



Meeting minutes
14 January 2021
Zoom meeting

Total attendees: 16 including Krista Henry (Acting PAC Chair), Ryan Ziegler (Treasurer), Bronwen Sharpe (Secretary), Mercedes Calvert, Catharine Meir and Shaza Regehr (Members-at-large) with Ken Andrews (Principal) and Michelle Haidar (Vice-Principal) and other members.

The meeting commenced at 19h00.

- Introductions
Members of the PAC and the Administration introduced themselves.
- Presentation from Constable Berkley – Oak Bay’s Police Liaison Officer
Catherine Meir (Parent Education Coordinator) introduced Constable Berkley. Constable Brand and Constable Savoy from the Oak Bay Police.
 - Constable Berkley shared police perspectives on topics that may concern parents. The topics discussed between parents and the Constables were: teen drinking and drug use, bullying, digital media use and suicide. Parents were advised to have frequent, honest conversations with their children about these topics and to become knowledgeable about social media apps that their kids are using.
- Business
 - Bronwen Sharpe (Secretary) put forward a motion to approve the PAC minutes from September, October and November 2020. Krista Henry seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Administrators’ update
 - **Principal Andrews** reported that the school had successfully received federal Covid-19 relief funds. Receiving these funds has provided an additional education assistant, extra Google Chromebooks and charge carts and money to create an outdoor classroom in Monterey’s enclosed courtyard. The SD61 Facilities Team has built and installed a large outdoor whiteboard in the courtyard and new tables and umbrellas are being installed. This space will be used as an outdoor classroom as well as a space to host social events. The school has two large BBQs to use for

events. Principal Andrews anticipated the completed courtyard looking like a French café!

- The ping pong table initiative is moving forward. Two outdoor ping pong tables are being ordered thanks to funds from the PAC, Principal and school donations and the Oak Bay Firefighters Charitable Foundation.
- The Student Spirit Council has been planning fun things for the students and keeping school morale high. The next event is Decades Day. The 60s, 70s and 80s will be fashionably represented by the Grade 6s, 7s, and 8s, accordingly.
- Young Entrepreneurs is under way and the school is trying to find a way for the Grade 6s to sell their products, perhaps in an online format so that an audience beyond the Grade 6 families can be reached. More details will be released as plans come together.
- Sexual health lessons are booked with Jennifer Gibson, Island Sexual Health, for all grades.
- **Vice-Principal Haidar** described the revamping and upgrading of Monterey's foyer. A fresh coat of paint has been applied and the art is being refurbished. Monterey partnered with Indigenous artist Jamin Zuroski Cook from Alert Bay. He is restoring his prior artwork from the foyer that will be newly hung in the library once refurbished. Mr. Cook is creating new artwork for Monterey: four cedar panel pieces with black ink drawings of Monterey's four spirit animals. These pieces will be ready in the spring. Admin will share photographs of the new art and classroom initiatives with parents once completed.
- Grade 8 Grad question due to Covid-19 restrictions: As Admin did for the Grad Class of 2019/20, they will come up with commemorative events and communicate and involve parents when coming up with a plan. Grade 8's will be honoured in a special way.

- Christmas hamper report

- Krista Henry (Acting PAC Chair) reported on the success of the hamper drive and shared some positive anecdotes from receiving families.
- Feedback shared by parents: Gift cards were a welcome addition to the hampers, especially as not every hamper goes to a family that celebrates Christmas with a turkey. A suggestion that hampers go out at the beginning of December instead of at the end was made. Also, that Easter and Thanksgiving hampers be considered in future.

- Safe Routes to School

- Neil Marcovitz is in an ongoing dialogue with the District of Oak Bay and has been invited to attend meetings pertaining to active and safe transportation.

- Fun Foods update
 - Shaza Regehr has been in touch with Willows Pizza and unfortunately, it is very difficult for them to accommodate Covid-19 health guidelines so the idea has been tabled. A point was also made that individual boxes produce a lot of waste which is undesirable.
 - Lansdowne Middle School has resumed their lunch service and Shaza will connect with their lunch program coordinator to find out how they are doing it.

The meeting adjourned at 20h10.

The next PAC meeting is via Zoom on 11 February 2021.