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VCPAC General Meeting
January 26, 2021 7:00 pm on Zoom

Present:

REPS:

Susan (Braefoot, Gordon Head), Karen Wilson (Campus View), Allison Hyatt (Central), Lisa Gelling (Colquitz, Tillicum), Christine Sullivan (Esquimalt), Angela Carmichael (George Jay), Erika (Hillcrest), Jodi Whiteman (VCPAC / Lambrick), , Dylan Gunning (Macaulay), Lisa Gunderson (Mt. Doug), Dayna Beuthin (Northridge), Leah (Reynolds), Meaghan Shute (Shoreline), Kristil Hammer (VCPAC/ South Park), Nicole Nyvall (Spectrum), Jennifer Childs (Vic West), Colleen O'Brien (View Royal),

NON-VOTING: Christine Payne, Kim Currie, Nici Clarke, Susanne Peters, Karen Anderson

Welcome:

Meeting started: 7:00 pm

Meeting chaired by Kristil Hammer. There is quorum.

Agenda, Minutes:

Agenda: add crossing guard service, mask policy, quarter system for high schools

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended

moved by: Allison Hyatt

seconded by: Kim Currie

Approved

Minutes - November minutes were presented

MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented

moved by: Allison Hyatt

seconded by: Lisa

Approved

Financial - presented by Jodi

SD61 Board Meeting

Presented by Angela. There was a lot of debate as trustees are fairly evenly split. A motion was brought forward on climate action which was defeated. It was thought to be too much work. The mask mandate motion was also defeated. It was said Port Moody district was told they could not mandate masks by the health authority. The district is going to work on adding website documents to a database to make them more accessible.

ACTION: Take mask mandate conversation back to PACs for further discussion at next month's meeting

OPPC Meeting

Presented by Christine Payne. Safety in shops was discussed in December meeting and then moved for further discussion in January. The shops have not been kept up to date in terms of safety codes and compliance. Stems from a 2018 inspection. More information can be found at: <https://pub-sd61.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=455>

VCPAC Letters to District

Kristil presented the letters at a trustee meeting. The superintendent said the issues were school based and don't belong in letters to the trustees. It felt like our collective feedback wasn't valued. Their reply states they are going to consider them in monthly

reports from district staff at OPPC and Ed Policy committee meetings and will have individual discussions with principals and vice-principals.

Appeals Process

The district is looking at updating the appeals process which recognizes the right of the student, parent or guardian to appeal a decision of an employee(s) of the Board which significantly affects the education, health, or safety of the student. Questions were raised about previous changes and what should be kept. It was suggested we contact John Gaipman for his input. BCCPAC has a report which has not been released.

ACTION: Kim will look at OPPC meeting minutes to check out proposed changes. An executive member will contact John Gaipman.

Post Secondary Transition

There will be a meeting on the 29th with the district.

School Liaison Officer Committee

Presented by Lisa Gunderson. The committee would like to make a decision by June. They have asked for a chart to show the difference between police liaison officers and police officers. A survey will be going out to students and parents in April/May around people's experiences with and without liaison officers.

ACTION: Let PACs know the survey will be coming out. Email Lisa Gunderson any questions you would like to see on the survey.

Meeting Attendance

Would we like to invite the superintendent and/or trustees to our meetings? It was felt it could be helpful. Rotating at the beginning of the meeting would be good.

ACTION: send invite to trustees

Crossing Guard Service

Macaulay is funding crossing guards at a PAC level. They apply directly for the grant from the township. They are wondering what other PACs experience is with the Greater Victoria Crossing Guard Association.

ACTION: Request information from PACs on their crossing guard service

Financial:

Presented by Jodi. VCPAC is in the process of changing signing authorities. Also considering changing financial institutions and/or becoming a society.

Current: \$19 670 plus carry-over

Inclusion Survey:

Presented by Christine Payne SD61 has a new team and approach to inclusive learning. Information can be found on the January 4 Ed Policy agenda: <https://pub-sd61.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=446>. There will be a lot of changes and a new guide book will be posted on the website. The survey should be ready in about 3 weeks.

ACTION: Let PACs know the survey will be coming out through the district

What's Happening in Schools:

Members were asked to share what's happening in their schools (challenges/successes)

- Class schedule - PACs meeting with principals. Individual school choice.

ACTION: Will bring up in meeting on Friday.

- Late French Immersion online registration went smoothly
- Macaulay fundraisers have gone well - ArtCards and Fresh 2 You
- Culling of library books at Mt Doug and addition of new textbooks
- Winter band program on Zoom at Esquimalt was very successful and will continue beyond COVID

Next Meeting

February 23, 2021 7pm on Zoom