



Aboriginal Education School Plan

School: West Vancouver Secondary School

School Aboriginal Education Committee: Rauh, Wong, Cormier, Taylor, Anderson

School Contact Person(s): Steve Rauh

Activities, events, speakers, presentations, projects etc. that have occurred at your location over the past two years:

- Annually attend Post -Secondary Week at Carson Graham
- Workshop facilitated by Xwalacktun and ArtWest45 students on the curatorial process
- Multiple staff ProD presentations and workshops
- Jackie Wong attended Indspire
- Ongoing development of district-centric Cedar Room at WVSS for celebration and understanding of Aboriginal issues and culture
- Artists in the Classroom funding grant to work with Sonny Assu
- Took students to Hartley Bay; student exchange
- Invited Bob Baker and Eagle Song Dancers to present to our students annually during our September start up days
- Increased promotion of Orange shirt day amongst staff and students, and in the classrooms
- Working on dedicated showcase celebrating the Squamish Nation inside our main entrance

Action Plan for 2018/2019

- Connections to BC Curriculum
 - Continue to unpack and develop strategies and understandings
 - Have created opportunities at staff meetings and school based ProD
 - Take entire staff to Cheakamus Centre for day of cultural understanding
 - Take 35 students to Alert Bay on a field trip
 - Make Orange Shirt Day a focus/launching point for increased awareness and understanding of Aboriginal issues in all curricular areas
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- First Peoples Principles of Learning (how will you embed these in your work with students this year?)
 - Posters in every classroom
 - Staff present at each staff meeting what they are doing
- Parent Education
 - Need to increase our parent engagement and understanding this year
 - Ensure inclusion of Territory Acknowledgement at all events
- Community Partnerships
 - Continue to work with Faye Halls, Bob Baker, and Xwalactun
 - Art Starts grant to work with Sonny Assu
- Student Support – Success Teachers/Counsellors
 - Carol Langley continues to connect with students on a regular basis
 - Carol Langley took students on highly successful field trip to Cheakamus Centre last year – planning several similar field trips with our Aboriginal youth again for this year
 - Connecting our students with tutoring services

District support and resources needed this year:

- Continue financial support of our students for purchases of food, bus passes, clothing etc
- Continue providing professional development opportunities for staff to assist with implementation of new curriculum