**Tuesday Dec 11, 2018 PAC Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Jason Johnson, Peter Kasianchuk, Paula Switzer, Brenda O’Connor, Carol Gevers, Tess Brown,  Kim Currie, Perzia Knight.

Kim Currie and Peter Kasianchuk left after the administration report

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Review of Agenda**

**Review and Approval of September and November minutes**

**Administration Report** - Jason

* Santa pancake breakfast on December 21st
* Grad Winter formal on December 20th
* Core day was Wednesday December 12, sense is they are much improved from last year.
* Grade photo retakes will be in January
* Outdoor club went camping at French beach. Had 16- 18 campers, with a lot of international students.
* Robotics club is currently fundraising through silent auction and Royals tickets. They are working to earn a spot in Texas.
* Numeracy skills assessment for Grade 11 will be  in January and also June.
* English provincial exam remains for 2019.  In 2020 there will be a English assessment with rating 1-4.
  + Question of whether the English assessment will qualify as a university requirements.   Assumption is yes, but not confirmed.
* There are a lot of unknowns coming from Ministry of Education. Eg. Administration does not  know how school will be funded next year, and are not clear if funding formula will remain the same.  If a new funding formula comes from Province, it will impact how school boards administer funds.

**Budget**

* Athletics had the greatest financial ask, this was well justified by Athletics Department given the number of teams and sports the school is supporting.
* AED items were taken off the budget list as there is no approval from the school district.
  + If school district approves the AED we could revisit budget, but if that's the case there is also funds from alumni.
* Split rail fence was not approved as there was concern from administration that this structure would be vandalised.
  + Paula moved to approve budget
  + Carol seconded
* Question as to who is current signing authority;
  + Paula, Pete Craig, Melanie Reid, Sandra Smith are current  signing authorities for PAC.

**ACTION ITEM:** Pete and Sandra need to be removed and Tess and Perzia need to be added. To be done after Xmas.

**ACTION ITEM:**Paula will make the appointment and get form online. Paula will need to have 2 current PAC members sign form to take off  Pete and Sandra.

**Portfolio Updates**

HS& E - No update

BCCPAC - No update

VCPAC -Perzia

* Big items are the funding model for student designations and inclusive education.  VCPAC is hearing the current model is not serving student needs well.
  + There had been a meeting at the school board regarding this issue with teachers, EAs, parents and Tracey Humphries from BCED access attending.
  + Tracey presented on exclusion of students from schools and curriculum
  + VCPAC wants to form a committee to bring a common voice forward.
  + School board will start tracking data , going forward, on children being sent home because they don't’ have supports to ensure students safety or safety of the group.  The idea is to be able to put some numbers around how students with needs/designations are being served or not served by school system.
* Below are committees that involve newly elected school board trustees.
  + French Advisory committee
  + Boundary
  + District
  + Fixed Calendar
* Discussion item but no decision on question of ‘’Should VCPAC be involved in letter to police about the removal of school liaison officers?’’
* Esquimalt PAC received note that there is a give away for Vancouver Island Parenting conference March  2 at Royal Bay. Theme is ‘Change is here to Stay’. Keynote speaker is Allison Schaeffer. Website - Vipc.ca Members present declined ticket. Paula to offer to Parents in PAC email distribution, if no one, then will offer more widely.

**Alumni**

* AGM - Alumni supported 7 scholarships
* At 2018 Grad gave out 3 scholarships of $1000 each.
* Turf field fundraising update
  + Currently have $180,000
  + $250000 is the magic number for provincial and federal in-kind aid.
  + Turf field will be managed by the school board.
  + Sobeys funding (Smile Cards) goes to turf fund raising.
  + Have other partnerships and support from  First Nations and local athletics clubs.
* Remembrance Day Ceremony, Wreath laying at Lassah Johnson Grade 10 and James Scrimgeour Grade 9.
* 5 ESQ students helped with Pajama Prance the first weekend of December.

**Treasurer**

No further updates

**Communications**

No updates from Paula

**Other Business**

* Paula has asked Carol to review the constitution, last revised in 2008.
* Jason to talk to Lisa Bayliss about 3 PAC scholarships for 2018 Grads.
* Action Items from previous minutes have all been completed.
* Parent Education Funding: Jason recommends bringing in Shannon Husk - counsellor - explores the link between gaming and gambling.
* Brenda has connections with people who can do naloxone training.

**Meeting adjourned**

Next meeting Tuesday January 15 at 6:45