

**West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting
Inglewood Learning Centre
Wednesday, November 7th, 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:

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| Rockridge | West Bay | WVSS |
| Sentinel | Chartwell | Hollyburn |
| Caulfeild | Pauline Johnson | Cypress Park |
| Gleneagles | Ridgeview | Westcot |
| Cedardale | Irwin Park | |

Regrets:

Absent: Eagle Harbour, Lions Bay

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:19 am

Adoption of Agenda: Alys and Rachel

Amendment/Approval of Minutes: October minutes approved.

President's Report – Danielle Katerberg

It has been a busy month! Since our last meeting, ...

October 10th Website Training

- Hopefully all PACs have someone to keep their website up to date. A reminder that your website should ideally have:
 - your current executive committee members
 - a contact email for your PAC
 - your meeting schedule for the 2018-2019 school year
 - meeting minutes and agendas
 - Constitution and Bylaws
- If your PAC still needs support in getting these items posted, please let us know.

All-trustee-candidates meeting, election of new board

- Congratulations to our elected board: Carolyn Broady, Nicole Brown, Sheelah Donahue, Dave Stevenson, and Lynne Block. A big thank you to outgoing trustee Pieter Dorsman for his 4 years of service to the West Vancouver School District and his commitment to public education.

October 11th Treasurers Meeting

- The 2018-2019 Treasurer's Manual that was reviewed is posted on Slack in the channels #treasurers-chat and #resources.

Other

- On Oct 24th PAC Traffic and Safety reps met to share ideas in addressing common concerns, and yesterday there was a meeting for Lunar New Year organizers, with reps from several schools.

BCCPAC DPAC Summit

- was held over the weekend (November 3-4)

Highlights:

ERASE = Expect Respect and a Safe Education

- The new ERASE website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>) has been updated and offers resources on:
 - Online safety
 - Mental Health and Well-Being
 - Bullying and Violence
 - Substance Use
 - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
- It also has an online, anonymous reporting tool.
- The Teacher Regulation Branch & BC Commissioner for Teacher Regulation
 - Teacher Regulation Branch ensures that educators in the K-12 school systems in BC meet and maintain the standards of competence and conduct required in the teaching profession.
 - The Commissioner for Teacher Regulation oversees all discipline processes and considers certification appeals.
- More information about the process for raising educational concerns can be found through the TRB website under Professional Conduct (<https://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/ProfessionalConduct/CommissionersOffice.aspx>)

Minister of Education Rob Fleming

- Says the parent voice is critical to the success of the Public Education system
- Highlighted funding for seismic upgrades and playgrounds
- Currently looking at a funding formula review with the hope that there will be more reliability in the funding—that students will have additional supports right away in September without a delay while waiting for funding to be confirmed. (You will see a lot of discussion on this topic in BC Ed!)

Vital Signs 2019

- The West Vancouver Community Foundation would like to include parents in their preliminary work for the 2019 VitalSigns report and is interested in setting up a session to hear the parent perspective on areas regarding youth, families, and community. They wonder if there would be interest in setting up a session with DPAC Reps, PAC Chairs and Vice Chairs. Watch for more details. For more information, contact Elaine McHarg at elainem@westvanfoundation.ca

Cannabis

- Coming up: Cannabis Parent Ed opportunity on Wednesday, November 14th, 7-9 pm at the North Vancouver School District Education Services Centre. RSVP Required; few seats remaining.

Next DPAC Meeting

- Our next DPAC Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5th; our guest speaker will be Michael Frankowski, District Administrator of International Programs.

Treasurer’s Report – Nina Cheema

General Chequing Account

Balance Forward \$8,985.12

Expense of \$75.00

Current Balance \$8,910.12

Gaming Account

Balance Forward 188.80

Deposit of \$2,500.00 Gaming Grant

Expenses of \$105.96 and \$75.00

Current Balance \$2,507.84

Committee Reports

Finance & Facilities – Danielle Katerberg

- Met on October 9th
 - Work continues at Irwin Park and is expected to be complete ahead of schedule
 - Sentinel Sprung Structure should be complete by mid-December
 - Radon testing was done at all schools and all classrooms were found to be below the Canadian guideline for radon levels. Two gymnasiums tested slightly above the Canadian standard, but not to levels of concern. Out of an abundance of caution, the district has made a few adjustments to ensure safe levels are maintained.
 - Summer Projects were reviewed and included: Teacher classroom moves; landscaping and garden clean up; deep cleaning (carpets cleaned, floors polished etc.); Gym floor refinishing; washroom fixture modernization; several renovations and upgrades at various school sites.

Traffic and Safety – Danielle Katerberg for Deanna McDonald

School Traffic Safety Sharing Meeting

- A School Traffic Safety Sharing meeting was held October 24. Representatives from Cedardale, Pauline Johnson, Hollyburn, Caulfeild, Gleneagles, Chartwell, Eagle Harbour, Irwin Park, West Bay and West Vancouver Highschool along with a representative from the district of West Vancouver and Haste BC met to discuss the top 3 concerns of each school and what the next steps of action will be. Attendees at the meeting felt the meeting was an effective way to share information and voice concerns and a follow up meeting is tentatively planned for November 26 at 9:15 am.
- The information gathered at this meeting was shared this morning at the STSAC meeting and Deanna is meeting with representatives from the district to address some of the items requiring action. An update will be provided on SLACK and the follow up meeting will be emailed and announced on SLACK.

Parent Education - Kelly Richter

- confirmed for February 27th, 7:00 pm at Kay Meek Centre
- Confirmed Dr. Kim Schonert-Reichl and Dr. Mark Lysyshyn to jointly speak on sleep and its importance to children's overall health and well being, with a focus on social emotional development, impacts of technology on sleep, and tips on how to practically manage sleep related issues.

Comprehensive School Health – Kelly Richter

- Met this past Monday; formulated plans for WVSD sleep week. Current planning around launch at WVCC on Monday February 18 (Family Day), which will include free activities and information booths; Tuesday (Electronics), Wednesday (Environment), Thursday (Food & Drink) and Friday (Exercise). Each themed day will include both educational components for parents and kids, contests, activities and hopefully prizes as well. Considering a district wide pajama day.

Board of Trustees Report – Carolyn Broady

- November 20th Board Meeting and swearing in ceremony
- Overview for next few months with Trustees: orientation with committees
- February 1st – teacher negotiations begin
- March – start strategic planning
- Other focus:
 - Funding model review – Ministry of Education has completed, we are waiting for information
 - We are asking Ministry of Education for more flexibility to make sure that we put resources where it is needed
 - We are worried that funding will be less for Metro, hope it will at least stay the same

Superintendent's Report – Chris Kennedy

General

- Session to be held in January re: PAC relations and how PACs work/school share best practices
- 30 parents attended a Lunar New Year planning meeting; 10 different schools represented
- 10 different schools attended, lunar new year “trickle down effect” led to more parent participation in other volunteering events and inspired Persian Norooz events

Registration

- Recruitment started for next year already, encourage Kindie parents to register

Middle Years Development Indicator Event

- December 3rd, in the afternoon at North Vancouver School District office
- Community dialogue
- What did we learn about our kids on the North Shore –Grades 4 and 7 questionnaire
 - Kids are incredibly involved in after school activities, how does that play on the back end?
 - Unintended consequences?

Cannabis – Community Conversation

- Dr. Mark Lysyshyn – will come to do PAC meetings
- Free event – Wednesday November 14th, 7-9pm
- What’s changed in schools? Nothing. Policies and procedures were in place banning cannabis on school grounds before legalization.

Job Postings

- Director of Instruction posting
- Elementary Principal posting
- No anticipation for administrative movement

Tech use in schools

- NY Times article – Silicon Valley tech employees and tech use in their families
- Chris is more concerned about use outside of school vs in school
- Elementary use – some use, some don’t, kids have access to technology but it is not in constant use

Presentation – Inglewood Secondary School – Stefan Huskilon

Alternate Graduation Program

Special Guest: Teegan – student speaker

History:

- Gord Devito was the head of Sentinel Workplace and Apprenticeship program
- Moved to WVSS – changed name to ACCESS
- Renamed program recently. Is now Inglewood Secondary

Currently:

- All kids are designated and have an IEP or student support plan
- Entry into the program: drawn from other 3 secondary programs
- LSP, Connect, supports are in place in the other 3 secondary schools, exhaust all help that is in place in the other 3 schools before discussions can take place with parents and staff about enrolling in Inglewood
- IEP project examples – school garden, raising indoor chickens (biology unit), art project to explain essay question in English
- Why go to Inglewood? Gives a diploma and gives student a direction and a purpose
- @inglewoodsecon1
- 4th secondary school in West Vancouver
- 18 students enrolled, Grades 10-12
- Classes don’t end/stop in June, students can pick up where they left off in September
- Alternate/different way of learning, niche school
- Mandate is to graduate every kid, every kid deserves to graduate, there are options for all kids.

PAC Followup – Sharing of Ideas and Resources

Creating a Welcoming PAC Culture and Recruiting Volunteers - Amy

1. Prompt to Reflect on:

What might be some of the approaches your school is finding **successful** as you encourage parent involvement and recruit volunteers with **various languages, cultures and work schedules**?

Sharing:

- Introduce yourself to new parents, talk about your volunteering that you do
- Welcome back tea
- ESL café/tea – lead a fun/real life pertinent conversation ie, play dates, language lessons
- translation service for PAC information

Summary - individual reaching out and school/pac supports to parents

- grade led events
- sharing with Shutterfly
- break down events into manageable amounts of work/time
- online sign up

Summary - More organized we can be, parents more willing to sign up with clear expectations

**Shutterfly discussion on slack

-find a lead person, ask them to help disseminate information (ie, to Chinese school community through WeChat, Persian community, etc.)

-Acknowledge and thank volunteers

2. When you think about a time when **you have been a part of a PAC that has been inclusive**, what were some of the norms or behaviours that may have supported that **sense of welcoming or belonging**?

Sharing:

-acknowledging and thanking volunteers publicly and privately (individually with personal email)

-thinking of how an idea might work before thinking of all the negatives; use more positive words – how can we help, instead of “no, we can’t do this”

Summary- maintaining a balance – how to be not as cliquey, be more inclusive, but have that team culture also

- seeing every opportunity as a opportunity to be included
- acknowledging that we have hierarchical but not feeling that it’s hierarchical but inclusive and welcoming all ideas and people
- many people worry they are not qualified, be flexible and put ourselves in their shoes and knocking down walls that new parents may feel are stopping them from participating
- remember that there is the business of running the pac but there are topics that everyone can explore together

Summary - allow people time for dialogue, have round table discussion, time in meeting for open discussion

Adjournment 11:07am