

Esquimalt High School PAC  
**FINAL minutes**  
**esquimaltpac@gmail.com**  
**June 8, 2021** via Zoom

Relevant Documents:

- DRAFT Minutes from April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 PAC General Meeting
- DRAFT Minutes from May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 PAC AGM will be reviewed/approved at May 2022 PAC AGM
- Calendar of Key Events
- VCPAC AGM – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- BCCPAC AGM – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Attendees:** Tina Pierik (Principal); Kimberley Hamilton (Grade 9,11 Rep); Barb von Sacken (Grade 12 Rep); Christine Sullivan; Tess Brown (Treasurer); Rob Paynter (SD61 Trustee); Erin Rice; Rod McGregor; Heidi Hackman

1. Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territories – Kimberley H.
2. Welcome and Introductions – Kimberley H.
3. Review and approval of Draft Agenda

Motion to retain Kimberley to Chair this meeting. Seconded. Motion carries.

Motion to amend Agenda: Remove draft item#3 and add Election of President and Secretary. Seconded. Motion carries.

Motion to approve agenda, as amended. Seconded. Motion carries.

4. Approval of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting minutes  
Kimberley moved to accept minutes, seconded by Christine. Approved.
5. Administration Update – Tina Pierik
  - Timetable for Fall has changed since last meeting to 4 classes instead of 2. Can pivot back if needed.
  - Bell schedule will be tweaked. Survey showed preference for shortened Fridays. Same hours of instruction, just longer days to accommodate shortened Friday.
  - There will be a drive-through grad ceremony in cohorts of 50pp.
  - June 9<sup>th</sup> lunch and ceremony for Indigenous grads will be held in native plant garden and will include drumming and song.
  - Ideas which came from last Pro-D day is to form a Reconciliation team at school, with staff, students, and any interested community members. Build knowledge and celebration around Sept 30 Orange Shirt day and find proactive ways to be part of healing and education at school. Information about this team will be included on

school Instagram page and in Docker. 1 year commitment. Promoting Indigenous ways of knowing.

- Incoming Grade 9 transition – Will have orientation events in first week of September. Incoming students will be paired with leadership. Looking into team-building activities for current Grade 9's who missed out on that this year.
- New School Mascot – “Ollie” will make appearance at June 19<sup>th</sup> Grad
- ESQ Family of Schools - mandated to address at-risk students - had a meeting 2 weeks ago. Focus was on Indigenous graduation rates; increasing engagement by pairing high schoolers with middle schoolers, and middle schoolers with elementary students; literacy & numeracy; and extra-curricular.
- Double Dogwood recipients for 2021 will receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> tassel on their graduation cap. The cost will be covered by Admin and will continue as a new tradition in coming years (\$2.50/each).
- Compass Survey addresses mental health, drug and alcohol use, and active lifestyle of students. Has been shared with Leadership and will be shared in Docker. 44% of Esquimalt High students responded. Findings include:
  - Only 41% of students eat breakfast. Esquimalt High's breakfast program is underutilised.
  - Mental health: 55% rate mental health as 'good' or 'very good'. 41% said they felt anxious every day for last 2 weeks. 75% are happy to be at school.
- Meet the Teacher in September will include the PAC social. Information will be shared in Docker.

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

- No questions submitted

## **7. Executive Reports**

**Treasurer:** Tess B.

- Gaming Grant application due by June 30
- Still looking into VCPAC reimbursement for BCCPAC membership 2020-21
- Chasity Bradshaw providing receipts for Gaming Grant funding requests; PAC will reimburse school.
- PAC has not yet been notified of PAC scholarship winner.

**VCPAC/BCCPAC Reps:** Christine S

- Report on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 VCPAC AGM  
Shelley Green was present; Lots of questions about budget for superintendent and treasurer; board elections (by acclamation). Full report in Google Drive.
- Report on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 BCCPAC AGM  
12 resolutions voted on, but only got through about ½. Special meeting for remaining will be held in July.

- Report on BCCPAC Parent Education Conference by Christine
- Topics included child development, mental health, Indigenous education, helping PACs with parent engagement and succession.
- Reminder to subscribe to VCPAC SNIPS newsletter (<https://vcpac.ca/>)
- Next VCPAC Meeting & Awards Presentations – Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Communications:** Christine S

- Has provided a report of all activities this year to Google Drive.
- Updated Facebook and parents’ page of school website
- School Admin confirms it will send PAC correspondence to membership. ACTION: Tina will look into how replies could be directed to [esquimaltpac@gmail.com](mailto:esquimaltpac@gmail.com) instead of going to the school.

**Co-Presidents:** Kimberley H & Kim C

- Update on District Financial Budget 2021-2022
  - Details still to be determined. Rob Paynter confirms the budget has been finalized.
  - School district meetings online can be seen via YouTube.
  - VCPAC will have input into budget. Last meeting rescheduled to June.

8. New Business/Calendar of Key Events:

- Election of President and Secretary for 2021/2022 school year

<b>Role For 2021-2022</b>	
President	Christine Sullivan
Vice-President	Erin Rice
Treasurer	Tess Brown
Secretary	Heidi Hackman
Grade 9 Reps (1)	1. Kimberley Hamilton
	<b>2. Vacant</b>
Grade 10 Reps	1. Rod McGregor
	<b>2. Vacant</b>
Grade 11 Reps	1. Kimberley Hamilton
	<b>2. Vacant</b>
Grade 12 Reps	1. Barb von Sacken
	<b>2. Vacant</b>
VCPAC Rep & BCCPAC Rep(s)	To be voted on in September

\*\* All people in by acclamation. None opposed.

- Christine specifically thanked Kim Currie for her service to PAC. Flowers were sent by Admin to both Kim and Kimberley.
- Rob Paynter thanked for opportunity to visit would like to know about future meetings. **ACTION ITEM - Include Rob in future PAC invitations.**

9. Next Meeting: General Meeting, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021@ 6:45pm  
8:16pm Kimberley moves to adjourn. Seconded by Christine.