

CAULFEILD PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES for

Tuesday, April 25th, 2022 at 9:00am

9:00 am	Call to Order	PAC Vice Chair <i>Anna Yashkina</i>
9:03 am	Welcome	PAC Chair <i>Anna Yashkina</i>
9:05 am	Principal Report Thank you to CPAC <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 6 Wheelchair Basketball○ New Jerseys for Athletics○ Multiple Field Trips are being planned	Principal <i>Nathan Blackburn</i>

Whole School Inquiry: Our essential question

- Who are the people in our community, city, province or country from the past or present who have demonstrated the Bear Traits? How have they used those traits to help others?
- Throughout the school year, we learn so much about the people who have positively contributed to our society. Scientists, artists, activists, athletes and more have changed our world in ways that benefit others.
- For the spring term Whole School Inquiry, students will build on the knowledge we have gained so far and think about how some of these people demonstrated our Bear Traits in their work for their communities.

Ashe Brazil: ArtStarts Performance in the gym. Whole School Assembly, Feb 24th.

Managers Tour: April 18th: District Teams from the board office visited CA. 10 managers from International, Finance, Facilities and Leadership.

Total Enrollment: 389

Upcoming and Ongoing

- **Ultimate:** My thanks to coaches Stevens and Hulme. Jamborees April 27th
 - **Grade 6/7 Band:** Sign-up is on! Instrument introductions for grades 5 and 6, April 13th and 20th.
 - **Salmon Release:** Stearman Beach, April 25th at Noon with Grade 2.
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- **Reading Link Challenge:** 2 teams headed to the district competition
 - **Class Photo Day:** April 28
 - **Full Student Release Drill:** May 4th. Information going home this week. Preview in eBulletin now.
 - **Track and Feild:** Tryouts are ongoing. Teachers will inform classes and families of their grade-level teams by the end of the month.
 - District Field Meet Gr. 6/7 – May 23rd, 2023 at WVSS Gravel Field from 3:30-5:00pm
 - District Field Meet Gr. 4/5 – May 24th, 2023 at WVSS Gravel Field from 3:30-5:00pm
 - District Track Meet Gr. 4-7 – June 1st, 2023 at Terry Fox Field (SFU) from 9:30am-3:00pm
 - **WTK:** Thursday, May 18th, Afternoon only.

Planning for Next Year: Top of mind right now!

- **Planning forms in eBulletin this week.**
- **Parent request forms on this weeks eBulletin- link in ebulliten.** Ask parents to consider a number of items into consideration for their children next year. We try to take all parent requests into consideration but it is not possible to honour all the parent requests received. They do their best to have as many requests as possible. These request are a used to help guide for class building.
- **Combined Classes are Happening in the District:** potential to happen next year, extremely common in the district and others. Caulfield had these classes up until 3 years ago. As we plan for the 23/24 school year this may be a real possibility to do one once again. Reason: we have only so much physical space (classrooms), but as students and families move to our neighbourhood we are required to make sure that we use all the space we possibly can to make sure we can provide them a spot in the school. Make additional space by having the multi age classrooms. May be something we need to plan for.
<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/resources/parents/multi-age-classrooms/>
- **Calendar Changes (180 Days vs 179)** – Looking to how to see how best to accommodate the extra day and timing. There is a set number of minutes per year over an extra day. Looking at calendar now to look at slight changes for next year on the early release days. Not looking to add another early release days. Will send out calendar as soon as it gets approved by the committee.

Reminders:

Call Back for Lates and Absences: Please remember to use the call back line(604-981-1205) if your child will be late or absent from school. You may also email the teacher and caulfeild@wvschools.ca with the same information.

Summer Learning Enrollment is Open: See eBulletin for more information.

Questions:

Combined classes will there be the same, more or less divisions?

Very unlikely we will have less divisions. 3 likely options at this time:

1. 16 division school where we have straight age classes in every grade. As we do now.
2. 16 division school where we have some (not all) multi age classrooms. To make sure we have room for all all students in our neighbourhood.
3. 17 division school

Good problem – we are getting bigger. Provides some challenges but a lot of opportunities.

Does this mean class sizes will go up if we have multi age classrooms?

Class sizes are capped in BC. Would need to be extraordinary circumstances to go above the capped size limit. Class size caps are:

Kindergarten – 20

Primary – 22

Intermediate – 30

By doing some multi age classes we are able to keep the class cap sizes but have more students at the school.

What time teacher support is needed to support a multi age class? What kind of resources available for them?

Multi age classes are not unfamiliar with our teachers. As mentioned Caulfeild had multi age classes up until 3 years ago. District does everything they can to support. Research says there are only benefits for having combined classes for student learning. Caulfeild is uniquely positioned to support collaboration. Collaboration throughout the week where the teachers get together and do joint planning and sharing of materials. What we would do is use that collaboration time to support each other. If we do have multi age classrooms at Caulfeild we do have one of the schools that are best suited to have time to work together and make it work successfully. |

9:20 am

CPAC Updates

PAC Vice Chair
Anna Yashkina

1. Staff Appreciation Day: May 5 2023

Involves a catered lunch for all of the staff as well as snacks and treats during recess. During the catered lunch all of the staff has the ability to get together and enjoy their lunch. We will need lots of volunteers to cover the lunch hours, outside hours and recess time. As well as donations of snacks, drinks food. Was a post in the ebulliten in the link and the room parents have sent out the email with the links as well.

2. Music Bingo Night – May 25 2023

Bringing the same musical Bingo person to host in person that we had virtually over COVID to entertain us. We will also planning providing pizza, chips and juices for purchase.

Asking for Hot Lunch Feedback for the next year. Survey is in the creation process and the link will be sent to you.

CPAC General Meeting is also our AGM on May 30th. Elect new exec team and new budget for the year is approved. Nominations for all positions are still open. Email Aneela with interest.

Questions:

Why was it changed 3 years ago from multi age classes to straight classes like we are now:

Nathan was not the principal back then so can't speak to the specific decision to make the changes at that time. However, from his experience those decisions are always based on enrollment numbers. What class configuration looks like depends on how many children are enrolled in our school.

9:25 am

Treasurers Report

Treasurer
Marisa Yang

Highlights from Balance Sheet

- Our funds are stored in 3 accounts.
 - Operating Account – \$88,000 mainly sales we receive from hot lunch. That we pay out to our vendors.
 - Gaming Account - \$2,394.00 (we need to use up the grant within 3 years)
 - SD 45 Trust Account – \$16,000 – to pay out capital items like ipads or furniture etc.

Highlights from Profit and Loss report – actual vs. budget

- Income Side: more hot lunch sales than expected. Rare because we have more students this year so more hot lunch sales. Other than that everything is about the same.
 - Hot Lunch Costs: Only covers term 1 and 2. This term we will finish towards the end of the school year.
 - Technology enhancement spent on iPad and chrome book in the beginning of the year.
 - Cultural Building Expenses – for the cultural celebrations.
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In the process of building the budget for next year. This will be a preliminary budget for what we see for next year. However, in Sept when the new team comes in the budget can be adjusted based on the situation.

9:35 am

Role as Trustee and Answer Questions

West Vancouver
School Board
Trustee
Felicia Zhu

Newly elected last October to become a school board trustee for West Vancouver School District.

Introduction into my role as a school board trustee:

- Advocate for public education for the West Vancouver school district on a larger platform.
- Ask for more funding and support from the provincial government.
- Evaluating the super intendent
- Manages and monitors the leadership team
- Learning and engagement are my main focuses

Questions:

Advocate on behalf of the schools and you ask for investment in more money for different areas. What do we need improvement on?

Received lots of reports presented by the school district team. For example spending on: Facility and infrastructure updates.

Are you the ones that approve the final budget? Do you have the final say in everything?

There are 5 trustees on the board. The final outcome of the vote of the 5 trustees on the board. The issues the board has final decisions on include budget. Majority of the finances in the budget are salaries.

Does it mean the school board trustee is the one that talks to the ministry of education?

The trustee looks at the budget present by the CFO and then asks questions to clarify. After that, Duty to approve and understand the budget.

Trustee part of the job is to advocate and ask more money? How do you do that if you are not the one presenting the budget?

As a trustee we all belong to BCSTA. During the AGM we pass and present the motion to the provincial government to try and get through.

10:03 am

Adjournment

PAC Vice Chair
Anna Yashkina