

ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL PAC

Location: All Nations Room

Date: September 19th, 2023

Time: 6:45 pm

Attendance: Rod McGregor, Meaghan Shute, Sue Fox, Heidi Hackman, Ruth Young, Mark Weston, Alix Hotsenpiller, Trisha Van Ek, Yoni Bremner, Kirsten Andersen, Sarah Garr, Krista Moffett

1. Welcome; Territorial acknowledgement: Krista Moffet at 6:45.
2. Introductions
3. Vote to accept meeting agenda - approved
4. Vote to approve last meeting minutes – (not required)
5. School Admin Report

Principal Sarah Garr provided a school administration report. She provided background on how the school goals of *health, wellness, connection and belonging for all* and *meaningful opportunities with purpose and dignity for all* are carried out daily in the school. There are several new initiatives to support the goals. Examples include Grade 9 “Rafts” in addition to Focus Block to support connection, belonging and relationship building; monthly themes such as self-discovery. Esquimalt High creates schools within the schools, uses Networks of Inquiry and Indigenous Education approaches to learning and teaching, and hosts frequent school events such as the recent Meet the Teacher night and Kernel Corn Day. Parents also heard about the variety of clubs on campus and how student voices, including the formal work of the Student Advisory Council, inform actions to support the school goals.

Principal Garr commended the work of the Indigenous Education Team and their longstanding work at Esquimalt High that includes their plans to extend learning on Truth and Reconciliation throughout the year.

Vice Principal Jared Adams is returning to Esquimalt High and Vice Principal Chris Koutougos is joining from Vic High.

6. VCPAC/BCCPAC Update
Meaghan Shute described the purpose and activities of VCPAC.
There was a discussion about VCPAC, BCCPAC and regional PAC structures.
7. September Calendar Items
 - a. PAC table at Parent Night, plus kudos to Admin Team for a great event
 - b. Renew BCCPAC membership - completed
 - c. Send out funding requests including deadline for submission – completed; discussion about administering the funds throughout the year (e.g. twice a year instead of once); to be deliberated at the October PAC meeting
 - d. PAC Scholarships – discussion about funding sources for scholarships

- i. ACTION: Heidi Hackman to connect with Accounts Clerk Chastity Bradshaw about donations received; will follow updated criteria for approved sources of funding to be used for scholarships
 - ii. ACTION: Heidi to connect with Dana Bjornson about the winners
 - iii. ACTION: Heidi to organize cheques Sue Fox to co-sign
- e. Fairway Market Cards – Sue Fox to be co-signer
 - i. ACTION: Krista to submit information about Fairway cards for The Docker

Additional discussion to set PAC meeting dates for 2023 – 2024.

Tentative:

Monday, October 23

Monday, November 27

Monday, January 15

Monday, February 12

Monday, April 15

Monday, May 13 (AGM)

ACTION: Sarah Garr to confirm dates and print in The Docker

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm