

**West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, December 3, 2021**

School Attendance:

All West Vancouver parents and guardians are invited to General DPAC meetings. Please try to ensure that at least one representative from your school attends these meetings. Representatives present from the following schools:

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

Also present: Carolyn Broady - Chair, Board of Education; Chris Kennedy, Superintendent
34 participants attended in total.
Regrets: Eagle Harbour

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:18 am

**Adoption of Agenda: First Kyra Williams Smiljanic, Second Tanya Imhoff, passed
Adoption of November 2021 Minutes: First Kyra Williams Smiljanic, Second Helen Hall, passed**

We would like to recognize that we are gathered together on the traditional lands of the Squamish Nation and want to thank our friends and colleagues in the Nation who are working with us to guide our understanding of the history of this land and its people. We respect and honour the Elders past, present and future as we bring this knowledge to the students of our community.

Chair's Report: Kelly Richter

BCCPAC Summit for DPAC Executives was held November 19/20, key takeaways include:

- Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth, Representative for Children & Youth discussing inclusive education and comprehensive supports plus the proposed move to the new “hub” model of services.
- Metis Nation BC – excellent presentation on the history of the Metis in Canada, and the work Metis BC is doing around inclusion and equity for their peoples. Metis Younger Rosie Darling video was very impactful: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7akCot015JQ>
- First Nations Education Steering Committee – heard from the K-12 Policy Manager – discussed the role of PACs in addressing anti-indigenous racism, and their recommendations to the Ministry of Education around mandatory First Peoples course or

bundle of credits at the high school level as an anti-racism strategy and necessary for advancing the goals of Truth and Reconciliation.

- Workshop with representative from Ministry of Education on their draft Inclusive Education Information Handbook for parents – providing feedback on ease of access to information, clarity, and what was missing.
- Links to the presentations are included in the minutes for PACs that are interested; feel free to contact Kelly if you would like any additional information on any of the presentations. <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/1071-2021-dpac-summit-resources>

PAC Communications – additional information has been sent out to PAC Chairs regarding clarification around access to parent emails and developing communication practices in conjunction with your school Principals. Reminder: this will be the opening topic at our open discussion at the end of today’s meeting, and we have a few PAC Chairs that are happy to share what has worked at their schools.

PAC Meetings and gatherings going forward: that there will be a shift towards more in-person meetings moving into the new year, and we will start to see an increase in in-person events, more travel for sport, etc. based on current health guidelines. Every school community is different, and the transition back into in-person meetings will obviously be dictated by how the parents in your school are feeling. Some PACs are already meeting in person, some are trying different things like hybrid meetings – and we can learn from each other on what is working to keep connections with our parent groups.

Annual Trustee Liaison DPAC Meeting in place of the January General Meeting, which includes our Trustees and District Leadership Team. It will be held online Wednesday January 5th, and the topic will be “Emerging from COVID – What are we seeing? What are we doing? This event will include presentations from various schools around Foundation Skills – literacy & numeracy; Social Emotional Learning and the mental health challenges seen through the pandemic and the interventions the district is putting in place, and Rebuilding Community.

Upcoming Events

WVS Board Meeting - Online

December 14, 5:00 pm – request link from Amanda Barr

DPAC January Trustee Leadership DPAC Liaison Meeting - Online

January 5, 9:15 am; link will be sent out to registered attendees in January

DPAC Parent Education Event featuring Dr. Yong Zhao

- Date February 17th 2022 via zoom.
- Suggested topic of discussion: Helping Children to become self-determined learners in post-covid time.

Treasurer’s Report - Kelly Kerklaan

General Chequing Account

Balance Forward- 1 July 2021 \$7,885.20

- Current Balance as at November 30th(statement) \$7,885.20

Gaming Account

Balance Forward – 1 July 2021 \$47.38

- Current Balance as at November 30th(statement) \$2547.38

Committee Reports

School Traffic Advisory - Renee Bouchier

- Mini Grant info is updated and will be distributed soon with a new link.
- Traffic - only Cst. Mark Braithwaite on right now. Major staffing issues.
- The regular patrols have stepped up their game to patrol during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Speed watch may be coming back and they'll be looking for volunteers
- Kulvir, Mann, Communications Coordinator for North Shore Safety council: is available to help schools assess issues and set up safety blitzes. Volunteer patrol and sandwich boards etc.
- Shelley to reach out to our Translink rep regarding 262 bus issues.
- Issues have been brought forward by schools: Caulfield's increased traffic, PJ needs a lot more enforcement, Cedardale is looking at major changes to help with not blocking Taylor way.

Enhance WV – Kyra Williams Smiljanic

- No meeting this month.
- Check the website <https://www.enhancewestvan.ca/>
- Relaunching brick for donation.

Inclusion & Diversity – Kyra Williams Smiljanic

Furthering the guidance and teachings of Alden Habicon. delving deeper into the meaning of Inclusivity & Diversity

- Understanding & Embracing Neuro-Diverse Learners - Shelley Moore (Kyra will wait to hear back from UBC booking forum)
- SOGI - Ivan Coyote especially if it could touch on youth's socializing /dating dilemma in a digitally-advanced and sexually explicit era
- Blanket Exercise Ceremony - WVDPAC is hoping to organize this for spring 2022, event was planned and ready to go before the pandemic hit. No grant funding will be required for this event format; grant money may, however, still be necessary for some of the more expensive speakers, above.
- Looking forward to this new year, with such an interesting team.

Choice Consultative – Marisa Yang

- The purpose of the Choice Consultative Committee (CCC) is to review any new district programs of choice or Board/Authority Authorized courses for the 2022-2023 school year. Diane Nelson, Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovation reported that there are no proposals being put forward at this time. Therefore the Nov 23 scheduled meeting was cancelled.

BCCPAC Zoom License – Marisa Yang

As reported in this last meeting, BCCPAC have negotiated Zoom licenses for DPACs, similar to what was done last year. Specific details were sent to all PACs in our email dated Nov 19th.

- Each license can host a meeting, with no time limits, for up to 300 attendees.
- DPAC has a designated DPAC Zoom Administrator - Marisa Yang, who will be responsible for the management and scheduling of our license, and will ensure fair and equitable use for all PACs. Marisa can be reached at dpaczoom45@gmail.com. Please note this is a different email from last year.
- At this time, the licenses are available for use until the end of June 2022, and no cost to the DPAC or member PACs.
- To ensure that Zoom license requests and scheduling can proceed as smoothly as possible, we ask that each PAC let us know the following as soon as possible:
- Designate a Zoom Representative for your school PAC, and provide that person's name, email and cell number to Marisa by email.
- Please send your meeting schedule (name of meeting, date and time) to Marisa as soon as possible, so she can set up the calendar and avoid scheduling conflicts. As a reminder, you may want to consider both your PAC General Meetings and your Executive meetings.
- Your Zoom representative will receive the confidential zoom account information and will be responsible for reviewing and following the shared zoom account guidelines
- If your PAC already has a Zoom license or you do not want to participate in the use of the DPAC Zoom license, please let Marisa know as this will help her to manage the calendar.
- We hope that this will be helpful to you and your teams for virtual meetings. If you have any questions, please send them to us at dpac@wvschools.ca.

Board of Education Trustee's Report – Carolyn Broady

- Flooding Impacts - Fuel rationing extended until Dec 14th
- Provincial Volleyball continues as planned and is not impacted by fuel rationing.
- Basketball and other sports will continue as well with as much carpooling as possible.
- **Ask** - To be cautious with the fuel consumption.
- Board will start meeting in person for the board meetings starting January 2022.
- Committee meetings will continue virtually until the end of June 2022.
- Kids 5-11 vaccination started Monday November 29th and highly encourages everyone to get their kids vaccinated.
- Vaccines will not be mandated for the staff members due to labour issues and other considerations.

Superintendent's Report – Chris Kennedy (PPT presentation distributed with minutes)

- User pay buses have been on-off since last decades and will continue to be assessed.
- **Communication Protocol** - All the school administration staff and principals are reminded of the protocol in place.
- **Emergency Communications** - Voice & text messages options are being looked into and will have more information soon.
- **In-Person Events** - Board meetings, high school concerts will be held in person in school. More in-person events in elementary school might happen in the new year.
- **Enrollment for next year** - Kindergarten enrollments are on. January 15th is when out of catchment registration opens.
- **High School Open houses** - Soon the communication will be sent out for the current Grade 7 student for HS open houses.

- **High School Timetable planning for new year** – Student surveys will be conducted on the current timetable to assist with future planning; announcements expect to be made by Spring Break.
- **Health Topics:** District has access to external resources that can be used by PACs for parent education in schools. Also the district has some data that can be shared if required.
 - Vaping
 - Student Safety
 - Internet Use - Jessie Miller and VCH
 - Disordered Eating

Questions and Answers for Chris & Carolyn:

- Q: Nessa: Please note that during power outages, anyone with portable phones and anyone on VOIP do NOT have service. A texting system would be imperative in this circumstance and anything more severe like an earthquake.
 - Chris: Primary numbers shared with the school are sometimes landline numbers and it is not possible for the school to isolate if parents provide only the VOIP numbers as their primary numbers.
- Q: Kelly Kerklan: Do Grade 7 parents get invited to all 3 high school open houses or just their catchment school?
 - Chris: Plan is to have the three open houses in 3 consecutive dates so interested parents can join all three virtually.
 - Grade 7 Parent nights:
 - West Van - January 11 2022
 - Rockridge - January 12 2022
 - Sentinel, January 13 2022
 - More info will be in ebulletins and on high school websites

Q: Renee Bouchier: How about after school groups ex. Chess club coming back to elementary? Is this allowed again?

- Chris: External vendors after school hours are being approved.

Q: Kelly Ritcher: Will vaccine clinics be operated at elementary schools?

- Chris: Starting January 2022 schools may be asked to hold vaccination clinics after hours; parents must accompany kids for the 5-12 age group. More information to follow as the roll-out is communicated.

Guest Speakers – Diane Nelson, Director of Instruction interviewing Todd Ablett, WVS's Chief Instructor, Premier Robotics Academy and the "Godfather of Youth Robotics"

- Q: Kelly R: How is the Robotics program working for girls?
 - Todd: Gender doesn't matter for the robotics program and there are 2 girl powered IYPs. Encourage your girls to join the robotics program and that is all that's required.
- Q: Anya Yashkina: How can elementary students get involved in the robotics program?
 - Todd: It is currently through IYPs and there have been some outreaches in some elementary schools. Please reach out to Todd and Diane if your school is interested. Presentations and videos will be uploaded in January 2022 to the IYP website for more information.
- Q: Marisa: Is there any plan to expand the program to include more students beyond 120 in high school level?
 - Todd: Space is a consideration at the moment for the after school programs and we are continuously looking at opportunities to expand.

- Q: Kyra Williams: Can kids join in grade 9 or later, if they haven't had robotics experience in the past?
 - Todd: Yes, as long as kids have aptitude and interest they can join when they are ready for it.
- Q: Nessa Van Bergen: If there was a program or seminar we could book for our elementary schools for Todd to come in and work with our students, I think our PAC would be excited and budget for it!
 - Diane: There is an outreach program and please reach out to dnelson@wvschools.ca for more information.
- Q: How can parents volunteer for the upcoming tournament or competitions?
 - Reach out to either Diane Nelson(dnelson@wvschools.ca) for more information on volunteering

Q&A for speakers:

- Q: Nora Gambioli - Is it possible to have a discussion around having private bus service for the other school parents to use other than Sentinel?
 - A: Nora to email Renee for her to bring it up in the next School Traffic Advisory meeting
- Q: Tanya: Can Whatsapp or any other messenger service be used for quick messages to the parent community. Gleneagles currently uses it and it is working well.
 - A: Chris: I will have to work with the IT department and will take away to find more information on the use of messenger services.
- Q: Tanya: Which social media platform works the best for schools
 - Kyra: Facebook and Instagram worked well for their school and it is also important to set-up some guidelines and ethics when posting comments publically.
 - Nessa: Twitter, FB and Instagram has worked well for Chartwell. Consistent postings drive more parent interest along with focussed/compelling information.

Adjournment: 11:14 am