

PAC MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2025
7:00 p.m. Library

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

Regrets: Jessica Koski, Brendan Berbenuik

ITEM	INFORMATION
1. Opening (Maryse)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 7:03 pm. Welcome! • Land acknowledgement
2. Agenda	February 12, 2025 Agenda approved by Pauline, seconded by Maryse
3. Minutes	January 8, 2025 minutes approved by Pauline, seconded by Marc
4. Chair's Report (Maryse)	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCPAC – significant correspondence and consultation with regard to Victoria School Board/Ministry of Education Safety Plan concerns and process – to be discussed (with Hanne) during VCPAC portion of meeting (notes to be provided at meeting) <p><u>Upcoming</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaming Grants – round 2 (Pauline to lead) • March PAC meeting – conflicts with Musical – suggest cancelling March meeting • End of year staff appreciation plans
5. Treasurer's Report (Pauline)	<p>See Appendix A - treasurer's report.</p> <p>Let's plan for next Fall to include Bruce when going over applications, because Bruce knows whether alternate funding is available. Also a number of applicants would like to make presentations. Maybe an earlier submission deadline to allow for presentations to occur.</p> <p>See Appendix B - gaming grant allocation.</p> <p>Pauline moves to approve gaming fund disbursement. Marc seconds, Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Some applicants were upset last go-round. Can we avoid that problem this time?</p>
6. VCPAC Representative	See other business re SPLO.

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Report (Hanne)	
7. Principal's Report (Bruce / Megan)	<p>A number of new and returning staff.</p> <p>Hanne made it to the drum workshop. Brad Cunningham would like to present to the PAC later this semester.</p> <p>Report cards are coming out, available by Friday Feb 14. Interestingly, low numbers of parents are viewing online report cards across the school district. Probably need to communicate better instructions? In the Reynolds app as well as email.</p> <p>Tried a new course selection process. Dept heads went out pre and post semester change, to talk about course offerings. Teachers of elective courses and counselors spoke at an assembly. Students do a rough draft of their course selection, send a pic to parents. Trying to improve informed decision making.</p> <p>Admin has talked to a number of groups about respectful school behaviour and behaviour outside of school as well. Washrooms are being patrolled, grade 12 advisory is helping.</p> <p>30+ minutes late needs a late slip from the office. Teachers asked to mark students absent, and then the late slip amends that. Helps admin measure and work on the problem.</p> <p>Had another cell phone talk at the beginning of the semester. Cell phones only in transitions, lunch and when teachers ask them to. Keeping phones away makes for a better, safer learning environment.</p> <p>Flex, CSE (Soccer) registration is here. 70-odd applicants for 30 CSE spots. Overall, Reynolds will likely have more students wanting to get into the school next year than can be accommodated, again.</p> <p>Learning surveys coming soon for 10, 11, 12. Data is shared back to schools and measures mental wellness, belonging, safety, exposure to indigenous culture/language - the student's overall experience in school. Helps guide administration choices.</p>
8. New / Other Business	<p>SPLO/School Board dismissal</p> <p>Maryse and Hanne wrote up a timeline - see Appendix C. Debate around the SPLO has been going on for quite a long time, actually. Reactions have been inflammatory regardless of which side of the debate people are on. VCPAC exec decided not to take a particular stance, but were not treated well.</p>

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	<p>Previous School Board was voted out over this issue. Communications from the board have not been great, possibly due to low staffing resources.</p> <p>Hanne believes not enough time was given to PACs and parents to consult in December before the decision was taken to fire the Board. Pauline attended in December and thinks perhaps the Minister was cherry-picking from the feedback.</p> <p>Hanne and Maryse are concerned that the new appointee does not represent the population, because not elected.</p> <p>Maryse would like to write a letter of support for the VCPAC and its process. They have done their best to be neutral and provide an evidence based approach - filing FOI requests, for instance. Maryse motions to write a letter of support. Peter seconds.</p> <p>Admin team at Reynolds is waiting for the new Safety Plan coming in March. Bruce says that the severity of gang-related issues has definitely gotten worse over the past few years. Megan can think of many positive police liaison experiences in the north of the province before she came to Reynolds. Bruce prefers to work with police that are dedicated school liaison officers, rather than calling 911 and getting a random officer.</p> <p>March PAC Meeting Skipping March meeting, next meeting will be in April.</p>
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 5 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
February 2025

1. Account Balances

Account & Purpose	Balance as of Feb. 4, 2025 (except where noted)	Update since last month
TD Operating	\$18.23	- \$1.95 monthly plan fee
TD Gaming	\$24,322.32	No change since last report. PENDING: -\$100 BCCPAC membership fee
School Online Donation Account	\$3,367.00 (update provided by school admin Feb 10, 2025)	+ \$25.00 since last report PENDING: - \$375.00 for staff appreciation (December donuts)

2. 2024/25 Gaming Grant Funding

- No reimbursement requests received yet.
- 2024/25 Gaming Grant Allocation - Spring 2025 recommendations for discussion & approval.

Respectfully submitted by Pauline Robertson

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2024/25 Gaming Grant Allocation - Spring 2025

- Reynolds' staff were invited to submit requests for funding (due January 31, 2025). Links to [Community Gaming Grants: 2024 PAC & DPAC Program Guidelines](#) were provided as a reference.
- Fourteen requests were received, totaling \$20,562.06 in requested funding.
- Members of Reynolds' PAC (Brendan Berbeniuk, Marc Lerman, Peter Tyrrell, and Pauline Robertson) met on February 3 to review requests.
- As a reminder, we allocated \$18,402.88 during the Fall round of Gaming Grant requests. This amount represented 47% of what was requested in the Fall and 76% of our total funding available for the year. ([2024/25 Gaming Grant Allocation - Fall 2024](#))
- Because the Spring funding requests exceeded the remaining funding available for the year, not every request could be fully funded. Our guiding principles included trying to support requests that had both lasting impact as well as the opportunity to benefit as much of the Reynolds school community as possible; consideration was also given to an equitable distribution of funds relative to what was requested among groups (keeping practical considerations in mind).
- Recommendations for Reynolds PAC's Spring 2025 Gaming Grant funding are summarized below, with details on the following page.

Starting account balance (as of Aug 30, 2024)		\$ 3,886.22
+ Grant 2024/25		\$ 20,440.00
= Total available 2024/25		\$ 24,326.22
	<i>Requests received</i>	Recommended for approval
Fall Funding	\$39,006.30	\$18,402.88 (47% of requested funding; 76% of 2024/25 total grant)
Spring Funding	\$20,562.06	\$5,890.55 (29% of requested funding; 24% of 2024/25 total grant)
Gaming Grant 2024/25 funds remaining at year end		\$32.79

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Category	Program / Group	Requested \$	Allocated \$	Notes / Rationale
Admin	Awards (academic + athletic)	\$4,050.00	\$1,250.00	PAC members would still like more transparency around the awards process
Admin Total		\$4,050.00	\$1,250.00	31% of requested funds; 21% of allocated funds
Athletics	Golf Club (putting mat)	\$263.98	\$263.98	Small request; multi-year benefit.
	Boys Rugby Team (uniforms)	\$2,100.00	\$1,300.00	Combined funding to Athletics Department for uniforms
	Junior Boys Basketball Team (uniforms)	\$3,750.00		
Athletics Total		\$6,113.98	\$1,763.98	26% of requested funds; 27% of allocated funds
Music Program	Vocal Jazz (powered speakers/monitors)	\$2,600.00	\$1,120.00	Combined funding
	Band (drum kit, portable generator, Marching Band banner frame)	\$1,880.28		
Music Program Total		\$4,480.28	\$1,120.00	29% of requested funds; 22% of allocated funds
Fine Arts	Dance Club (costumes & festival fee)	\$1,285.00	\$165.00	Funding for festival fee
	Senior Photography (frames & cameras)	\$817.54	\$350.00	One camera
	Ceramics Club (clay & glaze)	\$500.00	\$250.00	Partial funding
Fine Arts Total		\$2,602.54	\$765.00	29% of requested funds; 13% of allocated funds
Other	Leadership (intramural champion t-shirts)	\$250.00	\$100.00	Partial funding
	Math Club (contest registration fees)	\$571.12	\$160.00	Coverage for fees not already paid
	Inclusive Ed/Room 109 (field trips)	\$1,330.00	\$300.00	Enough for 1-2 field trips
	Inclusive Ed (sensory room supplies)	\$863.14	\$431.57	50% funding
	Inclusive Ed (rocking chairs)	\$300.00	\$0.00	Anticipated funding from other grant
Other Total		\$3,315.26	\$991.57	30% of requested funds; 17% of allocated funds
Grand Total		\$20,562.06 requested	\$5,890.55 allocated	= 29% of requests funded

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Respectfully submitted,
Brendan Berbeniuk, Marc Lerman, Peter Tyrrell, and Pauline Robertson