

**West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting
Inglewood Learning Centre
Wednesday, February 6th, 2019**

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:

Caulfeild	Chartwell	Ecole Pauline Johnson
Hollyburn	Irwin Park	Lions Bay
Rockridge	Sentinel	West Bay
Westcot	WVSS	

Regrets:

Absent:

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:16am

Adoption of Agenda: Lisa and Christina

Amendment/Approval of Minutes:

Motion put forward by Kelly to amend the December 2018 Minutes to clarify a minor discrepancy in the Treasurer's Report.

The Executive team recently conducted a review around best practices, and through this found a number of times where there have been very small – for example a few cents or as much as 3 dollars – discrepancy between what has been reported at the DPAC General Meeting, and what is reported on the RBC bank statements. This has only affected our Gaming Account reporting; the General Account reports have been accurate.

Specifically, in December the reported balance forward was \$2505.11, but should have been \$2504.23. The current balance was reported to be \$2,273.69 but should have been reported as \$2,272.81.

From this point forward, the Treasurer will provide her report based on the monthly RBC bank statement figures. We have also taken this opportunity to create a document that clearly outlines the responsibilities and best practices for the DPAC Treasurer role for succession planning.

Motioned for Adoption by Andy and Monica. Minutes Approved.

President's Report – Kelly Richter

B-Line

West Vancouver District Council are holding a series of public consultation meetings to provide information and receive input regarding the proposed B-Line connecting West Vancouver to Lonsdale and Phibbs Exchange. DPAC Members have been invited to attend a shareholder meeting next Wednesday, February 13th between 10:00 – 12:00 at the Municipal Hall, Raven Room. Space is limited, so they ask interested parties to rsvp at bline@westvancouver.ca.

West Vancouver School Travel Survey

HASTE (the Hub for Active School Travel) and West Vancouver are collecting information to better understand the travel choices made by families attending West Vancouver schools. They have distributed a survey – it was included in last week's DPAC e-newsletter. Please take 5-10 minutes with your child(ren) to complete the survey prior to February 15th. Your answers will inform work to improve active and safe travel options throughout West Vancouver.

Survey can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMEK-ZgD4GCBPdefPkS7c8BTnsBzigBOOYWML0-vBKbVlH4Q/viewform>

Happy Lunar New Year

Most of the schools in the District are hosting Chinese New Year celebrations this week; we will look forward to a recap of the events by May Wang at the next DPAC meeting.

Next DPAC Meeting

The next DPAC Meeting will take place on Wednesday March 6th. Guest Speaker will be Liz Hill, Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovation. She will be presenting on the new curriculum, and communicating student learning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sleep Week – week of February 18th
- West Vancouver School Board Meeting – Tuesday February 27, 7:00 pm
- West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting – Wednesday March 6, 9:15 am
- “Dreaming of Great Sleep for your Family” – Parent Education event March 12, 7:00 pm Kay Meek

Treasurer's Report – Nina Cheema

General Chequing Account

Balance Forward \$8,910.12

No Deposits, No Expenses

Current Balance \$8,910.12

Gaming Account

Balance Forward \$2,273.69

Deposit of \$0.87 interest

No Expenses

Current Balance \$2,274.56

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parent Education – Kelly Richter

The date of the “Dreaming of Great Sleep for your Family” event has been changed to Tuesday March 12, 2019 to accommodate one of our speakers – Dr. Kimberley Schonert-Reichl, who has been invited to address the US Congress on the original event date. Dr. Schonert-Reichl will be speaking to DPAC parents before going on to meet with the Dalai Lama in April.

Digital posters with links to purchase tickets through Kay Meek have been distributed through DPAC newsletters and to all school administrators; hard copies of the posters should be up at all of our schools and are being posted at community centres and gathering places. If anyone is interested in extra posters for distribution, please help yourself at the end of the meeting.

48 tickets have been sold to date, but note that we sell out these events every year to be sure to pick up your tickets asap to guarantee a seat.

Comprehensive Health – Kelly Richter

Meeting January 21st; Sleep Week is organized and is coming up the week of February 18th. More to follow on this event during Maureen Lee’s presentation.

Finance and Facilities

January meeting was cancelled.

Traffic and Safety –Lynne Palmer

SUMMARY:

Initiative	Action	By When
1. School Travel Survey	PAC reps are encouraged to promote this survey to their parent groups	Now. Survey ends 15 Feb.
2. Travel Smart School’s grant	PAC discuss what they want to use the grant for and let Deanna Mcdonald know	By end Feb
3. Safety Blitz’s	Ridgeview, Ecole Cedardale, West Vancouver Secondary & Caulfeild: PAC’s to feedback on how it went – to Deanna McDonald	By end Feb
4. Student ‘valet’ or ‘crosswalk guards’ programme at school	PAC’s interested in this programme to discuss with principle and let Deanna McDonald know.	Before spring break
5. Next Traffic Rep Sharing Meeting	Traffic Reps/PAC’s to advise Deanna items to be discussed	15 Feb

DETAILS:

Lynne attended the School Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting on 16th January on behalf of Deanna and received the following information to share with you. Please relay to your traffic safety reps if they aren't present:

1. The district and *Haste BC (<https://hastebc.org/about/>) launched a School Travel Survey last week to parents in the West Vancouver school communities. Private schools and PAC reps are encouraged to promote this survey to their parent groups! Elementary School only.
 - a. This came out via ebulletins and social media.
 - b. The goal is to better understand travel choices made by families in our schools, and raise awareness of challenges with school traffic (including some human behavior solutions).
 - c. It takes 5-10 minutes complete this survey with your children.
 - d. The answers will guide work to improve active and safe travel options throughout West Vancouver. Survey can be found at <http://www.hastebc.org/wvsurvey>
2. The District received funding from Travel Smart (Translink) to help with traffic safety initiatives. Approx \$200-300 per school (high and elementary).
 - a. PACs that are interested should narrow down some ideas and then start conversations with their principle.
 - b. More information coming 6 March but would be good to get an idea from PACs what they are thinking to do.
 - c. Idea generators:
 - i. HASTEBC has developed a tool kit for PACs to help them navigate decisions about what type of program to start: This TravelSmart mini-grant funding could be used to fund any of the 9 interventions listed on the HASTE toolkit <https://hastebc.org/toolkit/>
 - ii. Most programmes are geared to elementary but we can put PACs in touch with HasteBC to generate ideas for High Schools.
 - iii. West Vancouver launched a Teen Bus It campaign in 2017 (high school). Materials for that are posted at www.westvancouver.ca/bluebus
 - iv. BCAA's student safety patrol program or a school-based student valet program
3. In the week of 14 Jan, Safety Blitzes were run at Ridgeview, Ecole Cedardale, West Vancouver Secondary & Caulfeild.
 - a. Schools will be rotated during the year, and the next blitz will be in approximately 3 months time.
 - b. PAC's: Please send feedback to Deanna Mcdonald.
4. Lynne raised new concerns that school reps had sent through Deanna for feedback. These included PJ School regarding NO U Turn signs, Cedardale looking to make Margaree safer and Chartwell on running a safety blitz.
 - a. Deanna has confirmed that the traffic reps at these schools received the feedback from her as to the next steps. I have details with me if anyone need to ask after this meeting.
5. Items that were raised by traffic safety reps at the Traffic Sharing Committee were also discussed and the following feedback was received:

- a. Schools that are interested in a *student/parent valet parking or cross walk guard programme at their school should get in touch with their principle.. It was advised that this is heavily dependent on adult supervision (typically parent volunteers) however training can be arranged.
 - * Student valet (car pulls up, student helps open back door to get child out, closes door and then car drives off)
6. The By Law officer present at the meeting mentioned:
 - a. its fine for parents to report law infractions directly to by law (there is a number to call) .. they don't have to go through the principal.
 - b. He said if you need to raise awareness about a particular traffic concern at your school, bylaw can do law enforcement for several days.
 - c. Firefighters have the ability to write fines as they do this anyway for fire hydrants and where roads are inaccessible.
7. Lynne asked for the B-Line to be tabled for discussion, and the feedback received in the meeting was that the committee were still waiting on details for the B-Line and therefore couldn't be discussed. (this was the week before the School Board met with Council and Mayor). In the interim, parents were advised to contact Mayor and Council. Once details are received by the Committee, it will be tabled for discussion.
 - a. Next meeting is 7 March.
8. Deanna hasn't arranged a date yet for our next traffic rep sharing committee. Please let her know if there are items you feel beneficial to discuss as a group. One item for eg. If multiple schools want valet parking training, we can get a trainer in. Likely date will be post 6 March DPAC meeting.
9. Encourage people to sign up for the Traffic & Safety channel on Slack.

Calendar Committee – Tanya Mah

The Calendar Committee met on January 22nd. 2019-20 has already been passed and is posted on the school district website. The committee looked at the subsequent 3 school years and have agreed and made recommendations to the Board of Education. Once approved, the school calendars for 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 will be published on the school district website.

Human Resources – Andy Franks

Director of Facilities has left his position. The General Manager of Facilities will cover until end of June. Bargaining continues. Parties have set aside 65 days over the next 4 months for bargaining.

Choice Consultative – Tanya Mah

This is an update to the courses discussed by the Choice Consultative Committee:

The Choice Consultative committee met in November to review 2 new Academy proposals and one BAA Course and put forward recommendations to the Board of Education. The Board of Education approved the new Academies/BAA Courses, which will be offered in 2019-20 school year, pending adequate enrollment. Two open houses were held on February 5th and 6th to give more information regarding Academies. New Academies and BAA course offered are:

- Kickboxing Academy at KB-One Studio, located at Lower Capilano.

- Engineering Academy, which will be at WVSS. One of the days (Day 1 or Day 2), all courses will be taken at WVSS and the other day will be at the student's home school. Courses offered for the Engineering Academy will be PreCalc, Physics, Engineering and Robotics.
- Sports and Recreation Mentorship is the BAA Course.

Technology and Digital Learning Working Group – Tanya Mah

Sean Nosek and Tyler Soron gave presentations.

Sean Nosek discussed:

Digital Access – one of 3 district pillars

Digital innovation

Curated Digital Resources

- G Suite (Teaching and Learning Platform)
 - Google Classroom
 - Docs
 - Sheets
 - Slides
 - Forms
- Fresh Grade
 - Engagement (photo-teacher vs. student and both)
- Math IXL (photo)
- Discover Education
- Read&Write
- MyBlueprint
- ERAC BC Digital Classroom
 - EBSCO
 - WorldBook
 - National Geographic
 - Know BC
 - Gale

Virtual Reality – update in schools

Tyler Soren discussed:

Digital Literacy Framework

An Ever shifting landscape

Observations

-Strengths, challenges and other trends

Infrastructure

- Internal review of district tech
- Multi year tech roadmap

- Hardware lifecycle planning
- Disaster recovery and business continuity plan

-need to work with PAC groups (ie, ipad refresh) to make sure iPads can run programs. Some are old and can't do what a newer ipad can do.

Discussion by committee:

What's next?

Make sure technology is augmenting rather than replacing teaching and that it is "adding value"

DPAC asked about the following:

1. Exposure to technology in primary school

If a parent has concerns, it is a conversation to have with school and classroom teacher.

Classroom is not being prescriptive with tech use. Meet learning outcomes appropriately. Basic digital skills are important. More screen time is not always necessary. There is careful thinking around tech use, it is not rolled out just because it is flashy or new.

Intentional with use at appropriate level. Enhance rather than replace. Not as frequent as everyone thinks.

Primary education is very thoughtful about use of technology. Very limited use of iPads in primary grades, ie, Kindies may only use once per year with buddies. Other primary grade use laying a foundation, an introduction, chance to interact with tech that exists in educational setting guided by a teacher, ie, robotics.

Most kids are on screen at home more than at school.

Teachers think about this and are mindful about this.

- collaboration vs. one face one screen
- Interaction vs passive screen time

2. Rationale on BYOD in Grade 4

Each school has individual rollout, not necessarily in grade 4, decision was driven by parents and school

Suggestions where to go next:

How can we use technology for student self management.

- School calendars on website not easy to download, or update whenever changes are made at a later date.

Board of Trustees Report – Carolyn Broady

Teacher Bargaining

- Bargaining began last week
- CUPE on behalf of the province
- 64 dates set to negotiate this contract
- Bulk is done at provincial table (money wise)
- Locally, Kim Martin and team negotiates with WVTA
 - Discussions/negotiations include topics such as post and fill and how we hire, what can go on bulletin boards, etc. misc.
- Lots of time to negotiate, currently optimistic.
- Strict mandate to be met so far

- Class size and composition piece, we don't have language in SD.
- Doesn't reflect today's personalized learning.
- BOE want flexibility to move students around to fit that classroom to ensure best classroom conditions for staff and students.

Harmonization – teacher salary. Asked province to harmonize contracts (ie wages and benefits) with others. 60 different contracts across the province.

Funding model – MoE

- Make it more equitable in the province.
- Big issue is special needs students and funding, there is friction re allocation of funding

B-Line Bus

- Received info in December. Concerns regarding traffic and schools in Ambleside and Dundarave.
- Irwin Park motion – change traffic pattern and staging motion at BoE meeting
- Student safety, environmental issues and increased traffic are SD concerns.
- Trustees met with Mayor and Council in late January
- Not appropriate to be in front of IP
- Not on agenda but Mayor said they will not stage in front of Irwin Park
- Upcoming stakeholder meetings
 - Feb 6 – 2-4 for seniors
 - Feb 13 – 10am-12pm for IP and DPAC to attend
 - Feb 19 -4-6pm for teachers and staff
 - Feb 21 – for residents
- No decisions have been made.
- Recommend parents to give input to mayor and council in writing, attend meetings.
- Wait and see for now, for School District, as plans are not set in stone, and no decisions have been made by Municipality/mayor and council
- Survey for transportation on Municipal website.
- Request for comments and concerns by parents to be sent to DPAC
- Get info out about survey, meeting, website.
- Lynne Palmer (IP DPAC Rep) expressed concerns from IP parents regarding miscommunication from Mayor, Council and WVD staff regarding changes to the proposed route and staging adjacent to IP; numerous emails have provided conflicting information which has caused confusion for IP parents. Carolyn requested Lynne send the communications to her.

Associate Superintendent's Report – Sean Nosek

Lunar New Year celebrations

-happening across district

#westvanschools on twitter to see snapshot of celebrations

Future Cities Project

West Van Memorial Library, showcased future cities project. District wide initiative, students designed a city to solve real world problems (ie electrical grid, environmental impacts, etc.0

Tricia Yurkowski @ Westcot organized

Other

New academies and open houses

Student profile in North Shore News – Ariel Wang

Grade 7 info nights have happened. Admissions process happening.

Sleep week Feb 18-22, Sleep talk March 12

Student Support Services

David Platt moving on to VSB. Discussion regarding how SD moves forward (hire, reshuffle, etc).

2nd Annual Mental Health Forum

Every school district is represented, community partners invited

Ensure we have supports for students and to tie everything together before, during and after school

Have received a grant, will be holding an in-house mental health forum, ensure SD has a consistent framework across schools to provide student supports

International Travel

Trying to organize a trip to Antarctica, current interest about 11 students, need 15

Other trips happening around district – Orlando Science and Business, Italy and Greece Comp Civ, Quebec exchanges, Japan exchange

Calendar Committee Update

Alignment with Metro Vancouver School Districts. Optimistic it will be passed.

Presentation – Maureen Lee – Sleep Week February 18-22, 2019

MDI and McCreary Results and how it shaped Sleep Week

MDI – Frequency of Good Sleep

Grade 4 results

- 69% students get good sleep
- 31% Medium and low

Grade 7 results

- 58% students get good sleep
- 42 % medium and low

McCreary Survey 2013 – Sleep results

Age 13-18 survey

2018 results should be coming out soon

Kids should be getting 8 or more hours

43% getting 7 hrs or less

What are they doing?

Chat or text on phone – 59%

Surfing the internet – 63%

Chat online or social network – 56%

49% doing homework, it is also significant

Provincial Data: sleep trends

Amount of sleep goes down as student gets older. 49% age 12 get 9 or more hours, 12% for age 18

Are you getting enough sleep?

56% of parents said they usually get enough sleep, but 51% of children said their parents/guardians are getting enough sleep

Are your children getting enough sleep?

Parents response 66% said yes

Students response 30% said yes

Surveyed both elementary and high school, more high school students responded

Do you restrict screen time use before bedtime and where do you charge your phone at night?

61% of parents said they restrict screen time use

68% of students said they charge their cell phones beside their bed or in their room

In the news: CBC news January 29th, National Post January 25th, National Geographic August 2018

Sleep Week – Feb 18-22

1 in 4 children and teens are not getting enough sleep

Benefits:

- Better brain – improved memory and concentration
- Better body – improved energy, stronger heart and weight management
- Better emotions – happier and more optimistic

What to do? Themes each day of Sleep Week:

- Electronics
- Environment
- Eat and Drink
- Exercise
- Everyday and Every Night

Day 1 – Every Day and Every Night

Focus on consistent routines

Family Day - free family fun at the Rec Centre

Day 2 – Electronics

Turn off electronics at least 1 hour before bed and removing them from bedrooms

Sleep Week Contest – Photo Contest Challenge

Feb 19-22

Day 3 – Environment

We get better quality sleep when our bedrooms are dark, quiet, comfortable and free from distractions

District wide PJ day

Day 4 – Eat and Drink

Nutrition plays an important part in sleep.

Tips from Helen Yeung, VCH will be sent home

Day 5 – Exercise

Adequate exercise helps us keep better

We should try to find fun ways to be active for 60 minutes a day and/or use active modes of transportation

March 12th – Parent Education Event – Dreaming of a Great Sleep for your Family

Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl and Dr. Mark Sysyshyn

Maureen's presentation to be posted on website

Adjournment: 11:20am