

**West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting
Inglewood Learning Centre
Wednesday, May 2, 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:

Rockridge	Pauline Johnson	Chartwell
Irwin Park	Gleneagles	Hollyburn
Caulfeild	West Van Secondary	Westcot
Sentinel	Cedardale	Ridgeview

Absent: West Bay, Eagle Harbour, Lions Bay, Cypress, BICS

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:20am

Adoption of Agenda: Nina C., Kim C.

Adoption of Minutes: April minutes approved.

PAC Highlight- Sentinel- Hollise Brown

Multicultural Lunch Fundraiser

- Planning begins in September
- Dates confirmed in October
- March/April Lunch happens
- Committee consists of the following coordinators, school, event, food/ table, ticket sales, marketing, treasurer.
- Table representing each country/culture sponsored by a group. Each table group decides what food to serve.
- Each table must serve 50 students
- Ticket sales happen 4 days prior to event and on the day.
- They have developed a role and responsibilities booklet for future coordinators.
- They earn about \$7500
- 2000-3500 servings
- They use compostable plates, bowls and cutlery
- Parents either cook food or donate food.
- All table coordinators go over Food Safe guidelines.
- No raw sushi served

- Volunteer parents serve. Tickets are \$1. Some food items might be 3 tickets or 4 tickets depending on how much there is.
- Food arrives at 11:55 and is all served in 25 minutes
- They use crock pots and hot plates to keep food hot.
- Countries represented: China, Korea, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Greece, India.

President's Report-Danielle Katerberg

Mental Health

Thank you to all who came out to our screening of Angst last week, and thank you to Kelly Richter for coordinating the event.

Parents may be interested in a new support and education group for families of youth with Mental Health and Substance use. The group meets on Thursday evenings starting this Thursday May 3rd, from 6-8pm at The Foundry North Shore. To register, or for more information, please contact Laura at laura.laframboise@vch.ca or 604-789-3265

Pride

The West Vancouver School District is looking for parents who would be interested in joining a planning committee as preparations are made for the District's entry in this summer's Pride Event. The meeting will be on Wednesday May 9th, at 10:30 at the Inglewood Learning Centre. Please RSVP to Todd Lund (tlund@wvschools.ca)

PAC AGMs

A reminder as we get to that time of the year when PACs are having their AGMs and elections: Please supply us with the names and contact information for your new executives so that we can keep our records up to date.

DPAC Exec

West Van DPAC is recruiting volunteers for next year's executive team. DPAC Executive members attend one executive meeting per month, and have the opportunity to represent parents on various District committees. If you are interested, please get in touch with Lesley Miller. The new executive will be elected at our Annual General Meeting on June 6th.

Parent Ed Grants

This is the last month for PACs to submit invoices to qualify for the \$250 DPAC Parent Ed grants. All requests must be submitted by May 31st, and can be emailed to dpac@wvschools.ca

Treasurer's Report- Nina Cheema

General Chequing Account

Balance Forward \$15,104.56

No new income. Parent Education expenses \$500.00

Current Balance \$14605.56

Gaming Account

Balance Forward \$255.06

Deposit interest \$0.15

No expenses

Current Balance \$255.21

Proposed Bylaw Amendments-Lesley Miller

- Our current bylaws and constitution haven't been updates since June 1996. The current changes and a copy of the updated version was emailed to everyone along with today's meeting agenda and last months minutes. Please have a look over them and let us know of any omissions or errors in the document as we will be voting on these changes at the June AGM.
- Some of the changes we have made include changes to language and updated terms are as follows;
 - All references to WVSD changed to WVS
 - Take out the term newsletter and change to digital communications
 - Change the designation of DPAC President and Vice President to DPAC Chair and Vice Chair
 - Omit annual membership fees for DPAC
 - Change signing authority to Secretary, Treasurer and Chair
 - Add to treasurer's duties to complete the gaming grant application
 - Took out the role and responsibilities of the District Associate of BCCPAC
 - Changes to the AGM to remove that we receive a report from each school of the activities during the year.
 - Quorum at general meetings has changed from 25% of voting members to members in attendance.

Committee Reports

Parent Education- Kelly Richter

Angst: Parent Education Event

- Angst screening and panel discussion held at Kay Meek Centre on Wednesday April 25th in the evening.
- Total of 465 tickets sold, great turnout
- Panelists did a great job of providing local context of help available to kids and youth dealing with anxiety.
- Positive parent feedback.

Budget Notes

Total cost to DPAC \$2166

Revenue

Ticket sales 448x\$10.00 =\$4480.00

Angst screening 50% =\$2240.00

Kay Meek Service Fee \$1120.00

DPAC Revenue \$1120.00

Expenses

Screening Fee (\$650 US) =\$881.43

DVD Shipping Fee (\$50 US) = \$62.50

Return Shipping (est) = \$20.00

Kay Meek Rental Fee \$1874.00

Speaker Gifts \$449.00

Water and snacks for speakers

Total Expenses \$3286.77

Cost to DPAC \$2166.77

Finance and Facilities Report - Danielle Katerberg

Meeting held on April 10th

- Facilities crew were very busy over Spring Break completing many projects that would normally have been done over summer months. This is great as it will make summer work more manageable.
- The District has been awarded \$3.6 million for the building envelope and HVAC system project at Irwin Park. The project will include new windows, siding, and wall composition, new flooring, and millwork.

This will be as close to a new school building as possible without completely rebuilding it. The majority of work will be completed over the summer so that there will be minimal disruption when students return in the fall.

- The Sentinel Gym Project continues to move forward, and the sprung structure containing the two new gym spaces and academy offices expects to be ready for school opening on September 6th.
- The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the 2018-2019 preliminary budget operating grant based on February enrolment numbers filed with the Ministry. Those numbers will be reviewed before the preliminary budget is presented in May.

Traffic and Safety - Deanna McDonald

STSAC May 2, 2018

- Last STSAC meeting of the school year. Next meeting Aug. 20/22 TBD
- Traffic blitz at West Bay, Irwin Park and Pauline Johnson was successful. If schools interested in hosting a blitz they need to talk to their principals to put in place for next year. Blitzes usually held in fall and spring and students hand out safety messages to parents/drivers at their school targeting good practices. This year's theme was "Think of Me"
- Most walk maps have been completed for all schools except West Bay and Caulfeild. These are posted on school websites. Suggestion brought forward that these maps be put in student's agendas. Parents should contact principals if interested in having that in agendas.
- Student video contest "Am I Traffic" was successful with a total of 79 video submissions, of which 66 were submitted from Ridgeview. Carol Sartor (HASTE) is available to visit schools. Request must come from principal. All videos are available on Youtube. An award ceremony is planned for early June, date TBD. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=am+i=traffic
- Committee suggestions for PACs include: use the summer to choose and practice routes to walk or bike to school. Plan a kindergarten playdate for families to find volunteers and teach safe routes to walk/ride together. Budget promo items as prizes to encourage students to walk to school. Support from HUB or HASTE or Translink are available but mostly parent driven. PACs can look for volunteers.
- Programs from this year included: Traffic blitz (Fall and Spring), walk or wheel to school week (Fall), Think of Me Campaign (Fall/Spring), Student video contest, Bike to school week (Spring)

- Of interest, an entire neighbourhood in Caulfield has petitioned to add sidewalks to make walking safer. There have been requests from several neighbourhoods for vertical deflection following VD at Cedardale and Eagle Harbour.

Board of Trustees Report- Nicole Brown

- Summer Learning registration opened for registration on May 1st.
- Classes will be in the mornings only
- Elementary classes will include math, writing, social skills, and will be held at Hollyburn and Pauline Johnson.
- Secondary classes will include full credit courses, preview courses and upgrade courses and Math Headstart. Classes will be held at West Van Secondary.
- Animation Academy has been very successful this year. Offered to grade 11 and 12 students in the District and they work in collaboration with the Capilano University Film Studies Program. After the 2018/2019 school year, two students in grade 12 will be eligible for a \$5000.00 scholarship for post- secondary education.
- Community Day Parade- Saturday June 1st. Deadline for a commitment to enter the parade this year is May 4th. They will be re thinking Community Day going forward and may not have a parade in the future.
- BC School Trustees Association AGM just held. Carolyn Broady was voted onto the Board of Directors again.
- This coming October there will be elections for School Trustees, Mayor and councillors. Currently, all trustees will be running again.

Associate Superintendent's Report- Sean Nosek

Teacher Recruitment/Retention

- Recruitment at local education career fairs
- Low retirement numbers so far.
- Some movement of staff closer to home but not as much as last year.
- Principals are optimistic that staff is stable for next year.
- Completely staffed for French Immersion teachers

Early Learning

- Ready, Set, Learn event held at the West Van Community Centre. 250 families participated with 3-5 year olds
- May is Child Care Month. Early Learning celebration hosted by the District

- Welcome to Kindergarten events happening in all Elementary schools
- ELL- Professional Learning Spring Series

Enrolment

- Approximately 7332 students enrolled for next year as of March 2018.
- New Kindergarten class at Pauline Johnson
- Additional grade 2 class at Irwin Park
- Most schools are full. Hollyburn, Caulfeild, and Lions Bay are only schools currently not full.
- They are expecting growth between now and September.
- May need additional classroom spaces for 2019/2020
- Only West Van Secondary able to accommodate additional high school students.

Grad Programs

- Grade 10 new curriculum implementation for 2018/2019
- Grade 11 and 12 implemented for 2019/2020
- Career Courses changing to include Career Life Education, Career Life Connection, and Capstone
- Focus on self- assessment for grades 8 and 9 with a plan to influence grade 10-12
- Grade 10 English now two credit courses
- New numeracy assessment to be completed in June

Coding

- Coding Quest Arcade at the West Van Library May 31st for Elementary Schools. Interactive showcase of student designed video games. Grades 4-7 participating. This is the second year for this event with 11 schools participating.
- Hackergal starting today. A new program to encourage girls to participate in coding. Offered for girls in grade 6-9. Full day “Hackathon” teams of 2 or 3 use Python Program to create interactive adventures. 35 students involved.
- Hour of code week- December
- Big Bad Bots-grade 6/7 mechatronics
- All Hands on Tech-grade 6/7 technology experience
- Great Bots of Fire- grade 8 after school program
- Robotics Academy
- Various high school specialty courses including Computer Science 10, Computer Information Systems 11 and Computer Programming 12

VOIP

- Voice Over Internet Protocol- replaces the aging telephone system (25 year old analog system)
- Mitel Business VOIP Solution selected. Able to use District's existing infrastructure and data network
- Elementary schools, Rockridge and Facilities transitioned to VOIP this year, Sentinel, West Van Secondary and the School Board Office to be completed this year.
- \$5300.00 savings per month in phone bills

Summer Learning

- Registration began May 1st and already 510 students registered on the first day. 328 Elementary students and 182 Secondary students. Programs are free except for International Students.
- Programs run for the month of July

Other Updates

- No Anticipating changes to Principals in the District for next year. Vice Principal announcements will be out in May.
- Lighthouse Festival and Booktopia happening next week.
- The Early Physical Literacy Team continue to receive interest from across the province in their work. Will share findings with the Board this month.

Guest Speaker Lynne Tomlinson- Aboriginal Education

Lynne discussed how Indigenous Education is incorporated into the curriculum across all grade levels. Her Power Point presentation can be accessed at: <http://westvancouver.schools.ca/dpac/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2018/05/Indigenous-Education-in-WV-DPAC-May-2018.pdf>

Additional Resources shared:

- ***First Peoples's Principles of Learning Poster***
<http://www.fnesc.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/PUB-LFP-POSTER-Principles-of-Learning-First-Peoples-poster-11x17.pdf>

- **West Vancouver Schools' Squamish Names**

All West Vancouver Schools received a Squamish name. The ‘7’ is expressed as a pause; ‘x’ makes a hard k sound.

West Vancouver Schools – Traditional Place Names

Huy chexw a Tsitsayxemaat (With thanks to Rebecca Duncan)

West Vancouver	Tel’ Tiwet	(Tel-twet)	West Wind
Hollyburn	Swaywi	(S-why-way)	Place name for Ambleside
West Bay	Smelakwa	(Smul-ah-kwah)	Camp for Hunting in Hills
Rockridge	Lam’s tl’a Sk’ewk	(lum7s tl’ah sk-ow-k)	Raven House
Caulfeild	Skiwitsut	(Skay-way-tsote)	Turning Point (Ocean)
Eagle Harbour	Kitl’alem	(Kay-tl’-all-um)	Nipping Grass (Deer)
Ridgeview	Kilus	(Kal-oh-s)	Beautiful View
WVSS, SC, Inglewood SS	Kexwusm-ayakn	(kux-woe-some – eye-ya-kun)	Place Where People Meet
Irwin Park	Ch’it ta tl’alhem	(ch’ate tah tl’-ahlhum)	Near the Water
Pauline Johnson	Skawshen	(sk-yow-shin)	Foot of the Hill
Westcot	Ch’tl’aam	(ch’-tl’-ahhh-m)	Deer Hunting
Chartwell	Sawa7elt	(saw-wuh7-ult)	Near the Creek
Sentinel	Ns7eyxnitem	(n-say-x-nay-tum)	Guardian of the Mountain
Ecole Cedardale	Ch’tl’aam Etsimxw-awtxw	(ch’-tl’-ahhh-m Uts-same-xw-ow-txw)	Deer Hunting near Little Ones Place
Lions Bay	Chichiyuy	(chay-chee-yoy)	Twins
Bowen Island	Kw’ilakm	(Quay-la-kum)	Place name for Bowen
Gleneagles	Chaxay	(chah-x-eye)	Sizzling Water
Inglewood Learning Centre	Ch’awatway	(chow-wuh-twhy)	Helping one another
Cypress Park	Xi7xipay’ay	(X-ay-7-x-ay-pie-yie-7)	Place with many cedar trees