

Esquimalt High School Pac  
FINAL Draft Minutes  
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September 21st, 2021  
Via Zoom

**Attendees:** Christine Sullivan(President), Rod McGregor (grade 10 Rep), Carolyn Whittaker, Barb von Sacken (grade 12 rep), Baljinder Jacques, Sayaka Magnan, Tess Brown (treasurer), Kim Hamilton (grade 9 and 11 rep), Tina Pierik (Principal), Mark Engel Diaz, Barry S.(ESQ alumni), Nadia, Cyntra, Heidi Hackman (secretary), Julia Alvarez

Christine (President) brought the meeting to order at 7:15pm

1. Welcome and Territorial acknowledgement

*Esquimalt* is the anglicized version of the Lekwungen word 'es-woy-malth'

2. Quorum (5) achieved.

3. Draft Agenda. Approved.

4. Minutes from the June 8th PAC meeting. Approved.

5. Administration Report - Tina Pierik

a. Truth and Reconciliation (Week Sept. 27-Oct.1<sup>st</sup>)

Lots of great activities and workshops are planned for classes and students:Adam Olsen (Tsartlip member and Green MLA) will do a Zoom; documentary filmmaker will show their film on Penelakut Island; Blanket ceremony (October 29th); Dorthy Grant- Indigenous Fashion Designer; Rande Cook (Esquimalt resident but from Alert Bay) has designed an Esquimalt High Orange Shirt - affordable for students and parents, all proceeds will go to the Residential School Survivors Society.

b. COVID

Masks and sanitization are still happening. Students can have lockers this year and are free to move more easily. Some students liked the safety the cohorts and colours provided and are now feeling a bit anxious; staff are

working with these students to make them feel safe

Notifications are changing because of the vaccine. If a student tests positive, VIHA will contact the school and the school will do contact tracing and give names to VIHA. VIHA will then contact the students and their families. If there were to be an exposure, those that are vaccinated will be allowed to continue to come to school if they are feeling well, but if a student is not vaccinated they will have to isolate.

The school district pandemic response team looks at all school events and recommended cancelling the welcome BBQ and that the parent teacher night in October be held virtually. SD61 Prevention Plan:

[https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2021/09/GVSD61\\_CDPP\\_SchoolSites\\_20210902.pdf](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2021/09/GVSD61_CDPP_SchoolSites_20210902.pdf)

#### c. Concern/Complaint Process

Policy 1155 (<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-concerns-complaint-process-2/>) is the procedure for handling complaints. Talk to the teacher first, then Principal, then Associate Superintendent (Colin Roberts), then Superintendent (Interim Deb Whitten) and then to the school board.

#### d. Bell schedule

Bell rings at the beginning of the day, end of break (between A&B class) and the end of lunch (before C class). There is no bell at the end of class. Thought is to prepare students for post-secondary life, build self-regulation. Please chat with your student about what they think of this and send comments to Tina.

#### e. Q&A

Q: Question regarding “duty to accommodate” and another about vaccination requirements.

A: Tina suggested that families could choose to keep their vaccinated child home if they were contacted by VIHA about an exposure.

Teachers are very good at accommodating students who have to learn from home; \$8,000 Moodle platform was purchased so that students can continue with their classes at Esquimalt High. [1]  
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Students do not have to be vaccinated to play sports, but all volunteers who coach/drive/ watch etc. will need to be double-vaccinated. BC School Sports has strong COVID regulations and protocols.

## 6. Elections

a. Erin Rice resigned from being the Vice-President.

**Motion** to accept resignation by Christine, seconded by Tess. No objections. Thank you to Erin for volunteering!

No new nominations for Vice-President. Executive can now choose to appoint a new Vice-President or leave it vacant.

b. Nomination for VCPAC: Julia Alvarez. None opposed. Next VCPAC meeting will be Tuesday, September 28th at 7pm.

## 5. Executive Reports:

### President

a. **Motion** by email on July 27, 2021: "In an effort to increase visibility within our membership and in the greater school community, that the PAC spend \$80 from the remaining 2020-2021 budget on a promotional banner to display at PAC-hosted and PAC-attended events." Moved by: Christine Sullivan Seconded by: Heidi Hackman Electronic Vote results (July 30, 2021): 2 YEA, 2 NAY. Motion is defeated.

b. **Motion** by email on September 15, 2021: "Given the current uncertainty of the ongoing pandemic for in-person meetings, the PAC will allot \$150+tax for a 12-month/annual Zoom Pro license to cover the 2021-22 school

year.” Moved by: Christine Sullivan Seconded by: Tess Brown Electronic Vote results (September 15, 2021): 6 YEA, 0 NAY. Motion carries.

C. Objectives for the year:

- Update the 2008 PAC constitution and bylaws
- Succession planning for Treasurer
- Participate in decision-making at district and provincial levels via membership with VCCPAC and BCCPAC
- Provide financial support for enhanced extracurricular opportunities and parent education

Barry offered that George Copely is a member of the ESQ alumni and is a former government lawyer and a whiz at updating bylaws etc.

Treasurer

a. Fiscal year-end summary

General Account Balance is \$607.40

Gaming Account Balance is \$3,148

b. Gaming grant application is in. We will know at the end of September how much money the PAC will get

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/guide-pac.pdf>

Barry S. mentioned if you don't use the BC gaming funds you lose it.

Christine clarified that PACs have thirty-six months to use monies.

c. Parent Education Fund: Money is available from the district (\$250). May combine grants with other PACs. Proposals requested by November 1st, 2021. Polled attendees: suggestions were mental health; reconciliation; substance use; tech use. Parents to submit ideas via [esquimaltpac@gmail.com](mailto:esquimaltpac@gmail.com)

Q: Are there suicidal ideations in our school community?

A: Tina responded that she knows of two acts of suicide (one was indirectly related to our school community) since she became principal. Outside services are really limited so there are a lot of students who

need mental health support right now. Tina has a M.Ed. Educational Psychology and Counselling, upon which she draws frequently in her role as Principal.

- d. BCCPAC membership is now active for 2021-22. Reimbursements forthcoming for 2019&2020.
- e. Budget 2021-22 planning: Call for volunteers (meet early Nov. 2021). Heidi, Christine, Tess volunteered. If interested, email the PAC.
- f. Thrifty's no longer runs the Smile Card program. Fairways has a similar program and Tess would like to explore this option as an ESQ High PAC fundraiser.

**ACTION ITEM:** Tess to explore the Fairways program for next meeting. To consider logistics of distribution to parents.

- g. Two new signatories required. Current signatories are Tess and Kimberley. Tess will graduate out this year.

Tina thanked the Alumni for all their efforts during Ribfest. So fantastic to see Alumni who graduated in the 50's and 60's working alongside current students for the school.

6. Next meeting is Tuesday October 12th at 6:45pm

Tess moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Christine. No objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm