



West Vancouver DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Present: Representatives from the following schools:
Caulfeild, Cedardale, Eagle Harbour, Gleneagles, Hollyburn, Inglewood, Pauline Johnson,
Rockridge, Sentinel, West Bay, Westcot

Chris Kennedy, WVS Superintendent
Nicole Brown, School Board Trustee

Absent: BICS, Chartwell, Cypress Park, Irwin Park, Lions Bay, Ridgeview, WVSS

Welcome & call to order

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 as we bring this knowledge to the students of our community.

Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

Adoption of Amended Agenda

Motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended.

First: Kelly
Second: Anya
So moved.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion to approve the February 1 2023 meeting minutes.

First: Tonia
Second: Melania
So moved.

Chairs' Report – Tanja Imhoff & Maria Bird

School District Liaison Meeting

District Liaison Meetings held this past month; important discussions were had with all stakeholders at the table. The DPAC extends our gratitude to the District Leadership Team, our Trustees, and our parents for taking the time to get involve benefitting our community and our children.

Parent Education Planning Meeting May 24 at ILC

A second planning event will take place to help with speaker planning for next year; attendees to include DLT, Principals and some PAC representatives.

Reminder to log on to PAC website and check log in works

PAC website login procedures have been updated and now require two factor authentication. Some schools have experienced issues; every PAC has been asked to try to login to determine if there are any issues.

Q: Request for more information from IT on how to change phone numbers for authentication as this would be useful – especially with PAC turnover at year end.

Blanket Exercise coming to a school near you

At the beginning of January, the WVS DPAC was able to experience the Blanket Exercise facilitated by two amazing Indigenous Educational Leaders - Stephani Maki (Coquitlam District Principal of Indigenous Education) and Brad Baker (Associate Superintendent of Indigenous Education, Ministry of Education and Child Care). Early this month an email went out to all PAC chairs informing them of their assigned event date with their family of school. Due to the nature of the activity, space is limited to 50 participants at each FOS Blanket Exercise. We asked them to send us a list of attendees by March 10th. Can we get a show of hands which PACs have started taking names? This event is high in demand. If you will not fill all the school's allotted spots, please let us know. Discussion on how various PACs are managing the registration process.

Rockridge - Tuesday, April 4 - Rockridge Secondary School – 6:00 to 8:00 pm	Trevor Kolkea
Rockridge	1 Admin + 13 parents
Lions Bay/Gleneagles	1 Admin + 8 parents
Bowen Island	1 Admin + 8 parents
Eagle Harbour/Caulfield	1 Admin + 8 parents
Cypress Park/West Bay	1 Admin + 8 parents
	Total 50

Sentinel FOS - Wednesday, April 5 - Sentinel Secondary School - 6:00 to 8:00 pm	Host – Mike Finch
Sentinel	1 Admin + 13 parents
Wescot	1 Admin + 8 parents
Ecole PJ	1 Admin + 8 parents
Ecole CD	1 Admin + 8 parents
Chartwell	1 Admin + 8 parents
	Total 50

WVSS FOS - Wednesday, April 12 – West Vancouver Secondary 6:00 to 8:00 pm	Host - Steve Rauh
WVSS/Inglewood	1 Admin + 16 parents
Hollyburn	1 Admin + 10 parents
Ridgeview	1 Admin + 10 parents
Irwin Park	1 Admin + 10 parents
	Total 50

Tip of the Month

Fundraising

1, Assess fundraising needs. Pick the right number of fundraisers. Too many and there can be fundraising fatigue. Pick a few key ones that will keep parents interested. Mix larger and smaller ones.

2. Coordinate with the school so there isn't overlap between grad fundraising or school/ student fundraisers or causes. Reach out to feeder school so as not to compete with similar fundraisers.
3. Change it up from year to year. Sometimes a shakeup is needed especially if you see fundraising numbers drop.
4. Look for a variety of fundraisers that may be adult/parent only or ones that include the students. Kids take great pride in the fact they raised money towards a tangible object at school.
5. Many fundraising opportunities around the community. Several restaurants offer a percentage of sales on an arranged night. Some food/grocery stores offer percentage of sales on product or gift cards. Many new businesses reach out through PAC emails.
6. Assess the amount of work to pull off a fundraiser vs return

Treasurer's Report

West Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council Treasurer's Report

As at and for the period ended February 28, 2023

BUDGET vs. ACTUAL	2022-2023 Approved Budget	February Actual	2022-2023 Year-to-Date Actual	+/-
Income				
Gaming Grant	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	0.00
Parent Education	2,000.00	-	-	-2,000.00
Interest	5.00	3.78	13.06	8.06
Total income	4,505.00	3.78	2,513.06	-1,991.94
Expenses				
Parent Education	4,000.00	-	-	-4,000.00
Discretionary Fund	500.00	-	-	-500.00
Luncheon and meeting costs	3,000.00	-	1,468.21	-1,531.79
BCCPAC Conference	450.00	-	-	-450.00
Gifts and appreciation	300.00	-	-	-300.00
BCCPAC membership	150.00	-	150.00	0.00
Stationary and admin costs	350.00	-	-	-350.00
Total expenses	8,750.00	-	1,618.21	-7,131.79
Net income/(loss) for the period	-4,245.00	-	894.85	-

Bank reconciliations at February 28, 2023

Cash - General Account

Balance per Bank Statement at
February 24, 2023:

\$6,325.65

Outstanding Deposits (+):

Outstanding cheques(-):

Cash available for use: \$6,325.65

Online Balance at Feb. 28, 2023: \$6,325.65

Cash - Gaming Account

Balance per Bank Stmt at
February 2, 2023

\$2,408.55

Outstanding Deposits (+):

Outstanding cheques(-):

Cash available for use: \$2,408.55

Online Balance at Feb. 28, 2023: \$2,408.55

DPAC Balance Sheet - As of 2023-02-28
(in Canadian Dollars) (Cash Basis)

Account	2023-02-28 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Gaming Account	2,408.55
Operating Account	6,325.65
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	8,734.20
TOTAL ASSETS	8,734.20
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	8,734.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	8,734.20

- Only activity is interest in the amount of \$3.78.
- \$6,325 in General Account
- \$2,408 in Gaming Grant; almost all of this is earmarked for honorariums.
- Noted that DPAC has not been able to login to our website, therefore minutes, agendas and other resources have not been updated. Apologies, working to rectify this as soon as possible.
- Discussion about best practices for budget presentation (spreadsheet). Noted that all budget changes need to be voted on by PAC membership, according to your PAC bylaws.

Committee Reports

Traffic & Safety: Jatinder Sidhu

- NSSC meeting cancelled and there has not been a START meeting due to snow.
- Q: has WVS requested that WV District shovel the snow from sidewalk along Crosscreek to 15th (Sentinel – students walking to bus stop). A: Yes, we identify these areas adjacent to school properties to the district, appreciate the feedback.

Finance & Facilities: Kelly Richter

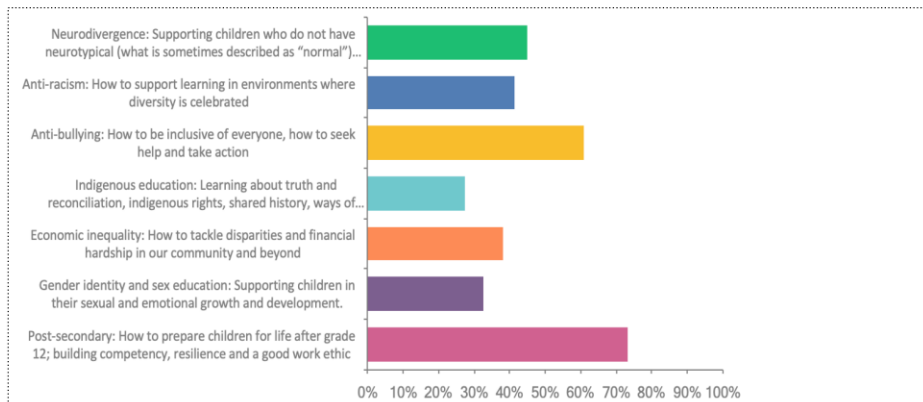
- Presentation of 2023 Amended Annual Budget, highlighting how the budget supports the district’s FESL goals of Human and Social Development, Intellectual Development and Career Development.
- In accordance with the new Ministry of Education and Child Care requirement for districts to prepare multi-year financial plans, Secretary Treasurer Leiterman presented the plan covering the current year through 2024/25.
- It was noted that financial challenges are forecasted to continue with the expected decline in international student enrollment and increasing IT cost requirements.

Equity Diversity & Inclusion: Nikta Razavi

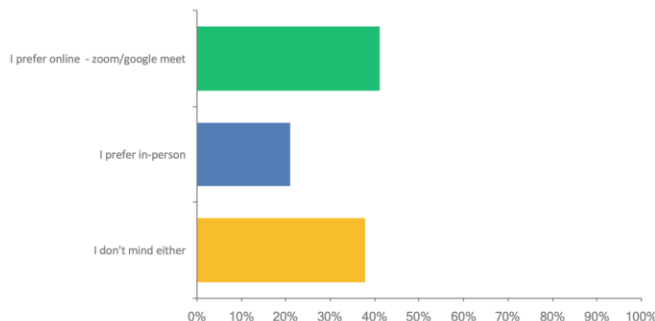
- Parent speaker topic interest survey results shared
 - Most popular – preparing for life after grade 12, 2nd – Anti-bullying
- Online vs. in person – equal
- Evening vs. daytime – strong preference for evening
- Experts on most popular topics: Dr. Yong Zhao (DPAC Presentation last year) or Dr. Hayley Watson – presentation planned for later this spring.
- Also – Shelly Hyme (UBC professor – anti-bullying) and Ryan Broadfoot – student and parent presentation options.
- Looking at various options – larger presentation, interactive round-table discussions, documentary screening
- Community engagement / “Ask Anything” style events with partners such as WVML, School Administrators, NV Presentation House, local colleges and universities.

PowerPoint:

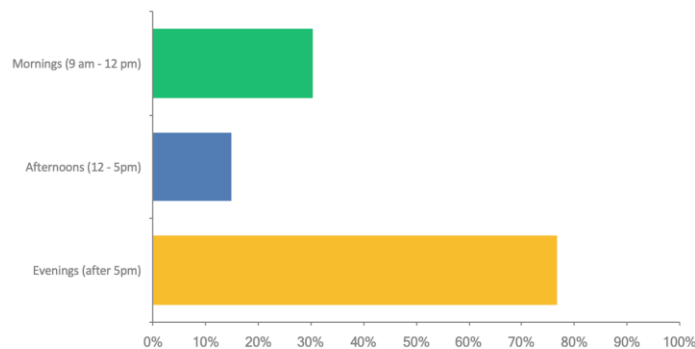
Q1: Please tell us what topics you would be more interested in learning more about



Q2: Please indicate whether you would prefer these learning opportunities to be offered online or in person



Q3: Tell us what times work best for you to participate in these learning opportunities



Experts on the most popular topics:

Topic 1) Preparation for Post-secondary

- Dr. Yong Zhao
- How to foster student autonomy and leadership
- How to champion inventive learners with necessary resources
- How to develop global partners and resources

Topic 2) Anti-bullying

- Dr. Haley Watson
- Shelly Hymeil (UBC professor anti-bullying)
- Ryan Broadfoot

Planning for Educational Events

- Presentation or interactive round-table discussions
- Multicultural day at individual schools or a whole community event
 - The Bridge Festival
- Incorporation of cultural celebrations into the curriculum
- Screening of documentaries
- The district's Pro-D presentation done by students openly discussing mental health challenges
- positive impacts that teachers, school programs, and clubs have had on their sense of belonging and well-being.

Action along with Education

Community engagement events

Partners

- WVM Library
- School Administrators
- North Vancouver Presentation House
- Local Colleges and Universities

Board of Education Trustee’s Report – Vice Chair Nicole Brown

- Appreciation for the Trustee Liaison sessions, first time doing it in this format. Great to have the opportunity to sit down and hash out a large range of issues, especially in light of the coming challenging budget planning / upcoming 4 year strategic plan cycle. Allows for sharing of school values, goals. Key issues – mental health, retaining supports in classroom, programs of choice, building sense of community, transitions into and out of high school, effective communication.
- Provincial budget came out yesterday; no funding for inflationary cost pressures.
- Recruitment and retention; struggles around keeping staff being experienced across the province. WVS focus – how do we continue being a place staff want to come to / stay with, as there are many choices out there. High functioning happy staff greatly impact student success.
- Q: Is WVS starting to consider more part-time positions? A: (Chris) We have more staff wanting to not work full time, but preference to have continuing of teaching in a classroom. Getting push on this all the time, in a competitive work environment.

Superintendent’s Report – Chris Kennedy

- IT – appreciate comments about technology issues.
 - Asking PACs to be ever more cautious around data and privacy concerns. Seeing more cyber attacks, concerns from privacy commissioner and individual families.
 - Discussion around TikTok – will be off
- Admin moves – anticipate very few moves; will be announced in April.
- Parent Education – little anxious about attendance this evening. Suggestion that it be recorded as there are many competing events this evening.
- Q: speak to Chat GPT. A: Not inclined to ban this, need for interesting conversations around this as the technology and use evolves. Beginning of AI and how it impact the school system.

Upcoming Events

Events are all listed on the DPAC webpage

Physical Literacy Presentation	March 1, 7 pm
EducationBC Workshop: Parents as Education and Career Coaches	March 8
Blanket Exercise with Family of Schools	April 4, 5, & 12, 6-8pm
DPAC General Meeting	April 5, 9:15 am
Open Parachute with Dr. Hayley Watson	April 24, Kay Meek

Presentation #1: FESL & Strategic Planning: Liz Hill

Director of Instruction, Liz Hill provided a summary of the district’s current Framework for Enhancing Student Learning goals and strategies. DPAC members will then be asked to provide feedback and input to the potential areas of focus and direction for the future Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

- Last 3 year – focus on Sense of Belonging, Numeracy and Career & Life Goals. Goals have helped focus work within the district.
 - Sense of belonging – 21/22 data is now higher than provincial average.
 - Numeracy goals – targeted supports to help specific (Indigenous) students, end up helping all students improve. Anecdotal feedback – slight trend upwards. Difficult to measure as this represents a small group of students.

- Career Satisfaction – feeling of satisfaction for students was the goal; helping them understand why they are learning what they are in careers. 21/22 data is now higher than provincial average.
- Moving Forward: Examination of current WVS data available, and of Areas of Focus and Key Drivers for the district.
- Intellectual Data – based on grade 4&7 FSA and Grade 10 Literacy and Numeracy assessments
 - Compared to province, literacy results exceed provincial averages
 - Numeracy results also exceed provincial results
 - Both include disaggregated populations (Indigenous students, students with Disabilities or Diverse Abilities)
 - Data within WVS – Numeracy results are not as strong as Literacy results (although still higher than provincial average)
 - Human and Social Data trends – results are similar or only slightly above provincial average. Suggestion that there are areas of opportunity related to supporting adults within the community, sleep and general mental health.
- Career Development Data Trends
 - 5 year completion rates are above provincial average
 - Post secondary transitions are strong, anecdotal data only as only students attending BC post secondary are recorded (does not catch out-of-province or international post-secondary).
- Key Drivers for WVS: Numeracy, Indigenous Education, Core Competencies
 - Focus on Transitions (Early Learning, Elementary to Secondary, Post Secondary)
 - French Immersion Review (Successful transitions, French language and culture, sense of belonging and community connection)
 - New Student Reporting (focus on assessment principles, levels of proficiency)
 - Focus on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Moving Forward: Three Potential Areas of Focus for 2023/2027 FESL
 - Effective and Meaningful Transitions
 - Numeracy for All (application of skills – interpret, apply, solve, analyse and communicate)
 - Sense of Belonging for Optimal Learning (connection and care)
- Parent feedback & discussion
- Next Steps: meeting with students, teachers, administrators in coming weeks to finalize goals. Open feedback around specific strategies to follow. Liz welcomed direct feedback from parents as the process evolves (email).

Presentation #2: Traffic & Safety: Kulvir Mann, Jatinder Sidhu & Rowena Veylan

Presenters Jatinder Sidhu and School Board Trustee of North Vancouver District, Kulvir Mann, Rowena Veylan, PAC Chair – Pauline Johnson will be presenting on traffic challenges in our community and initiatives that can help improve safety at your school.

- Communication – provide opportunities for various ways to access the schools (without driving), provide clear messages around safety rules in school zones/property
- School Safety Audit Program – takes place each fall.
 - Site visits Sept/Nov, Analysis Dec/Jan. Quick fixes identified. Report to WV District council – Spring 2023.
 - RFB (Rectangular Flashing Beacons) – many requests for marked & flashing crosswalks, each costs \$10K

- School Streets – pilot program in other parts of Canada
- Benefits of active kids clearly communicated (physical literacy), promotion of active travel to and from school
- Pauline Johnson PAC: traffic awareness blitz
 - PJ Dad volunteers directing traffic for one week, educating school community. WV Police came on Thursday & Friday, ICBC also attended one day.
 - Distributed maps to parents on where to park safely
 - Planning to repeat 2nd week back to school in September, after holiday break (January) and after Spring Break (March/April)
 - Hoping new habits will be formed in September
- Kulvir Mann – NS Safety Council, advocating and raising awareness around safety concerns in the community & around schools
 - All WV PACs invited & welcome to attend
 - Conduct safety blitzes in coordination with ICBC
 - BCAA has a program – provide whistles, vests, cones for volunteers. Kulvir also available to train parent and student volunteers.
- Safety Blitzes – available for all schools. Reach out to Kulvir, take place in September, January and after Spring Break.
- Encourage participation during Bike to School week – May 29 to June 2
- New initiative focussed on slow streets within school communities; name of committee and meeting date to be confirmed
- Q: Discussion around signage around school areas to be brought forward to Engineering, as many options are not allowed. (PJ)
- Q: Is there a way to connect with Bylaws to ask that violations be ticketed during the safety blitz, not just provided with a warning as this is being ignored. A: Focus is on education during safety blitz however you can ask Bylaws to visit school at a different time, and in those situations violations are ticketed.
- Q: Does Engineering understand what the goals of the school are? Some findings from safety audit don't take goals into consideration. How to manage? A: Speak to Principal, ask to review the document and ensure goals are clearly communicated.
- Working on free transit buses for kids 13-18 years to assist with active transportation for high school kids.

Adjourn meeting – 11:41