

Attendees:

Alissa Moore (vice Principal – North), Beth Richardson (vice Principal – South), Bijan Ahmadi (Chair), Carlene Nex (VCPAC Liaison), Carter Giesbrecht (Principal), David Evanoff, Hilary Hope, Irene Pozzolo (LMPA liaison), Jennifer Hofmann, Neil Marcovitz, Nyssa Temmel, Ridha Gasoumi, Rosemary McCutcheon (Treasurer), Sarah Hostettler, Vanessa Lowther

6:00 call to order

Acknowledgement: Lansdowne Campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Che-ko-nein tribe of the Songhees Nation. We acknowledge with appreciation the continued stewardship of this place by the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking people of the Songhees and Esquimalt nations.

Roundtable introduction: Members and administrators identified themselves and their affiliation to the school.

Reports:

Chair's report: Bijan identified the members of the executive committee and noted a vacancy in the Secretary position. **ACTION:** The Chair will reach out to all parent volunteers with a call for nominations for this position.

LMPA Liaison: Irene attended the first LMPA meeting. The PAC does not want to compete with the LMPA for fundraising efforts (bottle drives / coffee sales) but has identified possible ways to support the LMPAs own fundraising efforts (posting on FB page). We should be careful not to distribute funding requests as LMPA funds don't support all of the student body.

Treasurer: Rosemary provided the current financial statements, and identified a current surplus of \$9000 from last year plus an additional \$2000 from donations and other sources this year. The gaming grant has not yet been received; however, approximately \$14,000 is expected. This leaves us with approximately \$25,000 available to cover approximately \$20,000 worth of budgeted expenditure items. There have been no expenditures this year.

VCPAC Liaison: Nyssa Temmel, VCPAC Treasurer, was able to report on the VCPAC AGM 12 September. She reported that Tracey Humphreys was elected President. VCPAC is looking for more parent representation. Meetings have gotten smaller in the past few years. They also talked about transition resources and a documenting process. There may be also work on a PAC 101 course that could guide PACs and new parent volunteers.

Administration:

Beth provided an update from South Campus. She identified that many of the classroom sports bags are missing balls and other items. We have \$2000 as a budget item to supplement sports bags each year. Beth will ask teachers for a list of required items, and purchase any needed (up to the budget limit), and bring any more requests to the October meeting.

Council also identified the process for faculty funding requests. Faculty will be asked to submit requests to Carter a week before PAC meetings. Carter will identify complex requests and ask the

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faculty to attend and speak. Otherwise, PAC will include request forms along with a motion on the agenda.

Alyssa provided an update from the North Campus. There are 30 advisories at Lansdowne (21 at North 9 at South) in teams of 4 advisories each. This year introduced 7/8 split courses, and there are now 4 teams of 7/8 splits.

Carter noted the school goals of connectedness and the value of student voice. The school supports a number of clubs and activities to help promote a sense of identity. Lots of kids clubs starting already including cross-country / ultimate, intermural rugby / GSA / poetry club . He also identified they were to receive \$64,000 in grant money from the Feeding the Future program which would help provide meal assistance and lunch for 85 vulnerable students. Already the school draws on donations from several community partners including the Rotary club, Backpack Buddies, Kids Club and Thrifty foods.

Other Business:

Custodial: On VCPAC's request we checked in with administration regarding the custodial staff shortage. South campus has a shared custodian, and staff are working to minimize any impacts on students. Beth advised this is working well and that there are no health concerns.

PEF: The 2023/24 Parent Education fund represents a \$250 grant the PAC will apply for to support parent education initiatives. The fund must be applied for by November 1; however, proposals are not needed for the application. **ACTION:** The Chair will reach out to all parent volunteers with a call for proposals. A similar request will be made in the weekly newsletter.

BCCPAC Membership: This \$75 annual expense has in the past been covered by the VCPAC. They are currently exploring whether it is reasonable to continue to cover these costs, or if VCPAC funding would be better used in contributing to the travel costs associated with SD61 PACs having their representative attend the BCCPAC AGM, which is usually held in May every year in the Lower Mainland, so that more PAC representatives from SD61 could participate in person at the AGM. VCPAC will discuss this at the next meeting and will report back to the council. The October LPAC meeting will include a motion to join BCCPAC.

Potential for fundraising and events: The Chair identified a number of event opportunities being offered by external agents, and recommitted council's pledge to improve equity in the student body and support the school's goals. Administration were asked to identify to the PAC any plans for student events where funding may be of assistance.

SOGI123: In light of recent events, the Chair wanted to reaffirm the PAC's commitment to supporting student equity and safety. No single item was discussed; however, the Chair identified that funds and other resources could be made available to support teachers seeking to create SOGI inclusive environments. The VCPAC has published an official statement of support.

Parent Volunteers (agenda item added): We received a number of parent volunteer applications. Contact information has been shared with administration to facilitate supports where needed. With

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such overwhelming response, council also identified a role: Parent Volunteer Coordinator. **ACTION:** The Chair will reach out to all parent volunteers with a call for nominations for this position.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Next meeting at South Campus, 25 October.