

Esquimalt High School PAC

Location: All Nations Room

Date: September 16, 2024

Time: 6:45 pm

1. Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement. Krista Moffett called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm, and shared a territorial acknowledgement.
2. Introductions: Sarah Garr (Principal), Yoni Bremner, Cheryl Eisler. Jennifer Fielding, Sue Fox (Member at Large), Betsy Fulcher, Krista Moffett (PAC President), Carole Anne Owen, Megan Shute (VCPAC Rep), Jessica Truswell (Treasurer), Tricia Van Ek, Mark Weston (VCPAC Rep), Kirsten Andersen (Secretary).
3. Vote to accept meeting agenda: moved, seconded, approved.
4. Vote to approve April 2024 meeting minutes: moved, seconded, approved.
5. School Admin Report: Principal Sarah Garr provided an update on school activities:
 - New device policy is implemented, purpose explained in school assemblies and already familiar parameters in many classrooms
 - The school's Meet-the-Teacher event was successful
 - The new Grade 9 students are off to a good start
 - The school has welcomed about 100 international students
 - October will bring Parent-Teacher Interviews by appointment, information forthcoming; in the meantime, parents are welcome to contact teachers
 - A few staff changes with retirements and new staff including new teachers, a new Youth and Family Counselor and a new Vice Principal

- Students from school clubs volunteered at annual Ribfest in the community and received honorariums for their clubs
 - An internal clubs day will be held at school on September 20th
 - Required emergency drills are upcoming including fire drills, lockdown drills, etc.
 - With close to 900 students this year, there is some creative use of space to get classrooms
6. VCPAC/BCCPAC Update: Megan Shute (VCPAC Rep) reported on the recent VCPAC Meeting:
- Discussion about 4% School Cash Online service fees, once covered by School District 61, now passed on to parents
 - Discussion about the financial impact for clubs that use the School Cash Online platform
 - Discussion about Esquimalt PAC writing a letter; Krista proposed we plan to return to this topic at the next PAC meeting and consider next steps
7. Update on action items
- Parent Education Night organization
 - i. Plan to offer Parent Education event during Parent-Teacher Interviews
 - ii. Student Clubs will share information about their activities with parents
 - iii. ACTION: Krista to work with Ally Hoffman (Teacher/Counsellor) to organize
 - iv. ACTION: when planned, submit to Docker
 - PAC Gaming Staff Funding Requests
 - i. Process is underway to distribute grant received from provincial gaming funds, \$20 per student
 - ii. Teachers submit requests for funding for non-academic and non-curricular activities (i.e. student clubs)
 - iii. PAC will distribute 60% of the total in October and 40% in February
 - iv. ACTION: Sarah to proofread Google Form for teachers to make requests by October 21st
 - v. ACTION: Krista to share summary of requests with PAC Exec and parents present at September PAC meeting for their consideration
 - vi. ACTION: PAC to deliberate and allocate 60% of gaming funds at October 28th meeting
 - Reply from District on the SPLO letter
 - i. Krista reported on the response received from School District 61 in response to letter requesting reconsideration of the cancellation of the SPLO (School Police Liaison Officer) program
8. September and October Calendar Items
- ACTION: Jessica to renew BCCPAC membership

- ACTION: Heidi Hackman (past Treasurer) to pass signatory designation to Jessica (current Treasurer)

9. New items:

- 4% fee for all School Cash Online items (discussion as above)
- Ways to support Esquimalt High School PAC:
 - i. Country Grocer receipts: submit to office, one percent of totals given back as gift cards the school can distribute to students and their families
 - ii. Fairway Market grocery cards: add money to a grocery card, a percentage of what is spent from the card comes back to the PAC as cash

10. Adjournment: Krista adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.