



PAC Meeting
Wednesday May 22, 2019
8:45 am Art Room

Present:

Brenda Radies (Chair, PAC)
Andrea Bradshaw (Co- Chair)
Alexa Bodel (Treasurer, PAC)
Keelin Costello (Secretary, PAC)
Lisa Fairburn (DPAC rep)
Kelly Richter (DPAC Exec Vice Chair)
Aron Campbell (Principal)

Alison Shatz (Hot Lunch Coordinator)
Lauren Gilchrist
Kelly Kerklaan
Grace Russell
Ceri Oaten
Sara Gardner
Kirstie Simpson
Shevaun Brown

Meeting called to order @ 8:46 am

Adjourned @ 9:55 am

Adoption of minutes from April 24, 2019: Sara Gardner, Andrea Bradshaw

Adoption of the Agenda May 22, 2019: Sara Gardner, Alexa Bodel

Nominations Committee:

The Chair of the nominations committee is Sara Gardner. Sara will take nominations for the PAC positions of: PAC Chair, PAC Vice Chair, Secretary, and DPAC Representative. The deadline for nominations is June 9th 2019. Sara's email is gardner.sara@gmail.com

Pancake breakfast – Christine Mattern will be graduating this year, as her youngest child Stella is going to Rockridge in September, therefore she will not be available to organize the Pancake Breakfast next year. This has been an excellent event enjoyed by all and parents would like to keep it going, so Ceri Oaten has volunteered to organize it next year. Thank you Ceri :)

Treasurer's Report: Alexa Bodel

Balances:

no major revenue since last meeting

-Spending on:

Primary Drama Workshop \$500

Playground Equipment \$800

STEAM Consumables \$735
(all budget items)

Regarding the budgeting process. The PAC draft budget for the 2019/2020 school year can be outlined in June and the incoming PAC can vote to adopt it in September. This give the incoming PAC a chance to review the budget and adjust it to their needs for the year ahead.

DPAC Report – Lisa Fairburn.

DPAC minutes are available on the DPAC website

<https://www.westvancouver schools.ca/dpac/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2019/05/2019-may-01-dpac-gm-minutes.pdf>

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Traffic Safety

Reminder - \$300 grant towards traffic safety initiatives, ie bike safety road seminars for students. Does Gleneagles have any suggestions to utilize this grant?

A suggestion was made to put in a flag system at the Lyons Parking crosswalk. The flags disappear and are expensive to continuously replace.

A suggestion was made to put "Slow" signs on the cement wall opposite the school on Marine Drive.

Crosswalk training — Lynne is inquiring about access to training parent volunteers.

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).

Can GE buy more bike racks? They cost about \$1,500, too expensive.

Please email Lynne Palmer 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 Lynn Plamer.

See addendum - DPAC meeting minutes separate PDF document

Hot Lunch Report - Alison Shatz

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There will be a two-phase initiative to standardize Hot Lunch across the district. It will start with 6 schools first. The HL coordinators will look at new vendors, more nutritious menu options, negotiating prices and payment, increasing profitability. Helen Young, a dietitian with Vancouver Coastal Health will also attend the meeting.

40% of parents do not participate in Hot Lunch as they do not think the food is suitable for their family.

A list of likes and dislikes can be created.

Can we increase the number of hot lunch days? To do this we need more volunteers at the school to distribute the lunches.

Can we use Hot Lunch as an opportunity to teach students about food? This could work in conjunction with the school community garden and making soup for vegetables or other meals.

PAC Chair Report – Brenda Radies

Thank you to Wendy and Robin for their work on the Community Parade, now called Spring Fest West. They have said they would like to pass on the torch for this task. Gleneagles will not have a float in the parade this year. The theme this year is multiculturalism.

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Thank you to Karyn Jones who has organized the school yearbook for the past several years. Karyn will be graduating this year as her youngest son, Finnan will be going to Rockridge. Karyn has taken many photos of the children throughout the year, making sure we have a fine collection for the yearbook. We would like a volunteer to step into Karyn's shoes for next year. We will need them early in the year so that they can start capturing those precious pictures.

Some items to consider for next year's PAC budget:

A strong case was made to bring Selema Noon Annually. She cost \$1,522 last year. The PAC should decide soon as we need to book early as she has a long lead time.

Digital Literacy – is this a valuable talk? Do we keep it?

Jessie Miller is good, but repetitive.

The police gave a talk about digital safety/social media, this was free. The vaping talk was very good.

Principles Report – Aron Campbell

Feedback about vaping talk is very positive. Good to give the talk to grade 4 and up. Parents found the talk very informative.

Regarding district Track and Field Meets. Parents commented that North Vancouver has a more sophisticated system. Participants compete in district, regional and then the qualifiers go to Swangard (provincials).

West Vancouver district focuses on participation that is why students only run the relay races and not the 100m or 200m races. West Vancouver used to have the same system as North Vancouver school district. There is a lack of facilities in West Vancouver, the track is in disrepair.

At the next PAC meeting Geoff Jopson from West Vancouver a Place for Sport will give a talk. They are looking for a \$2500 donation from each school for the new Track. The general response is that this is a lot of money to ask for from Gleneagles parents. It represents 8-10 % of the PAC budget. Suggestion that the donation be on a per capita basis or perhaps if the PAC could fundraise for this specifically. This will be a decision for next year's PAC. Brenda will ask on SLAC what other schools are doing.

Enrollment for September is strong we have 249 students and classes are full. There will be a straight kindergarten class taught by Mrs. Robinson. Mr. Odegaard will also be returning from maternity leave. For more information about configuration see the Principles Report notes.

Parent input forms are now available from the office.

Spring Concert is on May 30th, 6:30pm. Tickets available now \$5 school cash online.

The ProD day on May 17th focused on numeracy. Ms. Laura Beesting a former teacher from the UK, current Bowen Island resident and tutor shared her knowledge about intermediate numeracy. She has a book, Bridging the Math Gap. She is available to come to the school to give parents a talk.

Teachers want to enlist families support to increase multiplication skills. There is a place for rote learning.

There is a disconnect between grade 7 math and grade 8 math that needs to be addressed. This also came up as a topic at the DPAC meeting.

See addendum – Principles Report notes separate PDF document

Any Other Business

Trollers Pub – ask Kim Whittal to follow up with Trollers to collect their donation to the school. The dads are doing a good job of having their monthly night out, but the moms are lagging behind and need to up their game ;)

PAC nomination and election process – If you know of a person who is interested in taking on a PAC position, please ask them if you can put their name forward. Rally your peer group and ask them if they are interested before the nomination period expires. Usually, not more than one person shows interest in a role. If there are two people interested and they put their name forward, then a vote is held. The reigning Chair will usually try to make sure there are people interested in filling the positions and will ask around. It's a democratic process.

Next PAC meeting

Wednesday June 19, 2019 6:30 pm