

VCPAC General Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2019 at Oak Bay High

In attendance: 13 voting members in attendance (no Quorum)

3 guests were in attendance.

Meeting Agenda:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=13kC7NQ2Uchm-i5Wjd9_S9YdNgpQpB1tO

September 24, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T7mkj57pn6Tby_BrX5rztK3F29yjqlzC/view?usp=sharing

October 24, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-XrOdILtxXoqu_DobOQoouQldSy6OHiu

Call for Executive Committee Members

There are 2 Member-at-Large positions available on the VCPAC Executive Committee if anyone is interested. Please contact Jodi or email info@vcpac.ca if you are interested or would like to know more.

It was asked if we have a Chair or VCPAC Executive Member on the Inclusion Sub Committee. Audrey Smith clarified that our current Inclusion Sub-Committee Chair is not an Executive Committee Members, nor do they need to be as per our Bylaws, but that we do have two members of the VCPAC Executive on the Committee.

Month in Review

November 25 Board Meeting Report (report provided by Jodi Whiteman)

SD 61 Meeting Agenda, Presentations & Video:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/meetings/title/board-of-education-meeting-monday-november-25-2019/>

Jordon Waters re-elected as Chair of Board of Education.

Ann Whiteaker was elected as Vice Chair.

GVTA representatives presented at the board meeting about advocating for more funding for education.

Victoria High School Land Exchange has been voted to move forward to the next phase of the process. The Board has approved for the SD staff to move forward with getting approval from the Ministry of Education and City of Victoria Zoning and to negotiate final price for the lease.

Motions passed at Board Meeting regarding Public Engagement Report – Superintendent is to provide a report to the Board on how parent engagement is provided in the District and issues and challenges with current state of public engagement within the District.

Motion passed at Board Meeting regarding Provision of menstrual products in schools - Motion was carried unanimously by Board. Policy passed to fulfill Ministerial order regarding menstrual products. Some PAC's currently being asked to assist in funding menstrual products. Funding model for menstrual products, dispenser's location and roll out plan has yet to be implemented in practice as of yet within our School District.

The motion regarding reporting public incidents of exclusion within the School District was withdrawn due to meeting time constraints and will be re-addressed at next meeting (December 16th).

Education & Policy (see report by Kristil Hammer provided in link below)

SD 61 Meeting Agenda, Presentations & Video:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/meetings/title/education-policy-and-directions-committee-meeting-november-4-2019/>

Report by Kristil:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1YOMf00iWJI30UwfLEmUWJMXyfk5Dypns>

In regard to the report on Emergency Preparedness in the School District – A question was asked by a parent about where and what is in the SD 61 Board or Facilities locations emergency preparedness supplies and who pays for it? Kristil offered to take the question to the Board.

Operations Committee Report (see report by Janine Konkel provided in link below)

SD 61 Meeting Agenda, Presentations & Video:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/meetings/title/operations-policy-and-planning-committee-meeting-november-18-2019/>

Report by Janine:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tBleQHMaQ1BUnOGBLvnwEFgcRa_37W2W/view

BCCPAC Leadership Summit

Jodi Whiteman and Kristil Hammer from the VCPAC Executive Committee attended the BCCPAC Summit in Richmond. Minister of Education, Rob Fleming spoke to the reality that overall the amount of funding would not change, only how funding is determined for each District is changing. School Districts will still have control over how funding is distributed. The current funding model is fairly restrictive on how and when School Districts can use funding. The new funding model is intended to be less restrictive in how it is spent and is intended to reduce the amount of time it takes to be able to spend/use money when needed.

There were also a variety of other topics covered at the BCPPAC Leadership Summer. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/841-2019-dpac-summit-resources>

Late French Immersion (*report provided by Allison Bottomley*)

Allison is a member of the Late French Immersion Advisory Committee Meeting. The School District has distributed the proposal for changes to the registration process and catchments for Late French Immersion. The deadline for feedback was today. There are some parent concerns that the proposal/review did not address the overall state or a broad review of the Late French Immersion Program, but rather just specifics catchment boundaries and registration and enrollment priority changes for the Late French Immersion Program.

A copy of the Late French Immersion Proposal (SD61) can be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13WGjtnCaC03A3qNfwBWYxzj4ADHO8dw2/view?usp=sharing>

Proposed Motions

VCPAC Executive Committee would like to write a letter to the School District about the following items brought forward during recent Board Discussions.

Motion #1: That VCPAC write to the District expressing that we are concerned to hear from the Superintendent on Oct. 24, 2019 that the District Health and Safety Committee does not report to the Board of Education and advise the Board to work with the Superintendent to develop a process for quarterly public reporting of the Health and Safety Committee and the content of the reporting, and such other related advice as the VCPAC executive may determine to be in the best interests of students in the District

Motion #2: Write to the Board in order to advise the Board in relation to the public question process, including without limitation, to ask the Board to confirm their process regarding Public Questions, to require that that either the questions are ruled out of order or are answered in a reasonable and predictable time frame so that the questioner can attend the meeting and hear the answer, and finally, that the answers to the questions are recorded in the minutes as per the Board's Public Question Policy.

Inclusion Discussion & Survey Questions

Wendy Joyce a former VCPAC Representative/member will be engaging with the VCPAC Inclusion Plus Committee to assist with developing questions for VCPAC to create a parent survey to get information and feedback from parents about their lived experiences as it relates to the new Inclusion Education Model within the School District. The purpose of the survey is to

provide VCPAC with information and data from parents within SD61 to better inform VCPAC and to help us advise the School District in a more effective way on the topic of the success and challenges of the current Inclusion Education Model. The results of the survey will also provide the Inclusion Plus Sub Committee with guidance on how to help parents better advocate for their children.

Those in attendance at the meeting discussed ideas, concerns, issues and potential questions that they would like to see incorporated or considered in the survey.

District Strategic Plan

SD61 is in the process of reviewing and developing a Strategic Plan. VCPAC has not yet engaged in consultation on the Strategic Plan as the other stakeholder groups have. Jodi will be discussing this matter further with the Superintendent and advocating for the District to engage appropriately with VCPAC on the Strategic Plan.

You can view a copy of the current SD 61 Strategic Plan (2016-2018) at:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/about-us/greater-victoria-school-district-strategic-plan/>

Vancouver Island Parent Conference

Registration is now open for the Vancouver Island Parent Conference. More information at:

<https://vipc.ca>.