

Vic High Classroom

The Vic High Alumni recognizes and acknowledges the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations on whose traditional territories we live, we learn, and we do our work.

Present: Roger Skillings, Helen Edwards, Anne McKeachie, Fern Johnson, Linda Baker, Ed Kozicki, Rick Crosby, Nita Loudon, Don Kissinger, Ian McKinnon, Principal Aaron Parker

Student Presentation: Teacher/Scholarship Co-ordinator Sean Wallace and Grade 12 student Shay Beckett.

Shay thanked the Board for the Ellis bursary they were awarded in Grade 11, which they will receive on enrolment at UVic in Visual Arts. They said the award gave them confidence and motivation, knowing the Alumni was behind them.

All alumni present introduced themselves and congratulated Shay on their accomplishments and goals.

Sean thanked the Alumni for all they do for students, noting that in 2019 the Alumni contributed 10 scholarships/bursaries totalling \$10,000 and in 2022 it is contributing 26 scholarships/bursaries totalling over \$18,000. 15% of 2022 Vic High grades will receive a scholarship or bursary. The value of these awards far exceeds their monetary amount, bringing validation and encouragement to students. They know they are supported and are part of the Vic High family with the Alumni behind them.

Sean shared profiles of several winners, noting the extraordinary effort they put in and in some cases the challenging obstacles they overcome in order to move forward in their lives.

Sean also noted, for future consideration, the athletics award gap in the current Vic High scholarship and bursary portfolio, while understanding that the Alumni awards are usually defined by the wishes of those who donate funds to be endowed.

Call to Order: 4:00 PM

Agenda: Moved and seconded to adopt with deletion of Business Arising item, and movement of Secretary's Report to after Correspondence. Carried.

Minutes: Moved and seconded to adopt minutes of April 13, 2022 Board meeting as edited. Carried.

Correspondence: Linda reviewed correspondence received regarding various donations to the Alumni. Thanks will be included when tax receipts are mailed out.

Secretary's Report: Report on AGM Procedures, Requirements

1. In order to encourage attendance and minimize the virus risk to alumni wishing to attend, the meeting will be held via Zoom, June 28, 6 – 7 PM.
2. Access to the meeting will be closed at 6:30 PM.
3. Election voting will be held via online Simply Voting, and commence as soon as possible after the meeting has adjourned, allowing time to update the attendee/voter list to include only those members who attend the AGM.
4. Following adjournment, the latest SD video of the seismic update project will be shown.

Moved and seconded to adopt these AGM parameters. Carried.

Chair's Report

1. Call for highlights for the Chair's Annual Report by June 1.

Vic High Principal's Report

1. Parent/Teacher meetings are this evening.
2. May 12 is the Breakfast of Champions where 20 students, accompanied by a parent, will be recognized for their significant contribution to the culture and atmosphere of Vic High, and for being truly good human beings.
3. 240 new Grade 9 students will attend the May 19 transition afternoon. There is a wait list of students wanting to attend Vic High starting in Grade 9.
4. Vic High's Awards Evening is June 13, 2022, and will be held online. Any alumni wishing to participate, contact teacher Sara Reside.
5. 2022-23 school calendar is set, continuing the 9 AM daily start time that is currently working well. Scheduling is set to consolidate available non-teaching time to accommodate the move back to Vic High at the end of June 2023.
6. Results just in from today's Lower Islands Track Meet:
 - a. Emma Brand was 1st in high jump with a personal best jump of 150cm.
 - b. Christian Pancho was 3rd in the 400m and 200m, and 6th in the 100m.
 - c. Parker Aiken was 6th in the 1500m with a 10 second PB (personal best)- 4:43.
 - d. Emma Campbell was 2nd in hammer, 4th in shot put and 4th in discuss
 - e. Travis Harfield was 2nd in the 100m, 1st in high jump (178cm), and 1st in the javelin with a throw of 62 meters beating the previous Lower Island meet record by 19 meters!!!
7. Any directly-solicited funding requests for items for Vic High are to be vetted by Principal Parker before any formal requests are made to the Alumni.

Treasurer's Report

1. 2021 financial information goes to accountants May 12, to prepare 2021 year-end financial statements.
2. Vancouver Foundation returns are up this year.
3. Financial Report for April 2022 – circulated to Directors.

Moved and seconded to adopt Treasurer's Reports. Carried.

Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees & Task Forces

1. **Bylaws Updating Task Force:** Informal discussion providing input to new bylaws was held May 10. New draft bylaws are in progress.
2. **Archives & Museum:** written report circulated, attached below.
3. **Black & Gold:** No report.
4. **Communications:** written report circulated, attached below.
5. **Membership/Alumni Directory:** Phoning Campaign almost concluded, directory updates in progress.

6. **Nominating Committee:** In progress
7. **Reunion Co-ordinator:** No report.
8. **Scholarships & Bursaries:** written report circulated, attached below.

Moved and seconded to amend the Laura Gardom Terms of Reference as follows:

Three bursaries may be awarded annually up to a value the alumni committee deems reasonable based on the available amount to grant in each year. This will commence in 2023.

Carried.

9. **Website:** No report.
10. **Fundraising Task Force:** Mary Anne Skill and Shannon Edgar are preparing a souvenir/Vic High wear program proposal to present to the new Board after the AGM.
11. **Seismic Updates/External Amenities:** No significant activity regarding the August 2021 complaint from alumni member for the past three months.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: 6:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baker, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

1. Clarify Zoom meeting option: Rick Crosby
2. Finalize 2021 AGM minutes: Linda Baker
3. Send Report Highlights to Roger for AGM Annual Report by June 1: Annie, Anne, Rick, Linda, JoAnne, Don, Ed, Helen, Brigitte
4. Update Laura Gardom Terms of Reference: Rick, Don, Linda

REPORTS

Archives & Museum Report: Annie Boldt

1. The first alumni interview using the GOPRO equipment donated by Fergie Andison, VHS 1968, was held recently. The interviewers were King Lee and Linda Baker and the alumni interviewed was Stu Smith, VHS 1955, who was in town for a visit. He was the winner of the Governor-General's award for his year and went on to become a Physics Scholar at Princeton University. He is also one of our Black & Gold-inducted Illustrious Alumni. His interview is the first of many to come for our Oral History Collection. We wish to capture the memories of many past alumni as well as the thoughts of some of the folk attached to the Seismic upgrade process.

2. I am working away on entering the Accession records containing more than 1 item into the database. The Large collections have been completed but there are hundreds of Accession records containing 2-20 items that are being individually entered.

3. Linda visited with Ken Coley-Donohue VHS'86 at his Vintage Wood Works workshop. He had sent his favourite teacher recollections (shop teacher Fred Packford) for the newsletter. Ken's company has the contract to refurbish the VHS window frames in the seismic upgrade. Linda approached Ken about whether or not he may be able to make the wooden shelving required for the new Archive space. We have been told that anything that goes into the Archive space will be up to the Alumni to pay for and organize. The old shelving will need to be cut shorter and we need proper-sized shelving for the Textile boxes etc. If he agrees to build the shelves they would be built in his shop and we would have to organize to have them delivered and installed in the Archive room. Nothing has been committed at this point.

Communications Report: Linda Baker

1. 8-page print newsletter and 4-page direct mailing will be circulated next week, then finalized and forwarded for printing/ mailing.
2. May e-newsletter should be forwarded shortly for review, then sending May 16.
3. June newsletter : proposed to send out mid-June (as usual), approx. June 13-24.
4. Summer newsletter – potentially send out one end of July
5. New features in the works:
 - a. Profiles on individual Vic High Principals, Vice-Principals
 - b. Stories on individual Vic High Families
6. Bookmark approved at April meeting may not be ready in time for the postal mailing to donors with email addresses.

Scholarship Report: Don Kissinger

1. Helen Maxwell Bursary

- a. Celebration of Life April 30-attended by about 200 + . Bursary promoted.
- b. May 1- sale of Helen's costume jewellery at her home- donations to go to bursary
- c. Kirsty Maxwell reports she will drop of \$1250 (cheques) and \$870 (cash) on Tuesday, May 10 to Vic High/SJW for the Maxwell bursary.
- c. Kirsty Maxwell planning to put her executor fee into the bursary as well.
- d. Bill Broadley donation of \$100 to scholarship, allocate to Maxwell? Request for direction from Bill.

Bill's response, " *Hard to believe that it is 25 years or so since I was on the Alumni Ex. I prefer to leave my donation for general scholarships. While I appreciate the work people do to honour specific teachers it often depends on the initiative of a few former students. Many of the teachers of my day would deserve a similar named bursary but leaving money in a general scholarship fund appeals more to me and I think honours them as well. My attitude to honours is congruent to the attitude of the late physicist Richard Feynman: I don't like honours. I've already got the prize: the prize is the pleasure of finding the thing out, the kick in the discovery, the observation that other people use it. Those are the the real things. Richard P. Feynman* "

Since we don't have a "general scholarship fund" then we should consider setting one up within our Victoria Foundation fund 1. But let's leave that to September.

2. Proposed change to TOR of Laura Gardom bursaries

According to directions of Ron Davis: in a phone discussion Ron requested that there remain 3 bursaries but with larger amounts according to returns.

Proposed revision to TOR is: "Three bursaries may be awarded up to a value the alumni committee deems reasonable based on the available amount to grant in each year. This will commence in 2023" I will make a motion to that effect.

4. Our treasurer will submit a cheque to Victoria High School to cover the bursaries and scholarships for 2022 later in May. The amount will be \$21 400. The school will write individual cheques to recipients based on the spreadsheet. See the spreadsheet below for details.

Vic High School Alumni Association
Scholarship and Bursary Awards Summary

Updated March 3, 2022

		2022 Award	2021 Award	Comments
Alumni Centennial Awards				
1	Peter Smith Academic Award/Gov Gen Bronze	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
2	Fine Arts	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
3	Tech Ed Dept Packford Award	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Subject Awards				
4	Fine Arts > Music	\$ 500	\$ 500	
5	Hairdressing	\$ 500	\$ 500	
6	Tech Ed	\$ 500	\$ 500	
7	Computer and IT	\$ 500	\$ 500	
8	Biology	\$ 500	\$ 500	
9	Fine Arts	\$ 500	\$ 500	
10	Languages	\$ 500	\$ 500	
11	Mathematics	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Total Vancouver Foundation		\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
Victoria Foundation Endowments				
12	Fine Arts> Dorothy Evans Music Award	(1) \$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
13	Tech Ed> Noel Collisson Award	\$ 500	\$ 500	
14	Reg Reid Leadership Award	(1) \$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
15	Fine Arts> Tommy Mayne in 2 or more areas	(1) \$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
16	Class of 68 Leadership Award	(2) \$ 1,000	\$ 750	
17	Walter E. Ellis Gr. 11 Fine Arts Awards	\$ 3,300	\$ -	Note 6
		\$ 7,800	\$ 4,250	
18	Kenneth R. McCulloch Bursary	\$ 500	\$ -	Award commences 2022
19	Georgina (Lim) Harrison Bursary	\$ 500	\$ -	Award commences 2022
		\$ 8,800	\$ 4,250	
20	Laura A. Gardom Memorial Bursaries	(1) \$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	3 x \$1000 > Note 4
Total Victoria Foundation		\$ 11,800	\$ 7,250	
TOTAL Endowed SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES		\$ 18,800	\$ 14,250	
Other Bursary Awards				
21	Alumni Bursary	\$ 600	\$ 600	Approx from \$250 Van Fdn
22	Barbara Gidney Bursary Award	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	School administered funds
23	Chelsea and Jazelin Maskos Bursary	\$ 500		Note 5 Annual family donation
24	Leduc-McQueen Award	\$ 500		Note 5 Annual family donation
		\$ 21,400	\$ 15,850	

Notes

- 1 Fund raising target met.
- 2 Fund raising currently remains active by Class of 68. Scholarship target to commensurate with fund raising and future Vic
- 3 Operating fund donation up to 2022. Effective 2023 to be funded by Victoria Foundation endowment \$26,700.
- 4 2022 available to grant \$6141, award criteria and amounts under review with family with changes if any effective 2023.
- 5 Award issued as a flow through donation in 2021; criteria based on family terms of reference.
- 6 Awards of \$1,100 each to three candidates identified in 2021 to be disbursed in 2022.

File: Shorter VHAA Scholarship Summary 2022 copy.xlsx