

**West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting
Inglewood Learning Centre
Wednesday, May 1st, 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:

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

Regrets:

Absent:

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:18 am

Adoption of Agenda: Lisa and Kyra

Amendment/Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve both the March and April meeting minutes, as we were not able to approve the March minutes at the last meeting as they were posted after our notice deadline due to Spring Break. Motioned and approved.

Chair's Report – Kelly Richter

Next DPAC Meeting

Our next DPAC Meeting is the AGM on June 5th. Please note that we will have a luncheon following the meeting, and hope you can plan to join us at this end of year gathering.

Online Harrassment & Abuse Resource

West Coast LEAF & Legal Services Society of BC have published "Is That Legal?" detailing the law around online harassment and abuse. We have a number of copies here, you are welcome to bring them to your PAC. Information on ordering additional copies if needed is in the inside back cover of the piece, or through crownpub.bc.ca under Quick Links, click BC Public Legal Information & Education.

Youth Week – May 1-7

International celebration of youth held annually during the first week of May; goal to build strong connections between youth and their communities and to profile the accomplishments and diversity of youth. Events will be running at the WVCC throughout the week and culminating in an awards

celebration and reception at Municipal Hall on the evening of May 6th. Details can be found online – search “Youth Week West Vancouver”.

Neighborhood Character Working Group

This group of volunteers has been tasked to propose regulations and policies that better respect neighbourhood character, protect heritage and mitigate the impacts of development within our community. They have reached out to the DPAC to raise awareness and promote the online survey, which is open until May 17th.. The link will be posted on slack and our next newsletter; please pass this on to parents through your PAC.

Hot Lunch Coordinators Meeting

Allison Shatz (Hot Lunch Coordinator, Gleneagles) is working to coordinate a Meet the Vendor / discuss the environmental impact of hot lunch delivery at the end of May / early June. Watch for updated information on Slack and DPAC newsletters.

Congratulations to Carolyn Broady, on being elected as Vice President of the BC School Trustees Association.

Upcoming Events

Mindset Matters Screening & Panel Discussion

May 14th, Kay Meek Centre. Seats still available for the 5pm showing. Mindset Matters is a 45-minute documentary capturing the stories of for students participating in a entrepreneurial learning program where they are tasked with creating their own business ventures, highlighting students need to learn entrepreneurial skills including problem solving, creativity, critical thinking and social responsibility to succeed in tomorrow’s economy.

Resilience Screenings

Resilience is a film about the biological impacts of stress, and chronicles the movement to prevent childhood trauma, treat toxic stress and improve the health of future generations. Screenings will be followed by a panel discussion involving experts in education, public health and mental health.

The first screening took place April 24th at Sentinel Secondary; additional screenings take place May 7th at Windsor Secondary and May 23rd at Argyle Secondary, both in North Vancouver. Event details and ticket information were in last week’s enews. We have just learned that both events are sold out; if future screenings are scheduled we will forward details.

Angst Screening & Panel Discussion

The film “Angst” is being presented by the WV Community Centres Society on May 21st at Kay Meek Centre. The film and interactive panel discussion that follows focuses on the subject of anxiety. Tickets are \$10 and available through the Kay Meek website.

WVSD Board Meeting

May 21, 7:00 pm in the WVSD Boardroom.

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Our next DPAC Meeting is the AGM on June 5th. There will be a light luncheon following the AGM.

Treasurer's Report – Nina Cheema

General Chequing Account

Balance Forward \$8,910.12
Deposit \$1,363.85 for Parent Ed ticket sales
Current Balance \$10,273.97

Gaming Account

Balance Forward \$2,274.56
Deposit of \$1.56 interest
Expenses of \$500 (chq 178) for parent education
Current Balance \$1,777.00

Proposed Budget 2019-2020

See proposed budget attached to minutes.

DPAC Executive – Call for Nominations – Danielle Katerberg

Next month at our AGM, we will be voting to elect DPAC Executive members for the 2019-2020 school year.

Nominations are now being accepted for all positions. The following current DPAC Executive members have agreed to stand for election in the following roles:

Chair - Kelly Richter
Vice Chair - Kyra Williams-Smiljanic
Secretary - Tanya Mah
Treasurer - Christina Argyros
Directors - Nina Cheema and Abbie Milavsky

Our bylaws state:

4.02. The Executive shall endeavour to include a wide variety of Directors to ensure appropriate representation from each area of the District in order that a wide variety of points of view shall be presented at Executive meetings.

We would like to expand our representation particularly in the West Van Secondary and Sentinel family of schools (No representatives from BICS, Cypress Park, Eagle Harbour, Lions Bay, Irwin Park, Ridgeview, Hollyburn, Sentinel, Chartwell, Westcot, Cedardale, or Pauline Johnson.)

Duties for all roles are outlined in the bylaws; I will highlight the duties of directors:

- 5.06 Directors
- (a) shall be members who have an interest in the district-wide nature of the business of WVD PAC;
 - (b) Should expect to be involved in one or more committees as a member or as a chairperson;
 - (c) Should be prepared to fulfill other special functions as necessary;

(d) May be a representative of a school in the district, but must be prepared to represent the majority point of view of parents in the district when on WVD PAC business.

Please consider nominating someone that you think would make a great contribution to the DPAC Executive. You may of course nominate yourself too! All nominees will be contacted to discuss the duties and determine if it is a fit for them.

Nominations can be submitted today, or online at <https://forms.gle/PoydZrS8iWh6NEuRA> (link is posted on the home page of our website).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comprehensive School Health – Kelly Richter

- The committee met on April 8
- Recap of sleep week; plan to continue with a sleep awareness event next year, details to be discussed at the May meeting
- Mental Health & Wellbeing Symposium held May 10, participants included administrators, teachers, school counsellors, parents and health care providers in our community. Well attended event; feedback and next steps from the workshop to be disseminated at a future date.
- Measles vaccinations – catch up letters going home to families, community health clinics set up to help families get up to date with vaccinations. Vaccination rates lower than expected in WVSD.

Finance & Facilities – Danielle Katerberg

Finance & Facilities meeting — April 9, 2019

- Facilities Work completed over Spring Break included repairs, painting, pressure washing etc. at various sites.
- A new snow removal plan was successfully implemented this winter, with the majority of work done by facilities staff, reducing the expense of contracting it out. This resulted in significant costs savings.
- The Irwin Park project is now pretty much complete. The drainage issue is being managed and upon further review, is not going to require the large-scale drainage upgrade that was expected.
- Ridgeview will be getting a new boiler and four air handling units.
- Sentinel Gym update:
 - After reviewing the proposed project with an architect, project manager, geotechnical consultants, structural and mechanical engineers, it became clear that the scope of the project was much larger than anticipated. The difficult decision to cancel the project was made.
 - Sentinel staff have worked out a scheduling plan to allow PE classes and the fencing academy to share the Field House gym.
- The 19/20 preliminary operating grant was reviewed; we can expect a status quo budget for next year.

Human Resources – Andy Franks

Absent/No report given

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee – Lynne Palmer

- Reminder - \$300 grant towards traffic safety initiatives, ie bike safety road seminars for students
- School Maps – all schools have been done. Cypress Park has draft version, Westcot is still to be done, Gleneagles has an old map, to be updated.
- Traffic Safety Initiatives – calendar for the year “snapshot” to be posted online
- HUB Cycling Bike to School Week – May 27-31. Is not just about biking to school, is an encouragement for “alternative” modes of transportation into the school (ie, park a few blocks away, and walk in).
- Crosswalk training — Lynne is inquiring about access to training parent volunteers
- Please email Lynne regarding what has worked to solve your traffic and safety problems.
- Any concerns, please contact your school principal to help coordinate before bringing concerns to Lynne.

Board of Education Trustees Report – Carolyn Broady

- Status quo budget. Slight increase to per pupil funding.
- Labor negotiations with BCTF. Working hard, long way from finding common ground. Hoping to have a deal by June 30, committed to making it happen. Not communicating with media, negotiating in good faith,
- Spring celebrations at schools in full swing.

Superintendent’s Report – Chris Kennedy

Administrative Announcements

Elementary Principal

- Laura Magrath will be the new principal at Chartwell. She is currently the vice-principal at Bowen Island Community School.
- Warren Zerbe will be the new principal at Ridgeview. Warren joins us from the Delta School District.

Elementary Vice-Principal

- Debbie Tobin will be the new vice-principal at Eagle Harbour Montessori. Debbie has been teaching in the Richmond School District for 27 years.
- Breanna Lloyd will be the new vice-principal at Bowen Island Community School. Breanna began her teaching career in the Sooke School District and has been teaching a variety of elementary grades at Vancouver College since 2011.
- Laine Anderson is moving from vice-principal at West Bay to vice-principal at Irwin Park and Jessica Richardson is switching places with her, moving from Irwin Park to West Bay.

Esports tournament

Ways to connect kids passions. Competing with other schools, played league of legends.

Adding “school appropriate” games and game culture changes

Mindset Matters

Filled 200 spots within 1 hour. 5pm showing is now full, spots in 7pm. Entrepreneurial mindset. Top 4 regional teams were West Vancouver teams, BC tournament next week will be represented by a West Vancouver team.

If parents think this is important, school district will bring additional information in.

Squamish Family Feast

4 graduates. Partnership with Squamish Nation to celebrate graduation of Squamish Nation students.

Summer Learning

400 registrations since opening up this morning. Last year's summer enrollment was 1000, projecting to surpass this number.

Presentation – Liz Hill, Ian Kennedy

“Everything you always wanted to know about assessment but were afraid to ask”

Speakers: Liz Hill and Ian Kennedy, Directors of Instruction

DPAC Assessment Feedback

What do you remember learning. What did teachers focus on. What did you feel was important to know or demonstrate.

BC Curriculum now

-Content (Know)

-Curricular Competencies (Do)

-Big Ideas (Understand)

Brainstorm and sharing session – Our Experience

Our Experience	Your Child's Experience
Based on limited assessment methods (tests, quizzes, projects and correctness).	Uses a variety of evidence highlighting what students know what they understand and what they can do (reflections, rubrics, feedback, quizzes, test, projects, etc.).
Focuses on achievement, effort, and participation. May use penalties and extra credits.	Focuses on describing what the students know, can do, and understand relative to standards
Calculates a grade based on all scores regardless of when collected (averages)	Looks at growth and improvement over time
Is teacher led and directed. Grades are given and students defined by a letter or percentage	Teacher AND student involved
Focus on content (information)	Focuses on knowing (content), understanding (big ideas) AND doing (skills, competencies, etc.)

Assessment is the cornerstone of our curriculum

Assessment serves 2 major purposes:

1. To inform learning – **Formative**
2. To inform what the student has learned and can demonstrate at a given time – **Summative**

District Wide Assessment Working Group Created

Development of Guiding Principles and Common Understanding

- Develop draft assessment framework
- Collect feedback from all stakeholders (students, teachers and parents)
- Refine framework
- Share finalized framework
- Support understanding of framework across the district
- Support assessment practices across the district

PAC Roundtable Dialogue – PAC Succession planning and challenges

We are improving upon the format for our dialogue, to provide an opportunity for both formal and informal discussion on the topics that are of interest to our PACs today. Amy and Kyra will start us on a discussion about PAC succession planning – what is working and maybe not working at your schools. The discussions will continue over coffee and muffins – so feel free to stay and share your thoughts and experiences. At that point, the formal portion of the meeting will be adjourned.

Adjournment: 11:20 am

West Vancouver District Parent Advisory
Council 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

Income:

Gaming Grant	\$2,500.00
Parent Ed	\$3,500.00
Total Income:	\$6,000.00

Expenses:

BCCPAC Membership	\$75.00
Parent Ed	\$6,000.00
BCCPAC Conference	\$450.00
September Welcome Event	\$300.00
Roundtable WKSH REFR	\$350.00
October Brunch	\$300.00
December Luncheon	\$500.00
AGM Luncheon	\$500.00
<u>Discretionary Fund</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$8,975.00