

HPAC Meeting – Tuesday, October 12th at 4 pm

Via Zoom

Welcome & Introductions:

I would like to welcome everyone here today and thank you for joining us for our monthly PAC Meeting. 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.

We are still looking to fill roles for next year and so I am asking that each of you think about these roles and if there is someone you know that might be interested in any of these roles, please give them my contact information so I can speak with them.

We are fortunate that Asem has stepped up and offered to shadow me and assume the role of PAC Chair for the next school year - 2022/2023 if no one else steps up. Thank you so much Asem - without you stepping up we may not have had a PAC if the PAC Chair role was not filled.

We still need to find:

- PAC Co Chair
- Treasurer

Class Parents:

We have put out the information on Class Parents and so far I have only received 2 emails requesting to be a Class Parent. Does anyone here want to be their Class Parent? Please help to find parents to fill these roles. Thank you!

Hot Lunch Update

We have had many late orders and a couple changes and so the numbers have changed for our sales!

We are currently at:

- Sales: \$20,239.00
- Profit: \$6,817.50

Our Team is set - we have our distribution team in place and doing a great job!

I will be bringing Annie in the fold soon to learn how to run the munchalunch system and oversee Hot Lunch.

I will also be looking to add a new vendor for Mondays to supplement Pizza Mondays. I am in the process of sourcing a Persian Vendor to add to Mondays. Hoping to have this in place for January. Asem has offered to help find one.

Treasurer Update:

HPAC account balance = \$40,729.20

This is high as we have received the munchalunch deposits but have not paid the vendors yet.

We have paid for some of our pre-approved budget items (Classroom funds, Principal amount and PE supplies = \$6000) and so this will go out this month.

Gaming Account balance = \$14,385.19

We have just paid \$250 for recess equipment eg. basketballs, soccer balls etc for use at recess. This is also a pre-approved budget item.

Intermediate Foyer Update:

The District has removed the bench seating. The teachers and Ms. Miller are now making their wish list of items for the area.

Earlene has done some initial research into suppliers and delivery timelines and it will take a few months to get new items.

This will all need to be approved by the School District before we purchase any new furniture and so this project will progress slowly.

We will update as we move along.

DPAC Update (Asem):

We attended the DPAC General Meeting on Wednesday, October 6th and the focus of the meeting was twofold - the first part, which took most of the meeting time, was focused on voting for a motion to put forth a letter to the government to amend the COVID protocols in our schools. Each school had 2 votes - most of the schools in our District were present. Monica and Asem voted on behalf of Hollyburn. The voting was unanimously in favour of drafting the letter and presenting it to the government. There were 2 schools not in favour and a couple of schools that abstained from voting as they wanted more time to decide and therefore their vote counted as a no. The letter was addressed to the Honourable Jennifer Whiteside (The Minister of Education), The Honourable Adrian Dix (Minister of Health) and Dr Bonnie Henry (The Provincial Health Officer). In the letter it states that on behalf of the West Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (WVan DPAC) the District of West Vancouver Parent Body would like to request the following:

1. Enhanced Contact Tracing - to ensure that accurate and timely identification of potential close contacts within school settings are identified, we ask that teachers and staff have increased involvement in contact tracing efforts
2. Prioritize School Exposure Notifications - to ensure the potential of transmission in school settings is minimized, we ask that notifications for potential school exposures be prioritized and be extended to include anyone who attends or works at the school with the Covid-19 positive individual. Details of the classes affected should be made available.
3. Convenient Access to Rapid & PCR Testing - request that the BC Government provide barrier-free, timely and convenient access to rapid testing and PCR testing for both symptomatic and pre-symptomatic/asymptomatic students

The letter was sent on October 8th and we now wait to see if any changes will be made. The letter can be viewed via this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IDTOzAohTqoeySwa4ywLU9uWv16--C/view?usp=sharing>

Other updates from the DPAC General Meeting:

- PAC 101 - there was a presentation on What is PAC, Why it is so Important and how to run a PAC. We have presented this topic at our PAC Meetings in the past and will present again when we have new PAC members or are recruiting for new members
- HR Committee - I presented on the meeting I attended in September on HR in the District. Topics included:
 - Preliminary Enrolment numbers - submitted to the Ministry on Sept 30th for approval and numbers will be announced once approved
 - Recruitment - there have been 103 support staff and 68 teacher postings for this school year with approx 20 new teachers and 40 new support staff employees in our District
 - District applied to the Office of BC Human Rights Commissioner for a special program which has been approved. This provides the District the ability to give preference to the hiring of persons of self-identified indigenous ancestry for two specific positions - Indigenous Success Teacher and Indigenous Youth Worker. Approval has been granted for a 5 year period.
- Wellness/ Health & Safety - the District transitioned from a COVID Safety Plan to a Communicable Disease Plan as part of BC's stage 3 Restart Plan. A Flu Clinic is confirmed for October 15th for teachers and staff in the District
- Teacher Bargaining - The provincial parties signed a letter of agreement creating a trial procedure for local teacher bargaining this round. Local bargaining can commence as early as November 1st and must conclude by March 4th.

Fundraisers for Term 1

I did not hear from anyone regarding ideas for fundraisers for Term 1 and since we are still dealing with the pandemic and are in the 4th wave, we are going to leave things as status quo for the time being. We are not able to gather and so the movie nights of the past are not yet able to happen.

We will do a Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser for Christmas - the details will be sent out with the November newsletter.

If anyone has any ideas on fundraisers they would like to see, please email me at: hollyburnpac@gmail.com

Social Media Update:

Let's keep encouraging parents to sign up for our IG, FB and Twitter so that when we communicate out you will see the information.

HPAC Monthly Newsletter:

Our HPAC newsletter will not be sent out separately but included as a pdf file with the e-bulletin with a quick summary of points within the e-bulletin. This was changed because when sending separately via School Messenger, we could not make the newsletter look good due to formatting restrictions. Sending it as a pdf allows for the newsletter to be created to look more appealing to the eyes which reads easier. This may in turn provide more success with readership. It also gets sent out by Sam via Social Media.

Principal's Report

This month is Open-Minded October where we will focus on celebrating each other's similarities as well as our differences.

PAC (Gaming Grant) funds were put towards some new sports equipment for the gym.

Cross country was a great success with thanks to participants and parent volunteers.

Next up is Volleyball for the Grade 7 classes.

Students in Grades 4 and 7 will be writing the FSA government exams this month.

Photo retakes took place this week.

Two of our primary classes enjoyed their walking field trip to the West Vancouver Art Gallery.

Upcoming:

- October 22, 2021 - Professional Development Day
- October 26 and 27, 2021 - Parent Teacher Conferences. These will be held virtually where possible (with an option for in person if preferred). Look out for an emailed invitation soon with a link to sign up for your preferred time. Students will have an early dismissal time of 1:30 each day.

[Open Discussion/ Questions/ New Business](#)

- New Parent Group - someone suggested that since there are many new parents, someone may wish to organize a group for new parents as a way to further foster a sense of community
- Spirit Wear - I am in the process of putting this up on our munchalunch and will communicate out once this is done so that parents can go online and order their Hollyburn T Shirts.