

**West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting
Inglewood Learning Centre
Wednesday, January 10, 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:

Irwin Park	Ridgeview	Cedardale
Sentinel	WVSS	Chartwell
Caulfeild	Gleneagles	Cypress Parrk
Bowen Island	Pauline Johnson	Westcot
Rockridge		

Regrets: Abbie Milavsky
Lesley Miller
WB DPAC Rep

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:21am

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes: KR, NC, Approved Agenda, Add Traffic and Safety Summary to Minutes

President's Report – Danielle Katerberg

Happy New Year; I hope everyone had a healthy and restful break.

Reminder to PACs :

- For the 2017-2018 school year, the DPAC will be offering each PAC a one time grant of \$250 to be used towards hosting a parent education event. In order to receive these funds, please submit a receipt to us by the end of May 2018.

Upcoming Events:

Next DPAC Meeting: February 7th, 2018:

Showcasing education in West Vancouver Schools.

- Michelle Metcalfe, language teacher at WVSS will share how students are acquiring language in a fun and engaging way. Michelle presented at the November Board meeting and it was a great presentation.
- Matt Trask is a science teacher at Rockridge and will demonstrate what a modern high school science class is like.

Next Board of Education meeting: January 16th, 2018. Short board meeting in December due to snow.

Treasurer's Report – Nina Cheema

General Chequing Account

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

Gaming Account

No Income or Expenses, current balance \$2,463.50.

Committee Reports

Parent Education – Kelly Richter

Angst: Anxiety in Youth (Film)

Planning is underway to bring “Angst” - a movie about children and youth dealing with Anxiety Disorder, to WVSD for an evening presentation in April or May 2018. Exec is working on a program – expect to finalize date and venue by the February DPAC General meeting.

Finance and Facilities – Danielle Katerberg

Committee met on December 12th

- Photocopiers are being replaced at all sites with a new provider
- VOIP Phone system: Continuing to be gradually implemented with all sites expected to be on VOIP by the end of the school year
- Support Staff Payroll changes: improvements to be more efficient are being implemented
- Sentinel Gymnasium update: (Project to build the gym with changing rooms, washrooms, and office area.) Plans to break ground in April, with completion on September 2018.
- Temperature monitoring: Trying new system to monitor boiler and heating functions. It is hoped that this new system will give administrators more control to make adjustments at their school site without having to contact facilities.
- Energy Master Program
 - BC Hydro has a Program which provides incentives and rebates for projects that improve energy efficiency. Wade Hickey, our Director of Facilities, will become an “Energy Master Associate”, meaning that he will be able to access these rebates and incentives. An example was given that when a lighting or energy audit is performed, we can now access up to \$30,000 in related funding. Also, we can be reimbursed up to 50% of the cost for things like converting schools to LED lighting.

Finance and Facilities meets again next week.

Comprehensive Health – Kelly Richter

We are working on a Survey Monkey to solicit information and comments from parents on issues surrounding sleep and their children. Plan is for the survey to be distributed through DPAC Reps and PAC Chairs by the end of January with the expectation that the survey results can be collected in time for the February 19th Comprehensive Health Committee meeting. The survey will be distributed through Danielle; we will ask that it be distributed through PAC communications to all WVSD parents.

Board of Trustees Report – Carolyn Broady

Happy New Year. Board held an abbreviated meeting in December due to snow storm to discuss Choice programs.

Choice programs approved.

BCPSEA (British Columbia Public School Employers’ Association) – joint meeting with North Vancouver School District Human Resources

Superintendent’s Report – Chris Kennedy

Teacher Recruitment and Retention

There is a teacher shortage all over the province

We don't have any unfilled jobs, we have had 1 or 2 days shortage of Teachers On Call, but otherwise strong group to draw from

Continues to be a bit of a trickle out if a position opens up closer to a teacher's home

WV Schools and Municipality are West Vancouver's 2 biggest employers, what can we do to attract and retain staff?

2 biggest drivers to leaving are housing and traffic

We continue to be challenged to get top teachers due to housing and traffic

Childcare is the other challenge

West Van Schools has a 75% female workforce

-looking for ways to be more family friendly

School Planning and New Programs

Most elementary schools feed into their catchment high school, not a lot of student movement outside school borders

Catchment Rules

If in West Vancouver school district for elementary school, will be able to go to any West Vancouver high school, so even if out of district, will be accepted, as long as families meet all application deadlines

Choice programs are available at all schools, ie academies, due to structure/alignment of the school schedule/day

New programs:

Single school program:

- Engineering 11
 - At Rockridge
 - A one day program, ie, Day 1 will be STEM, Day 2 will be regular programming

4 new Academies:

- Volleyball – WVSS – in mornings before school time
 - Had previously allowed about a dozen students into program in North Van, also had “tested” program at Rockridge
- Table Tennis
 - At Table Tennis Centre in North Vancouver
- Animation – partnered with Capilano University
 - At Sentinel
- Environmental Sciences – attached to AP course
 - Attached to DFO site on Marine Drive (by Cypress Park School)
 - Will be a Grade 12 AP course also
 - Real work in the real world, scientists will be onsite and assisting

Information sessions for Academy programs in February. Diane Nelson is Director of Instruction for Academies.

Information sessions at high schools for incoming Grade 8s in January.

Presentation: Update from West Vancouver's CAO and West Vancouver Community Foundation

Presenter: Nina Leemhuis

West Vancouver Municipality

Has 1500 employees

Changing employee shift from when Nina first started to work with municipality, to be more service oriented, reconnect with residents

Works with West Vancouver Community Foundation

- Vital Signs document-changing demographics (2 years of data)
- Grants sheet available

Looking for ways to meet with the community: through residents' associations, DPAC, PACs, sports community, church groups

We seem to be a little stuck as a community, Nina's role is trying to discuss with residents how to forge a modern vision for the community, make the community relevant for today's residents and our future residents (our kids)

Looking for ideas to bring community together

Residents' Guide

Guidelines for new residents

Proposed 5 Year Financial Plan 2018-2022

What we do: current, future

Some of Municipalities responsibilities:

Looks after 140 parks, waterfront, community services, budget implementation, performing arts/arts and culture, police, fire, water treatment plant, blue bus

Highlights:

Ambleside Youth Centre

- will move into Rec Centre eventually, part of 10 year plan for the Rec Centre (refresh ice rink, seniors Centre, etc.)

Traffic: discussed community concerns, namely:

- Pound Road (turf fields) changes
- 15th Avenue eastbound left turn
- Cyclists on Marine Drive (past 31st Avenue) to Horseshoe Bay
- Seawall 17th Avenue-25th Avenue, CN wants \$3.7m per year for municipality to lease

General information:

Cypress Mountain – employs 800 people

West Vancouver Schools – employees 1000 people

West Vancouver Municipality – 1500-1800 employees

Question regarding any welcoming program to new residents:

Chamber used to do a Welcome Wagon, Municipality doesn't do that, municipal programs need to be cost neutral services

Community Engagement Committee

Looking to build a volunteer base, encouragement through word of mouth, mailouts,

Restricted in communication due to freedom of information

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West Vancouver Community Foundation

30 grants available

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West Vancouver Municipality Documents:

Guide for Residents:

https://westvancouver.ca/sites/default/files/dwv/assets/news/2016/161025_DWVResidents%27Guide_book.pdf

5 Year Plan (Draft 2018-2022):

<https://westvancouver.ca/sites/default/files/dwv/assets/gov/docs/financial-reports/budget/2018/Proposed%20Five%20Year%20Financial%20Plan%202018-2022-web.PDF>

West Vancouver Community Foundation documents:

2017 Vital Signs:

<http://www.westvanfoundation.com/Front/VitalSignReport>

Adjournment:10:58am