

**West Vancouver District Parents Advisory Council
Ingelwood Learning Centre
Wednesday, December 2nd 9:15-11:15 am**

DRAFT MINUTES

DPAC Business

Adoption of Agenda:

Terri Green and Alys Shantz

Approval of November, 2015 minutes:

Victoria Naranjo and Leslie Harrison

President's Report: Abbie Milavsky

1. Welcome and review of agenda and minutes.
 - Video titled Beyond Measure will be coming out in the spring. Will update for use at PAC meetings. Cost prohibitive for second showing given video release soon.
 - Rethinking Youth Space. Call for input; not well attended. Survey is out now and the link (www.westvancouver.ca/westvancouverITE/) will be open until January 15, 2016. Request to get the message out to parents in schools that their input is needed - most interested in ages 11 – 18.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 27th at 9:15 a.m. there will be a joint meeting on the refreshed curriculum for Principals, PAC Chairs, DPAC Reps and DPAC Executive. Please mark the date. **Location TBC.**
 - Thank you to Kim for arranging all the food and details for the Christmas Luncheon today and reminder for all to stay and enjoy.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Tuesday, December 8th, 7 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- Wednesday, January 6th, Speaker, from West Van Public Library. At General DPAC Meeting.
- January/February – 9:15 a.m. Joint School – Principals/PAC/DPAC – focus on curriculum meeting. Time and location TBC
- Tuesday, May 10th – Yong Zhao presentation Kay Meek

Treasurer's Report: Tanya Mah

1. December balances - \$10,397.30 in General Account and \$2,962.64 Gaming Account.
2. Encouraged a reminder to PAC Treasurers to submit for the Gaming Grant.

Committee Reports:

Parent Education: Abbie Milavsky

- 2015/16 Speaker – Yong Zhao.
- Promotion will start in January and asked that all DPAC reps begin to promote at their schools.

Finance and Facilities – Abbie Milavsky

- Extensive review was given on work that was done or started this summer.
- Will try to arrange a speaker to come and present to DPAC so all can see the magnitude of work that is done in the District.
- For full details please refer to the attached minutes.

Traffic and Safety Report - Michelle Frezell

- No meeting held this month.

Comprehensive Health: Terri Green

- Reporting will occur next meeting.

Human Resources: Victoria Naranjo

- No meeting held this month.
- Previous minutes can be found on the District website.

Constitution Committee: Tanya Mah and Terri Green

- Updating is ongoing; reporting will occur in the New Year.

Choice Consultative Committee: Tanya Mah and Michelle Frezell

- Three new academies being brought forward for Board approval:
 - Dance
 - Rugby
 - Mechatronics Robotics

Technology Committee: Karen Tidball and Tanya Mah

- First meeting this year was held in November. Committee will meet 1 or 2 more times throughout the year. Chaired by Sean Nosek.
- Purpose is to share information and to help guide future steps in the area of Technology for the SD.
- Reps. included District Staff, teachers and DPAC.
- Update given on issues that came to rise at the start of the school year.

Note that technology will normally have a bit of 'tweaking' as until a new program(s) goes live there is limited way to get all the bugs worked out.

- Access points at various schools have been worked on eg. Rockridge increased its access points. Some challenges still at other schools due to difficulty getting into spaces with the technology. Work is ongoing.
- Log on access that was limited to one device at the beginning of the year has been fixed; now students can log on to multi-devices. Also there is a auto authentication process on devices now (allows for re-auth. only 3 times per year) time saver for all
- Sean talked about My Education BC - large provincial system (has student data, lists, teacher info. etc.) now in place...schools coming on line since Jan 2015. Teacher training is on going. Google Apps for Education - going well as per data that has been collected showing usage is increasing continuously (Sept. - Nov 9th went from 0 - 3,049 users). Fresh Grade is an e-portfolio that teachers can use to showcase student work so parents can be updated regularly on what the student is learning. 95 staff is already using it. Every school has access to it.
- Other positive comments on BYOD being in all Elementary schools now, network improvements helping with speed as well, teachers seeing more collaboration and co-support in the classrooms.
- BYOD operating at WVSS and Sentinel, Rockridge came on board this year.
- Caulfield did a presentation Fresh Grade.
- Going to be looking at sending out a survey soon regarding technology use (to parents).
- PAC websites are next after school websites; to be looked at in the next year or so.
- Current emphasis is on building the new curriculum and how to best use technology to continue to support learning.

WVSD Board of Trustees Liaison Report

Board of Education Report: Shelia Donahue

- Three Trustees recently attended a conference regarding student achievement.
- Minister Mike Bernier will be coming to West Van Secondary and will visit the Access program/facilities and Cedardale for IB this month.
- Capital Plan Grant has been awarded to West Vancouver Schools in the amount of \$730,000 which will allow for 3 projects to move ahead (\$400,00 for Cypress Park HVAC system and Direct Digital Controls, \$200,000 for a new elevator at Cedardale and \$130,000 for a new air handling system at Caulfeild). This new money will allow for additional work to be completed with the Annual Facilities Grant.
- Please invite your trustee to at least one PAC meeting per year.
- Invitation to all to attend the public board meetings

- The list of Trustees assigned to WV school is attached.

WVSD Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report: Chris Kennedy

- Track update for WVSS. Meetings are on going. Hopeful for the \$500,000 Federal Grant. A fundraising committee is now in place with monies being managed by the West Vancouver Community Foundation.
- Curriculum update in January is to increase the overall knowledge that parents have regarding what the curriculum changes really are and what it really looks and means for students and teachers.
- Currently considering three new Academies; Rugby, Dance and Robotics (would start at grade 9). Robotics may also be an Ingnite Program for grade 6 and 7. Trying again to launch a Field Hockey Academy. The Ice Hockey Academy is also being reviewed.
- Update on enrolment - above where we were last year at this time for kindergarten in enrolment.
- Gary Cords, Director of Facilities is retiring this year. Hiring process in ongoing to replace him.
- Grades 5-7 students in nine elementary schools across the District participated in the Students Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP). The three finalists from West Vancouver are Westcott, Cedardale and Caulfield. One experiment will be chosen to be performed on the International Space Station in microgravity. The District finalist will be named just before Winter Break, with the experiment traveling to the ISS in Spring 2016.
- Next week is the Week of Code. Hopefully your school or you at home will explore this. Theme is Star Wars. Learning the basic ideas and concepts for coding. Info. Tech classes are still male dominated – wanting to encourage females to participate. For more information and to participate, view www.code.org.

YAHU – Young Adults Helping U (YAHU) Student Leadership Council

- Three students from YAHU presented on the YAHU Leadership Council. Parker O'Neill (Rockridge), Liam Grant (Rockridge) and Michelle Cheung (Sentinel).
- Non-profit. Youth Philanthropy Council – all have a passion for helping others. Mission is to improve the lives of youth across the north shore. Organized by grade 10,11 and 12 students.
- Council members participate in volunteering such as – Lonsdale soup kitchen, helping the Lion's Club see Xmas trees etc.
- Main purpose is to donate funds to support youth clubs to facilitate the charitable work of students.

- The student presentation is attached.
- Provided examples of clubs that are typically run by students for example: spoke of one initiative called Mini-We Day; asked YAHU for help and received a grant.
- Very impassioned speakers.
- Here today to help build their Endowment Fund. All money donated will go back into the schools. Donations are tax deductible. More information can be found at <http://yahu-westvancouver.weebly.com/>

North Shore Medical Health Officer, Dr. Mark Lysyshyn

- Full presentation attached.
- Key reminder that kids will benefit greatly from increased sleep, daily activity and early socialization.

West Vancouver Police Department Chief Constable Len Goerke

- Has an active and healthy relationship with the WVSD.
- West Van very safe community vs the average across the province and beyond.
- Number one way that anyone you know will be hurt or killed is on the road (drivers, bikes, walking)
- Crimes that are not reported are most often domestic and sexual abuse – upwards to over 90% non-reported.
- Meets regularly with Chris Kennedy and the District staff to stay on top of what is happening; how effective police support has been and what can be done from a preventative basis going forward.
- Formula they use when they find a high-risk population is to smother them with positive attention. Also know that parents want to see police officers active in the community so their kids see them as a resource. Focus is on the high-risk kids, as this will most positively affect improving public safety.
- The variety of areas the Police Dept. are involved in are: Integrated Case Management, Education, School Presence, Lockdown, Investigations, SWAT (student work advisory team – volunteers that work with Police Dept.), Committees, Community Events.
- Policing decisions often balance between enforcement and education.
- Presentation attached.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.