



## General Meeting

October 3, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### Minutes

#### **In Attendance:**

**PAC Members** (by Zoom screen title): Sheila Kirby, Julia Rubin, Chad Smith, Rebecca Yu, Tina Sadler, Andrii Volkogon, Amy, Sammy, Angeline Han, Tae Aoyagi, Rayan, Sara, Bilge Ataca MacDonald, Susan, Tina, Kelly, MC, Shiva, Gerry, Hongyan, Lisa, Neil, Marienel, Will, Eva, David, Lily, Sophia, Rayana, K.K., Elf, Amy, Sophia, Lilly.

#### **PAC Executive:**

- Ysaura Jaliri, Chair
- Amy Zhou, Treasurer
- Julienne Hills, Secretary\*
- Rayana Garen, District PAC Rep\*\*
- Vice-Chair: position is currently open

\* This role was filled during this meeting.

\*\* This role was filled following this meeting.

#### **Administration:**

- Jim Rutley, Principal
- Dr. Kerry Handscomb, Vice Principal

#### **1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgment and Call to Order – Ysaura Jaliri**

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

- Agenda accepted by consensus.

#### **3. VLN Principal Information – Jim Rutley**

- Jim Rutley gave a welcome and provided an overview of VLN:
  - VLN includes elementary and secondary courses
  - 3000 students from ages 4 to 84 years old
  - students take online courses for a wide range of reasons
  - K-9 courses run from Sept to June while Gr 10-12 courses run year-round; most courses require two onsite exams
- 40+ teachers (6 core secondary teachers, 3 elementary teachers, 3 counsellors and 30+ secondary teachers who also teach and are based at other VSB Secondary Schools) and additional teachers help out over the summer.

- VLN is in process of seeking approval to be a provincial online school; students no longer required to be Vancouver resident
- VLN implemented a new instance of their Learn Management System called Brightspace

**4. VP Information – Dr Kerry Handscomb**

- We have four different funding collection windows. We offer the provincial numeracy and literacy assessments four times throughout the school year. Though we provide formal report cards for secondary students in November, February, April, and June, students receive final report cards throughout the year once they have completed a course. In Elementary, we host the FSA (Foundational Skills Assessment). There are two parent-teacher-student conferences in November and April with formal reports created and distributed at the end of January and June.
- VLN works to bring the best learning and engagement opportunities possible for VLN students, aiming to be similar to those at a regular school.
- Student Voice - an opportunity for VLN students to work together on a year long project of their choosing. Previous projects include a stall on Main Street for Car Free Day, creating a student Code of Conduct, and indigenous academic content and artwork. Interested students can reach out to Dr Hanscomb (khandscomb@vsb.bc.ca).

**5. Treasurer’s Report – Amy Zhou**

**Balance Received from Previous PAC committee 2022:**

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT (DEBIT)

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Balance = \$20,074.59

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT (SAVING)

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Balance = \$15,231.85

**Current Balance:**

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT (DEBIT)

Oct 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Balance = \$33,571.42

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT (SAVING)

Oct 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Balance = \$10,231.85

Notes:

- On September 14<sup>th</sup>, a transfer from Saving Account to Debit account was made for the amount of \$5,000.00
- Gaming grant on Sep28: \$8,660.00
- Order cheques fee: \$155.17



- There was a question in the chat about the debt position of the PAC that was missed; it will be addressed at the next PAC meeting.

**6. News & Announcements**

- Vacant PAC positions:
  - There were currently vacancies on the PAC executive for Vice Chair and Secretary
  - After some discussion, the following was confirmed:
    - Julienne Hills, Secretary (Julie Rubin will be back up)
    - Rayana Green, District PAC Rep

- Vice Chair role remains vacant. Please consider stepping up. If interested, please reach out to PAC Chair Ysaura Jaliri (ysaurajaliri@gmail.com)

- The PAC has received a grant of \$8,660.00 to support student extracurricular activities.

## 7. New Business

### a) VLN Mascot – Dr Kerry Handscomb

- Student Voice students worked together to develop a mascot concept, and acquired input from the student body via a survey (several hundred responses). The final choice was an Indigenous themed mascot and Student Voice students decided to engage a professional artist to make good on the student’s choice.

### b) PAC Scholarships

- There are scholarship funds available to support graduating VLN students; revenue is derived from gaming grants. Availability is reviewed and decided on annual basis by PAC. Counsellors share directly other scholarship information with their students. PAC will work with VLN to provide scholarship information on VLN website.
- Input was sought through the Zoom Chat as to members’ preference for future meetings (virtual, in-person, hybrid); no decision was made.

### c) Topics of Interest

- Members were asked to provide input, via Zoom Chat, on what type of student activities they would most like to see (family activities, STEAM hands-on activities, field trips, other topics of interest). Sixteen members provided input. Results:

Field Trips	5
STEAM hands-on activities	3
Family activities	1
Other:	
▪ Volunteer opportunities	2
▪ Career opportunities	2
▪ Conversations with tutors	1
▪ Orientation for high school	1
▪ Scholarships	1

### d) VLN PAC Bylaws

- Question as to whether bylaws are available online. They are not currently on the VLN website but the PAC will work with the VLN to upload them to the VLN website.

## 8. Adjournment

- Date of next meeting to be determined.