

## VLAN PAC Meeting - January 23, 2023 – 6:30pm

### Minutes

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 623 3490 0704 Passcode: 835006

In Attendance:























PAC Executive:

- Julieanne Hills, Secretary, Acting Chair
- Amy Zhou, Treasurer
- Julia Rubin, Acting Secretary

School Administration:

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

Participants:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> iPad (Guest)</li> <li> Albert Dong (Guest)</li> <li> Alice Lee (Guest)</li> <li> amy zhou (Guest)</li> <li> Andrii Volkogon (Guest)</li> <li> Anuja's iPhone (Guest)</li> <li> Bariyah (Guest)</li> <li> C (Guest)</li> <li> Cris Santos (Guest)</li> <li> G. Z. (Guest)</li> <li> iPad3 (Guest)</li> <li> iPhone (Guest)</li> <li> iPhone (Guest)</li> <li> Isaac Holloway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> John Leung (Guest)</li> <li> Kitty Chong (Guest)</li> <li> Moni Feizabadi (Guest)</li> <li> Neng Xu (Guest)</li> <li> Rebecca (Guest)</li> <li> Rebecca Yu (Guest)</li> <li> Vipin Goyal (Guest)</li> <li> 潘红艳的iPhone (Guest)</li> </ul>
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- Welcome & Introductions: Indigenous Land Acknowledgement, Introduction of Agenda – Julianne Hills
- Approval of Minutes of PAC Meeting, October 3, 2022 – Julianne Hills
  - No corrections to the minutes proposed. Approved as distributed.
- PAC Executive Vacancies – Julianne Hills
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - District PAC Rep

Volunteers are welcome! Relatively light workload: PAC is required to have four meetings per year. Follow-up at the end of the meeting.

- Treasurer’s Report – Amy Zhou
  - a. Balance Received from previous PAC:
    - i. GAMING ACCOUNT, Aug 3rd, 2022, \$20,078.59
    - ii. SAVINGS ACCOUNT, Aug 3rd, 2022, \$15,231.85
  - b. Expenses:
    - i. New Cheques Ordered – Sept 14/2023 – \$155.17
    - ii. Bank Fees – \$4.00/month
  - c. Revenues:
    - i. Transfer to Gaming Account from Savings Account – Sept 21/2023 – \$5,000.00
    - ii. Gaming Grant deposited into Gaming Account – Sept 28/2023 – \$8,660.00
  - d. Current Balance:
    - i. GAMING ACCOUNT, Jan 23rd, 2023, \$33,567.42
    - ii. SAVINGS ACCOUNT, Jan 23rd, 2023, \$10,231.85

- Principal’s Report – Jim Rutley
  - Elementary mid-point report cards: January 31, 2023 (with proficiency ranks rather than numeric grades)
  - Secondary report cards: February 7, 2023
  - Provincial Online Learning Schools (POLS) program will be announced on January 27, 2023. Expected around 18 public and 16 private provincial online learning schools, including VLN.
  - VLN website will be updated with more content and made more interactive.
  - Indigenous-focused graduation requirement starting 2023-2024 school year: at least one 4-credit Indigenous-focus course is a new provincial graduation requirement. VLN has a choice of courses that satisfy the requirement: BC First People 12 and English First People 12. Plan to offer English First People 11 (Literary Studies and Writing).

- VLN Mascot – Dr. Kerry Hanscomb, Vice-Principal
  - Two years ago, students proposed to have a VLN Mascot. In a number of student-led meetings, Eagles was chosen as a mascot, which stands for Enthusiasm, Achievement, Goal, Learning, Empathy, Safety. Based on these values, students wrote their own code of conduct for VLN (which is available on the [VLN website](#)).
  - In May 2022, in another meeting led by the Student Voice team, it was decided to make an Indigenous image of the Eagles mascot and code of contact. An Indigenous artist met with the students to get their input. The image is about to be ready and the meeting with the artist is planned for Friday, January 27, 2023.
  - The cost of the artist’s work is \$2,500, out of which \$500 is covered by a grant. It is proposed to cover \$2,000 from the PAC budget.
  - The motion to cover the \$2,000 cost from the PAC budget was approved (Julienne Hills raised the motion, Julia Rubin seconded, no objections recorded).
  
- End of Year Graduation – Jim Rutley
  - Described previous graduation ceremonies in Van Dusen Gardens (with a break of two years for Covid). Hall rentals, gowns, and refreshments typically costs \$1,000.
  - Hope to hold a ceremony this year again, on June 15, 2023, if there is enough interest.
  - The motion to cover the \$1,000 cost for the ceremony from the PAC budget was approved (Julienne Hills raised the motion, Julia Rubin seconded, no objections recorded).

- Student Activities – Julienne Hills

- Votes about possible activities from last meeting:

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

- Jim Rutley updated on past activities: virtual art gallery trip, movie festival, university orientation day.
- Quick vote:
  - Virtual trip: 2
  - Field trip: 2
  - Orientation for high school: 1
  - Career opportunities: 0
  - In-person celebration in John Oliver: 2

- New Business
  - Q/A:
    - i. Q: Can international student resister to VLN?  
A: Students should be residing in BC and have a valid student permit.
    - ii. Q: What are the dates that VLN can upload the grades to the ministry of education BC?  
A: Grades are uploaded continuously, around once a month. If there is an urgency, can call the school and ask for the grade upload. The grades are also uploaded before the university deadlines, e.g., end of this month for UBC.
    - iii. Q: How does the final grade get calculated? Can the student take the course again if the grade is not good enough?  
A: Teachers decide on the grade scheme for their course. Yes, students can retake the course if they want to improve their grade. A registration form is required. Students can register to a course again almost immediately upon finishing it. However, if a student withdraws from a course without finishing, they need to wait for 9 months before starting the course again. The highest mark shows on the official transcripts from the ministry. Unsuccessful and withdrawn VLN courses do not show on the ministry transcripts.
    - iv. Could the graduation date change? Maybe be after June 20th?  
Q: There is a possibility that the date will change, based on the graduates availability and interest. However, moving the date is difficult though due to other conflicting requirements.
  - Follow up on PAC Executive Vacancies: to volunteer for PAC or provide additional ideas for student activities, please reach out to Julienne Hills at [julienne.hills@yahoo.ca](mailto:julienne.hills@yahoo.ca).
- Adjournment – 7:35pm