

**West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting
Inglewood Learning Centre
Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

School Attendance:

All West Vancouver parents and guardians are invited to General DPAC meetings. Please try to send at least one representative to meetings.

Representatives present from the following schools:

WVSS	Rockridge	Irwin Park
West Bay	Pauline Johnson	Bowen Island
Chartwell	Westcot	Ridgeview
Gleneagles	Caulfeild	Cedardale

Absent: Cypress Park, Eagle Harbour, Hollyburn, Lions Bay, Sentinel

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:16am

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes: LM and TM adoption of agenda, approval of minutes, no changes.

President's Report – Danielle Katerberg

- Thank you to Kelly Richter who has been working hard on putting together this year's Parent Ed event.
- A reminder that an Emergency Preparedness information session for PACs will be held this evening at the North Shore Emergency Management office in North Vancouver. The organizers are hoping to have 1-2 representatives from each school present. If you haven't yet, please RSVP.
- DPAC Parent Ed Grant: A reminder that the DPAC is offering each PAC a one-time grant of up to \$250 to be used towards hosting a parent education event at your school. In order to receive the funds, you must submit your receipts to us no later than May 31, 2018. (Bring in a photocopy, or email a copy of the speaker's invoice)
- Next DPAC General meeting on March 7th: Our guest speaker will be Brandon Biln, Tobacco Reduction Coordinator at Vancouver Coastal Health, who will talk to us about vaping (inhaling vapour produced by a vaporizer or electronic cigarette)
- Thank you all for all the work that you do in your schools to help support the learning, and to promote a sense of community and belonging. A lot of work goes in to all the fundraising, budgeting, and organizing, and it is very much appreciated. Thank you for coming out and participating in our District PAC.
- To help highlight some of the exceptional volunteer work that is going on in our schools, May Wang, a parent from Irwin Park, talked about Lunar New Year celebrations that are in the works at several schools...

Presentation: May Wang – Lunar New Year Celebrations at Irwin Park

- West Bay have celebrated 4 years running. Irwin Park started in 2017. More schools are participating in 2018. Every school combines activities with mission statement of school.
- Chartwell will have stations of traditional Chinese New Year games/activities.

- Irwin Park will travel from ancient China to modern China, carrying a “passport” on their journey. They are collecting donations for SPCA.
- Ridgeview will have a silent auction. All revenue will go to PAC and school. Activities will take place in the gym February 16.
- West Bay set up activities in the gym. They have organized 2 performances, one in morning, one in afternoon, singing, dancing and fashion show.
- Westcot will have art activities such as wood block printing. This will take place over 2 days in the library.
- Hollyburn Principal will dress up, planning on having celebration March 1st.
- Sentinel will have a huge evening party.
- PJ will celebrate next year, started too late, only have 7 Chinese families.

Upcoming Meetings

DPAC General Meeting March 7th – Guest Speaker Brandon Biln, Tobacco Reduction Coordinator at Vancouver Coastal Health

Parent Education April 25th – Angst Film and Panel Presentation

Treasurer’s Report – Nina Cheema

General Chequing Account

No Income or Expenses, current balance \$16,510.99.

Gaming Account

No new income. Expense of \$334.96 for December Meeting Luncheon, current balance \$2,128.67.

Committee Reports

Parent Education – Kelly Richter

Angst: Anxiety in Youth (Film)

Angst screening followed by a panel discussion featuring representatives of local mental health agencies is planned for Wednesday April 25th, 7:00 pm at Kay Meek Centre. Currently finalizing panelists; posters and marketing materials will follow later this month.

Finance and Facilities – Danielle Katerberg

Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting Report (Jan 16)

- There were no applications for the 2017/2018 playground grant this year, meaning this will be carried over to next year, and two grants will be available. The grant is for \$10,000 (\$5000 in cash; \$5000 in labour).
- An overview of the amended budget and the operating grant was given in advance of the next Finance and Facilities meeting, where there will be a presentation on the entire amended budget. Minutes are available online.

Traffic and Safety – Deanna McDonald

Student video contest by Translink. “Am I Traffic” Theme. Launch in mid-February. Other years have been water, recycling, etc.

Next meeting March 14th.

Annual safety blitz conducted by ICBC for Think of Me Campaign cards to be handed out.

Vertical deflections to be at Cedardale, 600 block Burley/Inglewood, Gleneagles, 6000 block Eagleridge Police now have 5 traffic officers so there is more enforcement. Will not only be in attendance at pick up and drop off, but at other times.

Links to Student Video Contest:

- Student Video Contest “Our Waste. Our Responsibility” Winners:
https://www.youtube.com/user/WestVanDistrict/playlists?disable_polymer=1
- West Vancouver’s student video contest page:
<https://westvancouver.ca/studentvideos>
- North Shore News story on contest and winners:
<http://www.nsnews.com/community/west-vancouver-student-video-contest-winners-announced-1.18862591>
- Metro Vancouver Close-Up feature on contest: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/media-room/video-gallery/metro-vancouver-close-up/223374785>
- Press release on UBCM Award for Excellence in Community Connections:
<https://westvancouver.ca/news/districts-student-video-contest-wins-ubcm-award>

Comprehensive Health – Kelly Richter

DPAC Chair distributed online sleep survey to all PAC Chairs and DPAC Reps on Tuesday; please be sure to distribute to all parents at your school as soon as possible. The survey will be open for two weeks – ending February 16th. Results will help to shape the Comprehensive School Health Committee’s direction when examining issues around children and sleep.

Calendar – Tanya Mah

The Calendar committee met on January 30th to review the 2018/19 Calendar and 2019/20 Calendar. Regarding the 2018/19 calendar which has already been reviewed by the Superintendent and passed by the Board, the committee discussed changing the Reading Break date should the Province change the Family Day holiday. Also, the committee discussed the addition of another non-instructional day should the Ministry of Education require it for the 2018/19 year.

The Committee is also recommending the 2019-2020 calendar for the Superintendent’s review and Board approval.

Technology and Digital Learning Working Group – Tanya Mah

The Committee met on January 11th. It’s always a super interesting meeting with a lot of information. Initiatives in Schools:

The Robotics Academy is extremely popular. MILO, which DPAC received a presentation in December, and a new program is piloting in 2 schools: Google Expedition, which are virtual reality modules to enhance learning, like going on a VR “field trip”, to space to visit the planets, or Vimy Ridge before delving into a social studies unit.

Top programs in schools are Fresh Grade and Google Classroom, and also Squiggle Park in elementary (reading/literacy program), and MyBlueprint in the high schools.

We received an IT report. WV Schools has been beefing up its cyber security infrastructure, as it’s not a matter of who, but when. 11,000 plus spam emails were received in a 24 hour period, and that doesn’t

include malware or viruses. IT department has also been replacing aging teacher hardware with Dell laptops with Windows 10 operating system, they are more than ½ way through replacements.

MyEdBC has over 9000 user accounts. This includes parent portals. It is now used for attendance, online course registration, class lists, marks entry, IEPs, recording class size and composition, as well as other data.

Elementary update

Fresh Grade is being used by Grade 3 and 4 students themselves to upload work into their portfolios. Second term is “coding” time and other digital learning. Gleneagles has a “stations” approach to digital learning, which they started last year, and Irwin Park has adopted this model also, with stations of robotics, coding, etc. Google Expedition is being piloted at Hollyburn (elementary level).

Secondary update

All high schools have a makerspace with 3D printer/s, laser cutter, other technology to “make” stuff such as sewing machines at Rockridge. Rockridge is also the high school piloting Google Expedition (secondary level). Shaw had to come in and set up a dedicated bandwidth at the school for the VR pilot program, teachers in socials, math and science are undergoing training in the modules. There are 32 VR sets and they are used in Players Hall or Learning Commons.

DPAC asked if there is a simpler way of getting on wifi as a parent at the school, and at this time, there are no plans to upgrade to give parents usernames/passwords.

Board of Trustees Report – Carolyn Broady

Budget season. Status quo. Funding came in the fall for hiring teachers due to court ruling. Not a lot of extra funding to play with. If there are parent concerns or priorities, please discuss with school and principal. We have focuses in place as long as our funding remains stable. Awaiting province funding. Next year is a bargaining year, so there is a ‘wait and see’ right now.

Community Day is in June; schools thinking about entering a float in the parade should start thinking about entry, etc. right now.

Superintendent’s Report – Chris Kennedy

Teach Recruitment and Retention

Non-certified teachers are being used in some school districts and independent schools; we do not do that. We are challenged by the lack of TOCs, but managing such as redeploying other staff and administration to assist.

Registration

18 different academy options. Two Academy information nights. First night attended by over 400 people. Parent request that minimum Grade levels be shown for academies, ie animation and environmental science are not grade 8 level academies.

Registration intake open for all schools.

Traffic

Please discuss school related traffic issues with your principal before calling the municipality or police.

West Vancouver High School Incident

WVPD process: depending on WVPD's initial threat assessment, police will either close the school immediately or give information and let the Superintendent make the decision. This time, Superintendent chose to close the school. Cannot get into specifics due to ongoing investigation. Superintendent discussed the timeline of the day regarding messaging to students, parents, all schools families.

Presentation

Michelle Metcalf, WVSS

"Deskless" classroom (students are not assigned a desk, but sit in a group setting)

Teaching Languages through TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling)

TPRS is based on assumptions and research about language acquisition

Language is acquired through personalized, compelling, contextualized and comprehensible input

Language Exposure/Acquisition studies: babies receive 10 hrs/day x 6 years, students receive approximately 400 hours

Example of class participation to learn language

Matt Trask, Rockridge

Modern Physics Classroom

Using project based learning and hands-on, skills based learning

Make physics fun, but learning principles at the same time.

Example of hands-on learning: attendees asked to take 5 minutes and building launchers using popsicle sticks, rubber bands, plastic spoon, clip, and nerf balls.

Other examples: robotics example – build electric car, or build an instrument to learn about sound.

The Cohort

Engineering 11 Pilot at Rockridge in 2018/19 year

Math 11, Chem 11, Physics 11, Design 11 will all be on Day 1. Partnered with Dave Henning in ADST

Parent question regarding collaboration and problem solving. A lot of community building to prepare within the class environment.

Adjournment: 11am