



ÉCOLE cedardale ELEMENTARY

IB WORLD SCHOOL

Ecole Cedardale Parent Advisory Council
Comité consultatif de parents de l'École Cedardale

Location: Ecole Cedardale Library

Date: Tuesday February 20, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

PAC General Meeting (GM)

1. Call to Order

1st – Mahsa, 2nd Corrine

2. Literacy Presentation

Stephanie Davenport and Erin Gleason

3. EC Administration

Principal's Report

Kung Fu with James Chang

- 5 sessions for each division
- Teaching self-regulation and physical literacy
- User pay option on Wednesday after school

Lunar New Year Celebrations

- Thanks to all parents/volunteers who helped create an amazing celebration
- Great opportunity to see the different arts and activities that each class did around the Lunar New Year

Winter Sports

- lack of snow meant that both skiing and tubing were postponed for the 4/5s and 6/7 classes
- Winter sports are getting tricky and expensive, open to new ideas for extracurricular activities (i.e., wilderness training, hiking, etc.)

Basketball

- Students K-7 are really excited for basketball
- New nets were purchased for the court
- User pay program available Monday/Thursday after school after Spring Break

Salmon

- 110 chum babies have hatched and are swimming around with their egg sacks
- Great way to teach the kids about connections to the environment and Brother's Creek.
- Current school theme of 'cycles' – involving seasons and animals

Norooz Celebrations -coming up next week

CPF (Canadian Parents for French) – planning to take the 4/5s to see a French movie* this may not work due to the date

UBC Engineering STEM workshops

- Will be in French, for K-7 kids starting in June
- Will have an AI element incorporated for the Gr. 6/7

Pink Shirt Day Feb. 28 – focus around Kindness

School is growing!

- There will be added spaces for Gr. 3-7 starting in the 24/25 school year
- Will be adding one new portable (WV schools do not have an issue of overcrowding and are not on the priority for school building expansion at this time, however new portable will be amazing and older students tend to prefer having their 'own space')
- Class set up will be: 2x K, 1, 2, & 3 classes
3 combined 4/5 & 6/7 classes

Tech & Cellphone Issues and Safety

- There has been a large upshift in issues with Gr.4 /5 and Gr. 6/7 in terms of digital issues – studies are finding kids are addicted to their phones
- Get as much information as you can on digital safety – there have been some recent resources in the Hawk Highlights
- Model healthy behavior at home (put phone away during family time, away during meals, and away before bed)

School Reports coming out before Spring Break

- Stay tuned for an info session regarding reading and interpreting your child's report.

4. Playground Fundraiser & Video

*Creating structures and Outdoor space

- What do we need to support our kids, new spaces for them to play outside and be creative in their free time
- Currently dealing with large areas of mud. WV school district in general struggles with land drainage issues due to geography so looking to create more paved areas in spaces that are currently quite muddy and underutilized by kids
- Recently replaced the swings and basketball nets.
- Kids love spaces for 4-square, hopscotch, more basketball, and more ball space.

GOAL: \$50 000.00

- There will be a thermometer posted outside the school to inspire the school community.
- Will start with a cheque drive which was very helpful when fundraising for the outdoor classroom – these donations will be tax deductible.

5. Fun Fete: --SUNDAY JUNE 9th--

Looking for Coordinator and volunteers

- Had the first one last year as a community rebuilding after COVID
- Was a huge success in terms of participation and a lot of fun!
- Improvement for planning and execution are already planned in regards to tickets and food.
- Looking for a Coordinator – **this role will have lots of support from the rest of the PAC and the staff.**

6. DPAC Opportunities

- District meeting and info about what is coming forward
- Lots of great presentations and information sessions

8. Adjournment

1st Mahsa, 2nd Corrine 2nd

Attendees:

Exec: Kristina, Erin, Monisha, Bhupinder, Corrine, Mahsa

Members at Large: Sara C, Yasamine L, Shoreh M, Amir M, Frank V, Ozam O, Brianna X, Krishna D, Li C, Camilla W, Mellissa M, Ramona V, Reyhan T, Stefano S, Nazarin A, Hamid A

Note: All PAC Meeting minutes are available on the EC website (<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/ecole-cedardale-elementary/parents/pac-resources/>).

** ECPAC recognizes that General Meetings are not the appropriate place to discuss school personnel, individual students, or parents **