

Esquimalt High School PAC
General Meeting- January 19, 2022
FINAL MINUTES

Start Time: 18h45

Targeted Adjournment: 20h15

Location: Virtual

Meeting Chair: Christine Sullivan

Attendees: Christin Sullivan (President), Kimberley Hamilton (treasurer), Barbara von Sacken (Grade 12 liaison), Tina Pierik (Principal), Heidi Hackman (Secretary), Julia Apellido

Items:

1. Welcome & Territorial acknowledgement- Christine
Meeting started at 6:55
2. Quorum & Introductions: Quorum reached
3. Motion to approve January 19, 2021 meeting agenda-APPROVED
4. Motion to approve December 14, 2021 meeting minutes-APPROVED
5. School Administration Report, with Q & A
 - Updated COVID protocols- shorter lunch and students eat in their classroom or outside; tents have been rented until January 24th to have more students outside. Students are obviously disappointed but are good at following the rules. 30 minute lunch is hard for staff and students, hoping to go back to a 45 minute lunch for second semester. Challenge is to not have big groups gathering.
 - No spectators for sports, the games are live streamed, tournaments are cancelled
 - Semester end_and students are working hard. 140 to 150 students away per day. Teachers worked hard to create continuity of learning plans for the students who need to be away.
 - Wonderful Grad Winter Formal in the gym before Christmas. Decorations were donated by the community. Rotary Club ran a black jack table for 28 raffle prizes. Pool table was donated to the school. 121 of 150 grads attended. Culinary arts students made all of the food and the 'mocktail' bar.
 - Copernican blocks are Monday and Tuesday for final assessments: Monday A and C; Tuesday B and D. Wednesday is a completion day by teacher invitation only. 180 students will be assessments on Thursday and Friday (Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, Literacy 12 and Français 12). Emails went out to the students via their sd61learn account.

Questions- Barb wanted to know why the new process for student parking starting in semester 2? People parking in the lot that aren't students, students are eating in their car and the school would like to know who the cars belong to.

- Christine asked about the 18% student absent rate- attendance is reported every day and doesn't specify which students have COVID or not. School and District looking for a big spike or a percentage in students absent.
 - Julia asked about the restrictions and what is the risk/balance benefit; Tina mentioned that our schools are open and not learning virtually like Ontario and Quebec did last year. Julia is worried about the lack of connection with peers the students are feeling because of the new restrictions. Tina is seeing that the structures in place are allowing for mixtures of students that wouldn't happen at other times. Christine is posting school specific COVID information on the Facebook page.
6. Motion to amend 2008 Constitution & Bylaws:
Christine would like to thank all of the parents who provided feedback to the draft. Christine moved to accept the bylaw changes; Kimberly seconded-MOTION PASSED.
 7. New Business
 8. Next meeting: PAC will promote attendance at the following:

BCCPAC presents "Understanding PACs from A-Z and Why they are Important for Families" on Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 19h.

Note: Individual registration is required to access the BCCPAC webinar

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=AqkMzVxhr0y8CEwCGngCbJzr3XU4y9VOgPpn6MQppYpUMIJRskRCTUJLWVJNSDZSVjFHUVZKQVJMVy4u>

This webinar will be promoted via PAC streams and to the grade 8 families coming into ESQ. Christine will send to the middle school PAC's
No meeting after

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

References

- School Act https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412_00
- 2008 PAC Constitution & Bylaws https://esquimalt.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2013/03/parent_info_pac_constitution_-2008.pdf
- Draft 2022 PAC Constitution & Bylaws
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l_78Sz9hkm1_ICzvrpd_lGbd2zFiPUmX/view?usp=sharing