



PAC Meeting
Wednesday June 19, 2019
6:30 Library

Present:

Brenda Radies (Chair, PAC)
 Alexa Bodel (Treasurer, PAC)
 Keelin Costello (Secretary, PAC)
 Lisa Fairburn (DPAC rep)
 Kelly Richter (DPAC Exec Vice Chair)
 Aron Campbell (Principal)
 Sara Gardner
 Kirstie Simpson

Shevaun Brown
 Wendy Human
 Kelly Kerklaan
 Heather Nigh
 Lauren Gilchrist
 Sean Fairburn
 Lisa Leeson
 Heather Nelson

Meeting called to order @ 6:35 pm

Adjourned @ 8:10 pm

Adoption of minutes from May 22, 2019: Alexa Bodel, Lisa Fairburn

Adoption of the Agenda June 19, 2019: Alexa Bodel, Lisa Fairburn

PAC Chair End of Year Review – Brenda Radies

Brenda presented slides giving an end of year summary of initiatives funded by PAC , see table below.

Educational Enrichments	Capital Upgrades & Equipment	Arts	PAC Support	Community
Circles Tennis High Tech High Touch (Science in-Service) Books Zen Maker Labs Makerspace Internet Safety Market Garden Roots of Empathy	Self Regulation Supplies Final Projector Traffic Signs Playground Equip 10 new iPads purchased June 2018 in use Sept 2018	Art Supplies Drama Workshop Art Starts	Welcome Tea Book Fair Pancake Breakfast District Track Meet Sports Day Grade 7 Promotion and Rockridge Tour	Mexican Fiesta Spring Fest West, leadership and 3D Clubs

Also, a very big thank you to following people:

Jennessa Rousseau – Hot lunch,
Theresa Corey – Hot lunch,
Allison Schatz – Hot lunch,
Kelly Richter – Record breaking Book Fair,
Shevaun Brown – Mexican Fiesta,
Wendy Human – Spring Fest West,
Robyn Markham – Traffic Safety,
Christine Mattern – Pancake Breakfast,
Karyn Jones – Spirit Wear, Spring Concert Costumes, Grad Yearbook and Decorations.

Thank you also to some local businesses who have given us amazing support: Pastameli, Whittall Real Estate and Blendz Coffee.

General comments and questions:

This year the PAC spending and support emphasis was on Applied Design Skills and Technology (ADST).

A question was raised about corporate donations. What do we provide in return? Aron has some information about this that he can provide. Margaret Prichard is the person in the district who deals with communication policy and knows what the guidelines are to reach parents. Kelly mentioned that there is a handbook available. Direct marketing to students is not permitted. Wendy Human pointed out that we often have personal relationships with the corporations we are dealing with and it's important that we keep our promise to them which is usually to provide low-key "Thank you" and logos in the background. It's important that we state clearly what we can do in return for their support.

Guest Speaker – Mr. Geoff Jopson (Former Superintendent of West Vancouver Schools and Past Chair West Vancouver Foundation. He is a current resident of Horseshoe Bay)

Mr. Jopson gave a presentation about the West Vancouver Place for Sport. The current track at West Vancouver Secondary school is in a very bad state of repair and needs to be replaced. The idea is, not just replace the track, but to develop a place for sport. To include a 5-lane rubberized track an artificial turf field, lights, a rugby field, handicap washrooms etc... Once built, all schools would have use of the facility until 5pm, after 5pm it would be managed through the municipality, Parks & Recreation. Revenue generated will be used for upkeep and repair.

Just over \$1m has been raised to date and \$4m more is required. The project would like a major donor who will have naming rights. Once more money has been raised, the council will come in with more money.

Christmas 2019 is the deadline to raise the money. If this deadline/target is not reached, the campaign will be abandoned. If the fundraising is successful, the facility will be built by fall 2020.

Gleneagles PAC is being asked for \$2,500, we will be given a maple leaf on the wall.

Comments and Questions:

If GEPAC decides to donate \$2,500 and the WVPS does not raise the additional funds, will we get our money back? Yes, the GEPAC would get the money back and could then decide to use the funds for something else.

Is there a plan B? A scaled down version would be to just repave the track.

Mr. Jopson mentioned that West Vancouver residents are very generous, just not in West Vancouver. The challenge is to persuade them to give here, "Give where you live".

Wendy Human – 3 to 4 months ago the WVPS project was not on her radar, however after our district track meet day she saw how much of a community hub the track could be and that it is embarrassing to see the state it is in. Other communities have amazing facilities. This is a chance to have a community hub we can be proud of.

Kirsty Simpson – her husband works for TECK Resources (a Vancouver based minerals resource company) and this is the kind of community project that TECK often donates to. In the past TECK has matched employee donations to the school, perhaps they could be approached to donate to the WVPS project.

Mr. Campbell – what happens if a big corporate sponsor is for example a tobacco company or Pepsi? What is the policy about naming rights? The naming rights will be approved in accordance with the ministry policy.

Principles Report: Mr. Aron Campbell

West Van Place for Sport

- Presenter:
 - Geoff Jopson, former Superintendent of Schools WVSD, Chair of the West Vancouver Foundation
- Appeal to Elementary Schools for 2500.00
- Commitment by Sept 2019
- GEC GPAC to decide by end of Sept to commit.

School Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong enrollment with 250 students registered • Similar configuration as last year • Very grateful and proud of the strong enrollment here at GEC • We are graduating 34 x Gr 7s in June 2019 and welcoming 42 new students (15 KGs) • Taylor McIntyre Continuing contract • Caitlyn Inkster Continuing Part Time Music • Mrs. Daniella Gielnik has completed her masters and is leaving to go to the Connect program at Rockridge Secondary School • Ms. Steph Johannesen is leaving and going to Hollyburn Elementary • Goodbyes to Mayert (Gr ½ and 6/7), Chou (Primary Music) , Casey Kennedy/ Corinna Wolfe Jeske (ELL) Janean Kinnear (TA)
Roots of Empathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So grateful for the efforts of Heather Nelson and the PAC to support this invaluable program with Meaghan Robertson this 18-19 School Year. • Just had our last ROE Lesson today in Div 8 Judy Downie • Presented both Meaghan R and Baby Olive and Heather N with planters and cards as a token of our appreciation. • Heather is keen to run the program again and we have found a family that is keen to provide a baby - Will (Div 10) and Amanda (Mom) will be sharing Will's little sister as our ROE Baby in Div 10 with Meaghan Robertson in the 19-20 school year
Summer Reading Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing with all parents via kids' CSL reports • Encouraging kids to be reading all the time when they are away or over the summer • Send a pic (via smart phone and email) of them reading somewhere to Mr. Campbell or send a postcard of a destination they have visited (Writing Fluency) to Mr. Campbell at GEC • • All submissions will be posted on our summer reading bulletin Board the first week back and then entered into a draw for literacy related Gift Certificate (KidsBooks) and then (Indigo) • Pls spread the news and share my email!
Modernization Effort taking effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured some District funding and carpentry commitment to replace countertops with more modernized learning spaces for our Gr 6/7s; high top tables and high tops stools to provide for flexible seating in our Gr 6/7 area

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Also replacing the lockers ; Gr 6/7 will have access to their own locker; brand new in Div ½ wing• Gym floor is being refinished this summer and as part of the Grade 7 Legacy gift, a School Mascot emblem will be embossed on the centre of the gym floor GEC; prepared for summer
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Comments and questions:

Has air-conditioning been factored into the modernization effort? It is needed in several rooms and students and teachers are very uncomfortable.

Some electrical work needs to be addressed so that fuses do not blow out. For example, currently, when the stove top is switched on if the floor buffer is used at the same time the fuse will blow out.

Will announcements be made before the summer about which teachers will be appointed to which classes? It's not possible to do this because things can change over the summer, teachers leaving and new teachers appointed also the teachers need time to assess and balance the classes.

Appointment of 2019/2020 PAC Executive:

Report from the Nominations Committee – Sara Gardner:

Introduction of Candidates:

PAC Chair – Lisa Fairburn

PAC Vice Chair – Kelly Richter

Treasurer – Kelly Kirklaan

Secretary – Shevaun Brown

DPAC Rep – Wendy Human

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Allison Schatz

Call for any other nominations was made; with no further nominations, all candidates were acclaimed.

Budget 2019/2020

There is \$54,000 across 3 accounts, but expenses must come out.

Hot lunch this year made \$17,000 an increase on last year.

See attached PDF of both 2018/2019 budget plus the new budget 2019/2020

A motion was made to add Saleema Noon, sexual health educator, to the budget for next year. This will cost approx. \$1,600. The motion was carried. Saleema needs to be booked asap. This amount has been added to the new budget.

A Place For Sport – as a new PAC executive committee has just been elected, the final decision on supporting A Place for Sport will be made in September. The consensus at today's meeting is yes, but we need to decide how much and how to raise the amount. An addendum can be made to the budget once the decision has been made. It was noted that West bay Elementary have committed \$5,000. Some suggestions were made about how to raise the money.

Could Lions bay Elementary chip in? Get the kids involved to fundraise. The PAC could match what the kids raise. Have a specific cheque drive for the program.

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Alexa (treasurer) mentioned that when we do a cheque drive through the school cash online, the money goes into the Trust Account. There are limits on what you can spend this money on i.e. physical objects. We need to check with Margo at the district if funds for A Place for Sport can come out of the Trust Account.

Musician in residence – Norman Foote TBD. He offers 1 hours of time to do Halloween songs with the students. It is up to Ms. Inkster to then practice the songs and prepare for a concert with Norman Foote at the Kay Meek. There will be a charge of \$10 per person to attend the Kay Meek.

Alternatively, his artist in residence fee is \$1,200 for 2 sessions and he can be booked thorough his handler. The new PAC needs to decide and let Aron know.

Kim Whittall to follow up with Trollers to collect donation.

A motion was put forward to pass the 2019/2020 budget (Sara Gardner, Alexa Bodel). Budget was passed.

DPAC Report – Lisa Fairburn.

DPAC minutes are available on the DPAC website

<https://www.westvancouver.schools.ca/dpac/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2019/06/2019-June-05-DPAC-AGM-Minutes.pdf>

Any Other Business

A request was made by Lisa Leeson to add an agenda item to the first meeting on the new school year about the Bring Your Own Device program. There are some concerns about starting this program in grade 4, is this too young? Is it too much screen time? What IT support does the school/district give? Aron mentioned that he can share his presentation about the program again in September.

Next PAC meeting

TBD – Fall 2019