



École Intermédiaire
LANSDOWNE
Middle School



**PARENTS
ADVISORY**
COUNCIL

AGENDA

24 January 2024

18:00 – 19:00

South Campus Library

- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of 22 November Minutes (see attached)

- Reports
 - Chair
 - Treasurer
 - LMPA Liaison
 - VCPAC Liaison * (notes from January meeting attached)
 - Lansdowne administration

- Other business
 - Funding requests from November Meeting
 - New funding requests
 - Emergency Response Kiosk inventory (Beth)
 - Other events
 - Pro-active strategies (Reynolds) 24 January 6:30 – 8:00
 - Gang Education and Trends (Oak Bay) 25 January 7:00 – 9:00

- Next meeting 28 February (North)
- Adjournment

VCPAC January meeting notes

Continuing Business:

- Former SPLO Update: The gang presentation at Mt. Doug went very well. The first Parent and Policing meeting went well, the second (hybrid) meeting will take place this Thursday in the Kirby room at the Saanich Police Department. There are approximately 35 people who showed interest and are receiving the emails. The group is going to break into sub-committees: the first is to look at ways to make up what was lost for students and building relationships between police, students and parents; the second will be looking at reinstating the program with revisions. Contact VCPAC for more information about this ongoing initiative and you can be connected with the organizers.
- Addition to Former SPLO Update (Lori Poppe) - Lori spoke with Victoria police Chief Del Manak who is hoping to meet with the school board and work out a plan to move forward. She has also spoken with Constable Mark Jenkins. He told her the police board meeting with trustee Chair Duncan was canceled, as well as a meeting with Victoria and Saanich Mayors, police and trustees. Lori also spoke with Superintendent, Deb Whitten, who seemed open to the program. Dr. G. suggested holding off on contacting the board as other work needs to be done first. Parent views of the program were mixed so VCPAC should take a stance of neutrality and be an information portal only. We can, however, hold the school board and district accountable to the recommendations made for the decision they made. The district committee provided a list of recommendations to the board.

ACTION: VCPAC Deb Whitten for the list/chart of what and how the district is replacing the lost services to students.

- PAC 101 took the place of VCPAC December meeting. Karen will send out the link, contact Nyssa for more info.
- Transitioning - Tracy has had to step down as President of VCPAC and is unable to represent VCPAC due to her new role with BCCPAC. She will continue to provide support to Nyssa. VCPAC really needs more people to step up for the executive and committee seats. It's important to have many parent voices representing us and building the district connections.

ACTION: Request PACs to share VCPACs need for representation - **any parent or guardian with a student in SD61 can step forward, there are many small roles to sit on committees, 2-3 meetings a year, and reporting back to VCPAC - minimal time commitment.**

Month in Review

- Updates shared from SD61 Operations Policy and Planning committee and Education Policy and Directions committee meetings, notes were attached to the VCPAC meeting Minutes. Notable: a scent-free policy has been voted in; there was a presentation on supporting Educational Assistants in the district with pro-d day workshops, updates on seismic upgrades; and allocation of classroom spaces.
- VCPAC contributed comments to the SD61 learning resources policy in October 2023. Our suggestion was reflected in the amendment that was made ensuring resources are current and do not contain offensive or stereotypical content.

New Business

- Update from Tracy (VCPAC president) - Tracy met with the Songhees education group last month. They discussed what inclusive education looks like for kids in the Songhees nation, how they do things internally and how they interact nation to nation with the school district. They are interested in possibly forming their own PAC.
- BCCPAC - there are two Town Halls being planned. January 16 will be around resolutions and February 27 will be about advocacy training. Tracy's new role at BCCPAC includes advocacy for parents when they have gone through the advocacy steps and have not had resolution
- Trustees at VCPAC meetings - It was asked if trustees were invited to attend our meetings. They have been in the past. Invites will be sent out in future.

- VCPAC has funds to send a group (3-4) parents to the BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM on May 3-5 in Richmond. It is very informative and a great place to network with PACs and DPACs across the province. The conference will be back to basics with workshops such as treasurer 101 and constitution and bylaws.
- Nyssa put out a request for someone to take over some of the district standing committees. Lori Poppe has put her name forward.
- Ad Hoc Committees - we need representation for several committees