

Esquimalt High School
PAC Minutes
January 12th, 2021
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Attendees: Tina Pierik (principal); Kim Currie (co-President, and co-VCPAC/BCCPAC); Barb von Sacken (Secretary); Christine Sullivan (co-VCPAC/BCCPAC); Tess Brown

Meeting brought to order by Kim

1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territories

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Review and approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Christine, Tess seconded

4. Approval of December 8th, 2020 General Meeting minutes

Motion to approve Christine, Barb seconded

5. Administration Report – Tina Pierik

- Winter Music Concert – After rocky start went very well. Over long term will consider live streaming this event so families and friends far away can enjoy.
- Santa's Breakfast & Virtual Talent Show - usually in gym, but this year had Santa's breakfast in classrooms. Followed by virtual talent show.
- Challenge Program – Virtual Parent Information Night January 14th, 2021 - Christine will share information about this event on PAC Facebook page.
 - Christine asked if students can join the challenge program at grade. Tina clarified that students can apply but may be on waiting list if cohort is full. Generally, the cohort is established in Grade 9 and follows through to Grade 12.
 - At the district level discussion is leaning towards the challenge program being prioritized for students of SD61 rather than outside district. Programs of choice to go through the district website.
 - Kim expressed disappointment that district is narrowing focus as there are no gifted programs in other districts.
- Challenge Program – There will be monthly updates in the Docker newsletter.
- Quarter 2 Parent-Guardian/Teacher Conferences – Feedback from Staff-Admin was that it went well.
- Update on travel refunds for COVID cancelled student trips 2019-2020
 - refunds are complete for all student trips.
- Upcoming Survey for Families - next year's timetable
 - Survey will go out via the Docker newsletter in early February to gather families', staff's and students' input on how to build the year. By April hope to have a good sense of what is happening with COVID-19. Hope is that we are back to regular 100% in-class learning by Sept 2021.
- Parent Information Night - Funding Request
 - Jamie Burren, challenge coordinator, will moderate the evening. All Esq families will be invited to Zoom meeting, max 150. Topic is on how parents and educators can support positive mental health in students (i.e. when to push and when to nurture. Speaker will be Dr. Shimi Kang
 - Cost is \$3000 plus tax. Tina is asking if parent education grant of \$500 could be gifted towards

this cost.

- Motion from Kim requesting parent education \$500 goes towards the Dr. Shimi Kang webinar. Seconded by Tess.
- Christine asked if speaker knows she is not just speaking to parents of Challenge program students. Also asked if Zoom licensing could support any number of parent attendees. Tina confirmed yes to both questions.
- Motion carried unanimously.

6. Monthly Parent-Guardian Town Hall/Open Question Period

- No questions from membership.

7. Executive Reports

Treasurer: Tess B. - No report

VCPAC/BCCPAC Reps: Christine S & Kim C

- French Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting December 1, 2020
 - 2 meetings per school year.
 - Meeting highlights:
 - SD61 hired someone to be the French language coordinator
 - Initiatives over coming year – help teacher librarians find suitable materials; recruit more French Immersion teachers; translate Indigenous education materials for K - 12.
 - Christine raised concerns regarding amount of French language practise during the quarter semester system; Director and Coordinator will discuss further and report at next FAC meeting.
- BCCPAC membership refund update
 - No update, despite a number of emails to VCPAC, so looking at communicating with other PACs to see whether they have received reimbursement.
- BCCPAC AGM
 - Will be virtual meeting first Saturday in May. Currently accepting special and ordinary resolutions, nominations for awards. Many board vacancies to be filled.

Discussion regarding how organizations (Ministry of Education; BCCPAC; VCPAC) seek parent input on any given issue. Kim C contributes that Ministry will often seek out BCCPAC for comment as BCCPAC directors are very heavily involved in local and district PACs.

Reminder of value of VCPAC SNIPS newsletter subscription (<https://vcpac.ca/>)

- Next VCPAC Meeting – **Tuesday, January 26th, 2021**

Communications:

- Christine will serve in role until another volunteer is found.
- There has been a lot of activity since December update on Facebook.
- Will contact gorme@sd61.bc.ca to update school Parent Information web page.
- PAC minutes are missing from webpage. Someone with Google Drive access will need to send minutes to gorme@sd61.bc.ca

ESQ Alumni Rep: No alumni representative present.

Co-Presidents: Kim C

- Quarter 2 Parent-Guardian/Teacher Conferences – Feedback from parents/guardians
 - Christine observed timeslots (10minutes) are very brief
- ESQ PAC Letter to Dr. Bonnie Henry dated December 18, 2020
 - Second letter to Esq parents is still on Kim’s to do list.
 - Tina reminder that, from school perspective, can’t encourage anything that isn’t in provincial health order.
- Awards Night – Changes during and after COVID-19 (Strike Awards Night Subcommittee)
 - Clarification requested by Christine. Kim C: The format of Awards Night has been changed by the administration; parents to discuss and to provide feedback as to whether these changes should be permanent. Invitation to join sub-committee to go on PAC Facebook page.
- PAC Constitution & Bylaws – (Strike Constitution & Bylaws Review Subcommittee)
 - Invitation to join to go on PAC Facebook page.

8. New Business/Calendar of Key Events:

- Graduation Numeracy and Literacy tests are on 28 and 29th of January. All grade 10’s write these, but only 11’s and 12’s who haven’t written before. No school those days for those students not writing.
- Student learning survey will be sent out in the Docker in January.
- 25-minute survey through UBC will look at physical and mental health of students. Results will be given to staff and used to create a document for parents. Will provide more information at February PAC meeting, as it is yet to receive approval at district level. Open to all schools; likely in March or April. Christine suggested promoting this at the February 2 parent education event.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9th, 2021, @ 6:45pm via Zoom

Motion to Adjourn Christine, second Tess.

	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date	Complete
1 - Challenge Program Virtual Parent Information Night	Christine will put notice about the Challenge Program Virtual Parent Information Night January 14th, 2021 on PAC Facebook page.	Christine	Pre Jan 14	January 12
2 – BCCPAC AGM	If anyone has thoughts on special and ordinary resolutions for BCCPAC to consider in the following year contact Kim for further discussion. Special Resolutions are related to Constitution & Bylaws; Ordinary Resolutions give direction to the Board.	Kim	Special Resolutions Jan 31 Ordinary Resolutions Feb 28th	
3 – BCCPAC AGM	Submit nominations for BCCPAC Recognition Awards	All	Feb 28th	
4 – BCCPAC AGM	Encourage anyone you think of who would be an exceptional rep at a provincial level for parents and guardians to nominate themselves for BCCPAC Board of Directors position	All	Feb 28th	

5 – Letter to Bonnie Henry	Determine if letter to Bonnie Henry will go on PAC Facebook page.	Kim and Kimberley	Feb 9	
6 – Awards Night	Christine will put something on Facebook page for ESQ family members to join subcommittee to discuss changes Awards Night. If interested, contact PAC Gmail account.	Christine	Feb 9	Jan 12
7 - PAC Constitution & Bylaws	Christine will put something on Facebook page for ESQ family members to join subcommittee to discuss PAC constitution and bylaws. If interested, contact PAC Gmail account.	Christine	Feb 9	Jan 12