

West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting and Annual General Meeting
Inglewood Learning Centre, Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

<u>Welcome and Call to Order:</u>	9:18am
<u>Adoption of Agenda:</u>	Kim Campbell and Danielle Katerberg
<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u>	Nessa van Bergen and Danielle Katerberg

President's Report: Abbie Milavsky

Welcome everyone to the final meeting of the year.

As a reminder, as your individual PAC AGMs are happening this spring and fall, please forward names and contact information of your PAC executive to DPAC, including Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, DPAC Rep and Hot Lunch Coordinator. This will allow us to communicate meetings and events. Please also take this opportunity to think about succession planning within your PACs.

DPAC is still looking for a DPAC rep for the School Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee (STSAC). There are four full meetings per year and one mini meeting in mid-August.

Meetings are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:15am at Municipal Offices.

(Note: This vacancy has now been filled. Thank you to Deanna McDonald from Cedardale and PJ.)

Upcoming Events:

Communicating Student Learning: Last day for feedback is June 9th

Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, June 13

District Opening Day: Thursday, August 31

First DPAC meeting of 2017/18 year: Wednesday, October 4

Treasurer's Report: Tanya Mah

Balances:

General Chequing Account: A deposit of \$6580.77 made to the general chequing account for Parent Education presentation. Current balance as at June 7th is \$16,908.91

Gaming Account: Current balance as at June 7th is \$509.64

Committee Reports

Parent Education: Abbie Milavsky

The DPAC Parent Education session with Dr. Shimi Kang sold 374 tickets, 50 were sold at the door. 32 Books sold out of Dr. Kang's books at the event. Thank you again to Lynn Besplflug and Kim Campbell for all the work they did to coordinate and advertise the event and thank you to West Vancouver Schools for their support in working with the Kay Meek Centre and in advertising the event. Finally, thank you to all the parents for supporting the event.

DPAC may take a break from a parent education speaker in 2018 or they may look at other options for a parent education event. Anyone with ideas is encouraged to contact a member of the DPAC Executive.

Finance & Facilities

Chris Kennedy to include in Superintendent's report.

Minutes are also online.

Traffic and Safety Committee – did not meet

Comprehensive Health Committee: Emily Lapkin & Kelly Richter

Both representatives attended. Emily reported.

Comprehensive School Health Committee Meeting, May 29th 1-3 @ ILS

Physical Health

- An intercultural activities guide has been shared district-wide to help reduce barriers to physical activity.
- A program called *Groove Edgeucation* was presented and tried out by attendees. It aims to help teachers engage students' bodies, brains and beings during classroom time.
- It was noted that PE teachers are teaching BC health curriculum now in secondary schools.

Mental Health

The Foundry in North Vancouver opens soon. It's a province-wide network of integrated health and social service centres for young people ages 12-24, and the North Vancouver branch will soon be a one-stop shop for physical, mental health and social services for this age group.

SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity)

- There are gender inclusive washrooms at every school now. Often same as handicap-accessible washroom.
- They let students take lead regarding this summer's Vancouver Pride March. West Van and North Van students will be marching together (opted not to do a float, too expensive).

Pre-Teen Programs

Young speakers program at the WVCC saw grade 6s and 7s speaking on issues they cared about. Topics discussed included: housing, sharing economy, youth spaces, self-driving vehicles. Students want more drop-in programs.

Teen Programs

Youth Services in West Vancouver is running a Summer Work Experience & Adventure Program - a 6-week job program for 10 young people, age 15-18. The program combines a week of work preparedness and training, followed by a 5-week summer job with local businesses, and some fun Friday outings (like kayaking and hiking). Application deadline was in late May.

Nutrition

•TableMatters.ca will be meeting again on June 14th. This North Shore group promotes farm to table initiatives, an edible garden project, teacher reps from our district are actively involved with community experts.

•Foods That Fit happened (showcasing hot lunch vendors who fit healthy lunches criteria), but the event was not all that well attended by PAC reps. It was suggested that next year, they hold it during a DPAC meeting and bring in food samples, etc.

Substance Use Prevention

Some voluntary CO testing happened at secondary schools, and a surprising percentage of kids blew a higher than normal reading, indicating tobacco or marijuana smoking.

Health-Related Speakers/Events

Spring saw a variety of well-received events throughout the district, including screenings of Screenagers documentary, body image presentations, and our own DPAC-sponsored Shimi Kang lecture on raising resilient kids.

Calendar Committee – did not meet

Human Resources Committee– Andy Franks

Registrations – approx. 700 in-district summer school registrations, just over 1000 out-of-district registrations. Currently, 7220 students are registered for 2017-18 school year.

Minutes are online.

Technology Committee – did not meet

DPAC website is in progress. Working site online for executive comment.

Board of Trustees Report – Carolyn Broady

- Last meeting on Tuesday, farewell to Dave Eberwein, looking forward to welcoming new assistant superintendent David Nelson
- Welcome back luncheon (will confirm date, usually last Wednesday of September). Please confirm your PAC executive and contact information so invitation may be sent out in late August, early September
- Staffing – 10 new divisions in the school community
- Budget – status quo budget, no changes, regular programming in place
- Question: with new divisions, is there going to be new building going on or portables?
Answer: for the foreseeable future, will have portables in place

Superintendent's Report – Chris Kennedy

- Classrooms- with new class size language and strong enrolment, we have 10 new divisions between the following schools: Bowen Island, Westcot, Caulfeild, Chartwell, Pauline Johnson
- In Chris's time here, it has been common for 1 or 2 additional classrooms, 10 classrooms is very large, the school district has received \$1.25 million for portables/renovations
- Budget – usually we run on a structural deficit, but this year, we have eliminated the structural deficit.
- Enrolment – status quo or increased funding, district is pretty full in all schools, with maximum 20 students per classroom for Kindergarten, 22 students maximum per classroom for Grades 1-3, no language for Grade 4 up, but we are capping it at 30 students.
- Increases in Learning Support, ELL, Library, more support for non-enrolling staff
- Looking towards Fall – Grade 10-12 curriculum, will be fully implemented in the Fall of 2018, continuation of K-9 curriculum which was already implemented
- Testing regime shift, new FSA tests for Grades 4 and 7, will look different, will be given in October, will be using Grade 3 and 6 rubrics. In previous years, have used Grade 4 and 7 rubrics.

- High school exams, will see numeracy and literacy exams to be written between Grade 10-12, starting in year 2018/19, have not placed a limit yet on the number of times a student may write these exams. Also haven't determined what post secondary schools will do/how the exams will be weighted for admissions
- Place for Sport – thank you for PACs for being so supportive, some sizeable donations are in the works, have about \$1 million, need \$5.6 million, hopeful that the fall will see increased momentum

Community Events Chris has attended this month:

- Playground initiatives – new PJ playground/community park
- Coding Quest – coding arcade at WV Memorial Library, partnered with Learning Partnership (organization based out east)
- Physical Literacy – Amber Pasqual and Erin Crawford working side by side with elementary teachers on physical literacy piece for fall

DPAC Guest Presenter: PAC Budgeting with School Administration – Michelle LaBounty

See PowerPoint (attached)

Conversation, Trust and Transparency

Discretionary funding – make sense within context of the school and parent community, depends on overall budget, report on what it was “generally” spent but keeping the discretionary piece

Annual General Meeting

Call to Order:

10:45am

President's Report on the Year – Abbie Milavsky

Thank you to everyone for a smooth year filled with energy for the changes and advancements in education around the curriculum and reporting. And thank you to all the PACs for everything you are doing to support your schools in many areas of public education. Thank you to everyone for coming to meetings with interest and loads of questions to all our presenters.

Thank you to Chris Kennedy and Carolyn Broady for information and input at each meeting and for the discussions that surround your comments and presentations. Your frankness,

honesty and forthcomingness with all facets of information that affects public education in West Vancouver are very much appreciated.

We have had a range of topics, presenters and discussions which the DPAC Executive hopes have inspired interest and further discussion within the parent communities at your schools. Not every month hit a topic of interest to everyone, but hopefully there was enough of a range that the discussions within your schools were enriched.

As a brief recap, the topics we covered include:

- PAC 101
- Treasurers' Meeting
- Digital Learning Update
- West Vancouver Police Department
- Helen Yeung, Public Health Dietician
- School Traffic and Safety
- Student Support Services
- English Language Learners
- Robotics
- Place for Sport
- Communicating Student Learning
- Dr. Shimi Kang

In addition to the above presentations, we have had an opportunity to provide input on the West Vancouver Schools Budget for 2017/18 as well as on the process for Communicating Student Learning. The DPAC Executive is involved in a number of committees including Finance and Facilities, Human Resources, Digital Learning and Technology, Choice Consultative, Calendar, Healthy Schools and many more. We have the opportunity to be involved in meaningful discussions at these committee meetings as well as at the DPAC Executive Committee meetings. We are fortunate to be in a District where everyone is forward looking and works well together.

There are always things to work on and improve and as an Executive, some of those things include:

- Communication
- Website development
- Succession planning

Personally, as I move into the role as past Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive for the commitment and dedication through the year. We lost a few executive

through the year for personal reasons and I thank those that remained for stepping up and filling in. I also want to thank those that have stepped forward for next year.

Treasurer's Report on the Year – Tanya Mah

Gaming Account

We started the year with \$31.82. We had \$2,022.18 in expenses. Income of \$2,500. Current balance \$509.64

General account

Started the year with \$10,397.30. Expenses of \$5,938.16, Income of \$12,449.77. Current balance \$16,908.91

Election of Executives – Lynn Bespflug

Election rules read:

- Each PAC is entitled to 3 votes
- DPAC Executive, if they hold other positions within their PACs, may only vote once.
- Nominations will be called from the floor for each Executive position

DPAC Election: 2017-18 Executive:

Chair – Danielle Katerberg

Vice-Chair – Kelly Richter

Secretary – Tanya Mah

Treasurer – Nina Cheema

Members-At-Large – Andy Franks, Kim Campbell, Lesley Miller

Past-Chair – Abbie Milavsky

Adjournment: 10:59am

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE!

***Attachment: Michelle LaBounty presentation

<http://westvancouver.schools.ca/dpac/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2017/07/2017-June-7-Michelle-LaBounty-DPAC-Budget.pdf>

