

## HPAC Meeting

Tuesday, February 8th at 5 pm via Zoom

### Agenda:

- Welcome
- Treasurer Update
- Intermediate Foyer Update
- PAC Roles
- Hot Lunch Update
- Fundraisers Term 2 - Pink Shirt Day Feb 23; Easter Chocolates
- DPAC Update
- Newsletter - New Look
- Social Media Update
- Principals Report
- Open Discussion/ Questions/ New Business

### Welcome:

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.

### Treasurer Update (Emma):

Account balances as of 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022:

HPAC account = \$35,402.33

Gaming Grant account balance = \$19,455.19

The school district has applied for a PST rebate on our behalf for technology purchased over the past few years for the school. This will result in a refund of \$614.58 into our school trust account. It will take a few months to be processed. Shayle at the district office will let us know when this is received.

Pink Shirt day fundraiser has started - Monica to update on sales to date. We will make a profit of approx. \$5.00 per shirt sold.

We will provide an update in the March HPAC meeting.

### Intermediate Foyer Update:

Earlene was not able to join us tonight so we will get an update at our next meeting.

### PAC Roles:

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 will be really working hard to fill these roles from now until June, but if you know of anyone that might be interested, please have them contact me.

### Roles to Fill:

- PAC Co Chair
- Hot Lunch Coordinator
- Treasurer

### Hot Lunch - Term 2 - Update:

No new updates or changes to report. I am in the process of setting up the alternating menus for Term 3 so we are ready to go live with ordering for Term 3 by the end of the month. Term 3 starts after Spring Break.

### Fundraisers Term 2:

We are working on the following Fundraisers for this Term:

**Pink Shirt Day - Feb 23** - Emma has already spoken about this in her update. I will be sending out a reminder on Thursday to all parents as Friday is the deadline to get your order in. So far we have sold 26 shirts - mainly in Youth Small size. We still have a lot of shirts so one more push would be great. I will leave it open on munchalunch even after the cut off. The cut off just means you will get it in time for Pink Shirt Day. If we leave it open there is an opportunity for parents to get a last minute order in as we have the inventory. We are definitely down in sales from last year but that could be due to the fact that if you purchased a shirt last year, you don't need to purchase one this year. We are all still struggling financially due to the pandemic so it makes sense that sales are down.

**Purdy's for Easter** - I have set up the Purdy's fundraiser for Easter so we could run this again this year. We do well with chocolates! We are also going to offer Truffle Pig Chocolates. Since Truffle Pig Chocolates does not offer online ordering, I will set it up on munchalunch. We are looking to have this in our March Newsletter and start ordering during the first week of March. The order deadline for this event would be March 29th and delivery of these chocolates would be Monday, April 11 - Easter is Sunday, April 17th.

### DPAC Update:

Asem was not able to attend this meeting and I could only stay on for a little bit so once the full meeting notes come out, we will forward them.

A couple of points I want to highlight from DPAC are:

- Q & A Session with WV School District, NV School District and Dr Mark Lysyshyn (Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer at VCH. This was completed and all families received the link to this event. I will include it in the March newsletter as a reference for parents in case our new families did not receive it.
- Annual Trustee Liaison DPAC Meeting - this meeting is normally held in January each year but was rescheduled to March 2nd. The format is similar to last year; each school is invited to include 1 administrator and 3 parents. This event will feature presentations from 6 school teams around three key areas, each followed by a breakout session that will be sparked by the presentations. The breakout discussions will focus on three questions: What are we noticing in this area coming out of COVID? What are we doing? How can parents help?
- DPAC Parent Education Event - featuring Dr Yong Zhao will be held on Feb 17th via zoom. Topic of discussion: Helping Children to become self-determined learners in post-covid time. This event is \$10 and well worth it. If you haven't purchased your ticket you may wish to consider attending.
- Harry Jerome Oval - After 6 years of fundraising, West Vancouver Secondary School received a generous donation from the Armitage family to complete the fundraising campaign. Total raised from all 400 donors was \$4.8MM We received a thank you letter for our school donation to this project! Construction can now begin for this track and field! Here is the press release: [WVan Place for Sport Media Release](#)
- HR - I was able to attend the HR public portion of the meeting on behalf of DPAC, held virtually on March 1st. The highlights from this meeting include:
  - Excellence through Recruitment - the District is highlighting new recruits when hired. An initiative that seems to be well received as staff get to know our new hires and learn what assets they

bring to our District. They highlighted 2 new EA's - one at PJ and one at Ridgeview

- COVID Protocol update: During the Winter Break, the Public Health Authority released an addendum to the K-12 guidelines. Joint Health and Safety Committees at all schools and sites reviewed the new guidelines, completed a checklist that reviewed the new protocols and sent tracking documents to HR within the first week of school.
- Masks - the District purchased 5000 KN95 masks so each employee will have access to 5 masks each. The WVTA also provided 2 masks to each district staff member.
- Rapid Antigen Tests - the district received rapid antigen tests during the first week of Feb. Two tests per employee are being distributed and regular distribution from the public health authority is expected in the future.
- Ventilation Systems - funding from the government has been received to make further updates to school ventilation systems. Currently all schools have up to date and well working ventilation systems so these funds will support further improvements and discussions are being held on which school spaces to direct the funds to.

### Newsletter:

The Newsletter has a new look. I heard from parents and the feedback was that parents don't open attachments or read the HPAC info in the e-bulletin so I have made some changes to the newsletter. Hope it now gets more readership. I am thinking that it would be great to have other resources in this newsletter and am looking for ideas. Something to make it more worthwhile reading.

### Social Media Update:

Will continue posting to various Social Media channels.

### Principal's Report:

- Lockdown Drill (every year school practices students and teachers locking and sitting in their classroom, police knocks on door, principal attends)
- Series 45 (virtual)
- Squamish Language Lessons (6 lessons for Grade 4 in total, great feedback for Elroy Baker, Elder)
- Support Staff Appreciation Day (chocolate to all, coffee and breakfast - thank you!)
- Feminist February and Black History Month (researching inspiring women of colour)
- Student Led Conferences, March 1 and 2 (held virtually with option for in-person)

### Open Discussion/ Questions/ New Business:

- Carnival - is it too early to start planning? Should we have one this year or wait until next year? (Nathan felt it was still too early to plan anything with the continued uncertainty re: covid)
- West Coast Soapworks - I would love to do this fundraiser in the new year - perhaps Valentines or Mother's Day. A student from West Van Secondary is the founder of this company and his story is so inspirational. I think it would be awesome to support this student. His website is <https://westcoastsoapworks.com/> Quinn Black spent his whole life dealing with severe eczema. He tried many products, even pharmaceuticals and nothing helped. His passion and knowledge for chemistry led him to develop a line of skin care for all people. I sit on the WVSS PAC with his mother and I have met Quinn and bought his products and think he is such a great person that it would be great for us to support.
- Xmas Decorations - I think we should allocate some funds to find a large backdrop for the stage for Christmas Concerts to come. Our decorations are old but ok for now but for sure we need something for the stage that is large enough to stand out. Thoughts?

