



WEST BAY SCHOOL

PAC Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2015

Present:	Tricia Wilson	Jane Orser	Tracy Spedding
	Danielle Katerberg	Tanja Imhoff	Sue Howard
	Christina Argyros	Alys Shantz	Sara Relling
	Deby Gullekson	Maureen Holmgren	Judy Duncan
	Lesley Harrison	Srabana Dasgupta	
	Kim Gould	Misha Nordquist	
	Denise Nosella	Fan Wang	
Apologies:	Rachel Laniado	Cora MacDonald	Michele Kolebaba
Next meeting:	November 3, 2015, 09h05, Learning Commons, West Bay Elementary		

Meeting called to order at 09h08 by Tricia Wilson

Motion to adopt September minutes by Lesley Harrison and Maureen Holmgren

Motion to adopt meeting agenda by Alys Shantz and Maureen Holmgren

1. Student presentation

- Students presented to the PAC about the "We Scare Hunger" Food drive. Donations of non-perishable food can be placed in boxes outside each classroom.

2. Vice Chair Report from Danielle Katerberg

- Saleema Noon parent evening held 21 September 2015, was a PAC funded event and had a great turnout;
- Walk and Wheel to School Week (Oct 5 to Oct 9). Over 140 children participated in this event. A prize will be awarded to the grade who had the most participants and a \$25 Indigo card was awarded to one child who was drawn randomly.
- Coffee Mornings is an opportunity for parents from each class to meet and reconnect. If you haven't had one yet, speak to your class rep.
- Thank you to all parents that have volunteered to help out this year. Our gardeners have been working hard to spruce up the front garden and have set up an account at Maple Leaf Garden;

Vice Chair Report from Danielle Katerberg/cont

- We are still looking for some volunteers to lead the following events coming up:
 - Bingo night – usually held in January;
 - Family Dance – usually held in February. Lesley Harrison is able to assist the volunteer who would like take charge of this event;
 - Gala Evening - usually held in the Spring. Anyone who loves planning events, please consider taking charge of this event. It's a blank slate and any ideas are welcome.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Cypress Park Pumpkin Patch – October 17th, rain or shine. Entrance is \$20 and includes 2 pumpkins. This is a fun family event
 - Halloween Celebration – this is a primary grade event and plans are in the works. Please contact Cora Mac Donald (CapeBretonGirl@hotmail.com) if you have ideas or would like to volunteer.
 - West Vancouver School Board meeting is being held October 20th at 7pm and will feature a presentation from West Bay
 - A screening of Beyond Measure will be held at Kay Meek. Tickets (\$15) are available online at http://www.kaymeekcentre.com/on_stage/2199

3. Principals Report from Judy Duncan

- Thank you to parents for arranging some treats for World Teachers Day and Walk and Wheel day. The event created great energy among the students.
- Thank you to the gardening ladies working on the garden at the round about
- Thank you to Kim Gould for managing the Hot Lunch program
- Student Learning – our grade 5's had a field trip to Victoria, and the Parliament Buildings and the Royal BC Museum. It was very well managed, educational and loved by the children, who all had a great time. West bay students were acknowledged and greeted by the MLA.
- Our grade 4's explored goal setting and had a field trip to the BC Hall of Fame
- The Grade 6s are participating in the Space Project where experiments are designed by students to be performed in microgravity conditions in space; one experiment from our district will be submitted for consideration.
- This year's musical is called Joust and is presented on December 16th This our annual musical with students in Grade 4-7 taking part. There will be two shows.
- Music Mornings has had a good turnout
- Boys and Girls Basketball has also started
- Learning Conferences are being held October 14th and 15th
- West Bay will be participating in the Blue Trees event on October 24th. For more information, and to register: <http://www.vancouverbiennale.com/event/the-blue-trees-all-ages-pigmenting-party-at-simons-park-royal/>
Team: West Bay Elementary Password: Wolves
- An Earthquake Drill will be held this Friday and it is a good exercise to understand everyone's role in an emergency.

4. Treasurers Report from Deby Gullekson

- There has been no change in our cash position this month.
- The Hot Lunch program has generated a good profit for this period and we are on track to meeting our budgeting requirements.
- We have received our grant from the Gaming Commission, which we use towards class field trips.

5. DPAC Report from Lesley Harrison

- Traffic & Safety – you should notice a bigger police presence this fall – concentrating on changing the behaviour of driver around school zones – encouraging parents to do the right thing
- Health Committee - PE block in grade 8 will receive more mental health training –shift from learning how to play a bunch of games to focusing on health and well being
- Committee Working on a website for the north shore where you will be able to find any service from a piano teacher to specific mental health issues like anxiety.
- Carolyn Broady from Board of Trustees has a Strategic Plan booklet that outlines 4 goals for years to come. They are 1, Educational Excellence 2. Visionary Governance 3. Thoughtful Transitions 4. Community Evolution
- Chris Kennedy who has now been our superintendent for 5 years reported on the following:
 - We had projected our numbers to be down but we are up 60 students
 - Population in district is said to be going down in the next 4-5 yrs
 - Aprox 7400 students in West Vancouver
 - International students are down on purpose – had 620 last year, we have 580 this year and 550 next year. Largest is from China, then Brazil, Germany Korea
 - French immersion up and ESL is up due to changing demographics
 - Chartwell and West Van High have shown the most growth as schools
 - Have added staff as enrolment is up
 - More Aboriginal Learning will be implemented as part of the new curriculum especially around residential schools
 - Change in curriculum – 4-5 big ideas – moving away from rote learning- this is not new to West Van and especially to West Bay which has worked on the unit of inquiry model
 - Most schools in WV have already started incorporating new curriculum
- Branding of West Van District – they are redoing website and will be looking at individual school websites maybe next year
- Upcoming District Events – Blue Trees Initiative October 24th
Beyond Measure Screening – October 27th at Kay Meek
Yong Zhao – May 10th

6. Hot Lunch Update from Kim Gould

- Hot lunches are going well so far
- Vendors are good and we are working well with them to recycle and have a smooth lunch
- A replacement for next year is need and a handover process should start by the January ordering session.
- A suggestion to increase hot lunches to 5 days a week with one volunteer heading up and managing a specific day with volunteers assisting.
- A survey will be done on have 5 days' vs have 0 days per week for hot lunches
- If no replacement is found to manage the process form August, we will have to look at not having hot lunches for 2016 year.

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7. Business Items

- Passion Projects is about to start for the Grades 6's & 7's
- Proposal has been tabled for the PAC to fund the online survey for each student to promote passion projects and propose student's strengths. This will then spark an idea and a project put into action. The cost per student is US\$9.99. Total cost to the PAC is budgeted at \$1500 for this year. A vote will be taken at November PAC Meeting.

Next PAC meeting will be on November 3rd at 09h05 in the Learning Commons.

Meeting adjourned at 10h30

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