have passed along to Hollie to post to App <p>Upcoming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter Staff Appreciation – only idea to date is the donut wall from Esquimalt bake shop. I have tentatively booked it for Friday December 20 for 125 donuts for around \$400. I am only available to pick it up and deliver it that day – if that day doesn't work, then we will need a volunteer to pick it up and deliver it and then return the wall to the bakery after. <p>Admin thinks Thurs Dec 19 is a better day. Pauline can pick up donuts from the bakery in Esquimalt, and Megan can probably return the wall afterwards. Pauline will sort out logistics with Maryse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January PAC meeting is January 8. We had a great turn out at the November meeting at 6 pm. Do we want to consider moving meetings to 6 pm? <p>Discussion. Possibly no relationship between earlier start and uptick in attendance, could have been the concert afterwards. Let's not move the time, because otherwise hard to get home from work, have dinner and get to meeting. Pauline suggests more info in the TWAR app re the PAC meeting. Admin say that there is more space to have more info in the app. Marc will connect with Maryse about that.</p>

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5. Treasurer's Report (Pauline)	<p>See Appendix A - treasurer's report.</p> <p>Pauline has been asked by her son what opportunities exist for students to request gaming grant funds. Principal's Advisory is possibly a good way for student ideas to surface.</p> <p>Pauline suggests we publish a TWAR call for more donations when the new term starts in February, and remind parents they can get a tax receipt if they donate through the SD 61 site.</p>
6. VCPAC Representative Report (Hanne)	<p>See Appendix B - VCPAC rep report.</p> <p>Correspondence re budget survey (see link in Principal's Report). Admin sez that the survey got sent out to parents last week. It will come out again in the TWAR at the end of this week.</p>
7. Principal's Report (Bruce Bidney)	<p>Bruce thanks Pauline and the PAC for getting out the gaming grants letters.</p> <p>Leadership students are doing sock and mitten drive, care packages, fundraising, food drive, winter market. Many proceeds will go to Extreme Outreach.</p> <p>Winter Formal tomorrow night for grads in the gym.</p> <p>Winter Concerts next week on Wed/Thurs: band, choirs, strings.</p> <p>Minority Empowerment Group did a Cultural Day foyer luncheon with food from all around the world. Open to all students.</p> <p>Budget survey to be filled out by parents by 4pm Dec 13: https://forms.office.com/r/A8DGA5whpB</p> <p>More information on the GVSD Website: https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/2025-26-initial-budget-survey</p> <p>A selection of students will be meeting with School Superintendent to be asked sample questions about budget.</p> <p>Received extra 20 chromebooks to meet the ratio as determined by the district.</p> <p>Athletics: basketball season has started up.</p>

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	<p>Careers did a board on what first jobs staff had, and what might be a job staff would be doing if not teaching.</p> <p>MYS team is coming to the school for grade 9s. Will talk about gang recruitment, consent, etc.</p> <p>Hanne notes: bathrooms still aren't always "safe" for going to the bathroom because kids are using the bathrooms as hangouts and places to use phones. Alanna has heard more about smoking/vaping, and the mandate to report it if a student sees it. The fact that it's happening makes some students uncomfortable. Admin explains that there is definitely no requirement to report it. Admin admits that the same small number of kids are generally the problem, vapes are confiscated if found and parents called, but it's a perennial whack-a-mole battle.</p> <p>School goals. Megan gave us an exercise to reflect and comment on the school goals.</p>
8. New / Other Business	PAC members are invited to participate in the drum-making event funded through the gaming grant. Not sure what date this will be yet.
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 8 2024 @ 7:00pm in the Library

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

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Appendix A - Reynolds PAC Treasurer's Report

December 2024

1. Account Balances

Account & Purpose	Balance as of Nov. 30, 2024	Update since last month
TD Operating General operating.	\$22.13	+ \$23.40 reversal of service charges - \$1.95 monthly plan fee Details below.
TD Gaming	\$24,322.32	No change since last report. Update below.
School Online Donation Account	\$3,338.00	Update provided by school admin Nov 29, 2024.

2. TD Bank Account Update

- Finally met with TD banker. We agreed his original idea of changing account to a type with no fees wouldn't be wise because then funds would need to flow through Gaming Grant account in order to write cheques. There are no other appropriate fee-free accounts available at TD.
- As a solution for now, he kindly credited our account for a year's worth of service charges (\$1.95 x 12 = \$23.40). Going forwards, we can request a similar credit in future years or use Gaming Grant funds to cover our service fees.
- This is all based on my assumption that we want to keep a non-Gaming Grant account for potentially receiving offline donations, etc..

3. 2024/25 Gaming Grant Funding

- Letters were distributed to everyone who applied for 2024/25 Gaming Grant funding based on what was approved at November's PAC meeting. There was a glitch (I accidentally missed sending three letters with the initial batch) which has now been resolved. One application was not received; I have encouraged them to re-apply in January.
- Deadline for Spring funding requests (2nd/last round for this year) is January 31, 2025.

4. 2024 Donations

- Based on most recent update from the school, it looks like we have received \$2,696 in donations from 105 donors in the 2024/25 school year. **Suggest putting another pledge request in upcoming TWARs & remind families that Reynolds PAC donations made via SD61 website are eligible for charitable donation tax receipts.**

Respectfully submitted by Pauline Robertson



Appendix B - VCPAC Report November 2024

Please see [Minutes from the VCPAC Meeting on November 12, 2024](#).

Top Topics

- **Chromebooks** — The loss of or need to replace aging Chromebooks. The boards focus is to return to a device level that SD61 can sustain from a maintenance and replacement schedule. Revisit at December 11 meeting.
- **School Growth Plans** — Concerns raised that some schools pushing to approve plans early in the school year before PACs has had a chance to meet. Legislations states that PACs should be consulted. The board took VCPACs advice and did not approve the plans but sent them back for to the schools for PAC consultation. (Note: this may be for elementary schools)
- **District Safety Plan** — Administrative directive issued by the Province. The board has prepared a draft and sent to VCPAC executive for input. VCPAC executive responded to the draft plan with concerns around objectives, communication with parents, and measurements. VCPAC has requested data on student-to-student and student-to-staff incidents to ensure plans are based on information and better understanding of current situation. Full VCPAC letter is attached to the VCPAC minutes.

The VCPAC Snips Newsletters can be found on

[Http://us14.campaign-archive1.com/home/?u=f9820508e54f0b84d77791ba9&id=d4edec8881](http://us14.campaign-archive1.com/home/?u=f9820508e54f0b84d77791ba9&id=d4edec8881)

Events and possible topics of interest for PAC, families and students.

11/25/2024 - [VCPAC Snips Newsletter](#)

- The Borderline Personality Disorder Society of BC is offering a new Multi-Family DBT Skills Training Group starting in January 2025 in Victoria, BC for adolescents aged 13-17 years old and their caregivers.

11/18/2024 - [VCPAC Snips Newsletter](#)

- PAC RESOURCES - PAC Gaming Grants: Does your PAC have questions on what the gaming grant can be used for and how it is to be administered? Check out the BCCPAC Gaming Resource Page: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/1218-gg-2024>. You will find guidelines, FAQ

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and a webinar that will explain all this and more.

11/12/2024 - [VCPAC Snips Newsletter](#)

- See information on Y Mind Teen (13-18): The YMCA-YWCA Y Mind Groups are a free, weekly psychoeducational support group for teens 13-18 and young adults 18-30 experiencing stress, worries and anxiety.

Note: Next meeting is December 11th. I will be at the Reynolds Winter Concert and not able to attend the VCPAC meeting. Superintendent Whitten and some district Principals, as well as Chair Duncan may be in attendance to present at the beginning of the meeting. Meeting is Wednesday, December 11 from 7-9 PM. In person (Glanford Middle School Library) or Zoom (info@vcpac.ca)