

**West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting
Inglewood Learning Centre
Wednesday, April 3rd, 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:

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

Regrets:

Absent: Sentinel, Eagle Harbour, Cypress Park, Caulfeild

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:23 am

Adoption of Agenda: Andy and Christina

Amendment/Approval of Minutes: Postponed until next meeting (they were posted late).

Chair's Report – Danielle Katerberg

Community

A couple of announcements from the Community: I will circulate posters with the details:

- North Shore Artists Guild's Annual Spring Art Sale, WV Community Centre, Wednesday April 28, 10-5 (Poster)
- Gap Year Association: Free event: April 15 in-person event; April 23 online (poster)

BCCPAC

BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM is May 3-5 in Richmond, with a focus on "Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing"

- Early Bird Pricing available to members and ends this Friday, April 5th
- Conference Highlights – Minister of Education attending, keynote speaker is Shimi Kang. Danielle and Kelly will both be attending

@wvschools.ca email accounts

Please make sure you are able to access your @wvschools email accounts. Some changes were made by the IT department, and you will need to make some updates to the settings in your account in order to access your mail. (I have a few copies of the instructions if you need them)

Succession Planning

Join our DPAC Executive!

It is getting to be the time of year where we are making plans for next year. The DPAC always strives to have broad representation on our executive. In addition to our general meetings, the executive has one additional meeting (usually 3rd Wednesday morning of the month). In addition to the officer roles (secretary, treasurer, chair), we also have several directors who may also sit on district committees. We value and welcome additional voices and perspectives to ensure that we are best representing the needs of parents of children enrolled in West Vancouver schools. If you are interested in learning more, please speak to any member of the executive. The new executive will be elected at our Annual General Meeting on June 5th.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 1st

UPCOMING EVENTS

- DPAC General Meeting – Inglewood Learning Centre, Wednesday, May 1st, 2019, 9:15 am
- West Vancouver School Board Meeting – West Vancouver School District office, Tuesday, April 16th, 2019, 7 pm
- HUB Bike to School Week, May 27-31

Treasurer's Report – Tanya Mah

We have not received the most up to date statements. Balances remain the same:

General Chequing Account

Balance Forward \$8,910.12

No Deposits, No Expenses

Current Balance \$8,910.12

Gaming Account

Balance Forward \$2,274.56

Deposit of \$0.87 interest

No Expenses

Current Balance \$2,275.43

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parent Education -Kelly Richter

Sleep Event held on March 12th at Kay Meek

- 207 tickets sold (venue holds roughly 470 seats so less than half-capacity)
- Total revenue from ticket sales: \$1522.50
 - o Event costs: \$931.58
 - o Total revenue for DPAC: \$590.92
- Presentation materials will be posted to the DPAC website; include both Dr. Schonert-Reichl and Dr. Lyshyshyn's power point presentations plus the West Vancouver MDI results.

Comprehensive School Health – Kelly Richter

- A full day Mental Health and Wellbeing Symposium is being held Wednesday, April 10 at Kay Meek Studio
- Principals, teachers and parents from every WV school will be collaborating to develop a mental health and wellbeing framework for WVSD
- Registration for the event is full with a wait list

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee – Lynne Palmer

School/Community Grant – reminder to discuss with your principal and if you had an idea, apply for grant of \$300 (on DPAC website under Resources)

Paint – refresh crosswalks, principal can notify the district if your crosswalks have faded

Board of Education Trustees Report – Carolyn Broady

- Ministry released funding on March 15th for next year. Looking for general feedback from PACs, DPACs, schools. Money is status quo. Only 3% of budget is left to spend as a “discretionary” piece. Technology upgrade plan in place also. Pressing summer upgrades will be taken into consideration.

Superintendent’s Report – Chris Kennedy

Administrative Announcements

Administrative announcements will come out in April. Not very many changes. Val Brady and Val Stevenson announced their retirements, these should be the only adjustments.

Other positions – Director of Facilities posted

Teacher recruitment and retention

Holding more teachers, less trouble filling positions, healthy number of applications to fill positions

Student Projections

Anticipate status quo

Capital Announcements

HVAC at Ridgeview

Major ask is a rebuild for Sentinel, working with government, is a 5-7 year process

Playground Announcements

West Vancouver district did not receive any funding. Ministry assessment is usually on a rotational basis.

DPAC Parent Education

Additional information will be coming out in the next few days.

Dr. Lysyshyn is a great speaker and available to speak to PACs or groups of schools on a wide variety of topics including vaping and cannabis

Measles outbreak

There will be better tracking of students regarding vaccinations

Vancouver Coastal Health hasn't banned students from entering school without vaccinations, but VCH and WVS will be sharing information on vaccination rates. West Vancouver vaccination rates are surprising lower than expected.

Future Directions – Strategic Plan

Board is engaging in this process this Friday, will be coming back at a later date with additional updates

Presentation – Sean Nosek and Guests

Aron Campbell, Dave Dickinson, Parnaz Kashani, GEC students

Presentation 1 - Aron Campbell and students – Gleneagles Ch'axay Elementary

3 year Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (in year 2 of 3)

STEAM

- Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Mathematics
- using arts to enhance STEM

3 phases

- monthly design challenges
- 3d print club
 - Meets every Wednesday at lunch
 - Grades 2-7
 - Focus is on DESIGN aspect vs the actual PRINT
 - Utilizes web based application Tinkercad
- S.T.E.A.M. In-Service with Zen Maker Lab for Grades 3-7

GEC celebrates **Global Day of Design** each year. This year, GDD is on May 6th, 2019

Presentation 2 - Dave Dickinson & Parnaz Kashani – Rockridge Secondary School

Tech trends in our secondary schools

Why Technology

- personalized (can choose project that demonstrates their knowledge and use their strengths to show it)
- beyond the classroom
- ownership (students need to know how to learn)
- enhance not replace (ie field trip gives a different lens to see things, but doesn't replace learning in classroom)

Technology Now

- Student calendar
- google classroom (main hub, online dashboard)
- virtual reality
- workshops

The Future of Technology

- Content Creators
 - creating technology (websites, videos, other content
 - periodic table
- Learning Tool/Training Too
 - VR – VR2.0 – last year was 1.0, this year has already improved by leaps and bounds, much more interactive experience

-New Literacy

Takeaways

Technology is more than screen time

This work doesn't happen by itself, staff, parents, administrator partnerships

Roundtable discussion questions/topics – Amy McCarthy

Over the last month or so, a few questions have come in from PACs, that we thought we'd put out to the group for feedback:

1. Elementary School PAC's who give Scholarships:

A PAC is evaluating their scholarship budget in advance of preparing next year's budget, and is considering making an increase, but wants to some maintain consistency with other schools in the district.

How many elementary schools are awarding high school grad scholarships to former students?

How many scholarships? What is the value of the scholarship(s)? ** WB and GEC - \$500 each/\$250 and \$250 (academic and community based), about 1/3 of schools

2. Pledge collection website

A PAC is planning a fundraiser and wonders if anyone has an online pledge collection site they can recommend. Does anyone have any suggestions? – **Recommended to discuss with Sean Nosek

3. PAC Bylaws:

A PAC is exploring the possibility of updating their bylaws to allow attendance and voting at PAC meetings by phone and/or video conference.

- We did a quick poll on Slack, and of those who responded, no schools are currently allowing this, but some might also be interested in exploring it as an option.
- What are some of your thoughts around video conferencing? Should voting be permitted?
- What might be some benefits?
- What might be some risks/concerns?

-attendance challenges, so video conferencing is seen as positive, promising, and encouraging

-voting – may be problematic due to not knowing who is voting

-would need a moderator for live streaming (ie, on facebook)

-Eagle Harbor audio conferences parents in

Adjournment: 11:03 am