



WEST BAY SCHOOL

PAC Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2015

Present:

Christina Argyros	Jullia Baikalova	Heather Fraser	Sue McGuire
Misha Nordquist	Jane Orser	Sara Relling	Kim Gould
Camille Shariff	Suzanne Nicol	Alys Shantz	Deby Gullekson
Gui Fang Lui	Ziba Bozorgzadeh	Maureen Holmgren	Rachel Laniado
Tanja Imhoff	Nastaran Safarzadeh	Judy Duncan	Tricia Wilson
Danielle Katerberg		Cora MacDonald	

Apologies:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1st at 9:05 in the Learning Commons

Meeting called to order at 9:05 by Tricia Wilson

Motion to adopt October Minutes: Jane Orser and Tanja Imhoff

Motion to adopt meeting agenda: Alys Shantz, seconded by Heather Fraser

PAC Co-Chair Report (Tricia Wilson)

-Thank you to the Halloween Committee for a successful event Oct 30th for the primary grades.

-Thank you to Kenneth Chan for donating 400 pumpkins for the students.

-Thank you to the District for its showing of "Beyond Measure", a short film depicting the changing roles of schools in the US and how they better serve and meet the educational needs of diverse student populations.

-Upcoming Events:

Bingo Night is still in need of a lead. Many roles are already assigned; we still need someone to arrange the bingo equipment rentals and registration forms.

Family Dance is still in need of a lead.

Hot lunch is going very well, thanks to Kim Gould and her team. This program is very important to our budget, so it is hoped that someone or a group step up to take it on for the next school year. If anyone has any creative suggestions, please email Kim Gould. It is hoped that a new lead emerges before January to learn the ropes.

Gala plans are undecided; however, Tanja Imhoff is hosting a small interested group this week to do some initial brainstorming. If anyone is interested to help or share ideas, please contact Tanja. It was agreed that although it is a nice way to raise funds, it is also important as a team building and community building experience.

Purdy Chocolates Fundraiser found a new lead during the meeting: Jane Orser agreed to take it on. The email link will be sent out this week, with a closing date of November 23rd. Orders will arrive at the school on December 14th. PAC will receive 25% of the funds from the total order.

Art Cards will go ahead, thank you to Sara Relling for leading this. Ms. Duncan will discuss this at a future Staff Meeting to decide which grades will participate.

Upcoming Events

Remembrance Day Ceremony is November 10th at 11:15, everyone is welcome.

Book Fair is November 30th – December 4th

December PAC Meeting is December 1st in the Learning Commons

January PAC Meeting is January 12th in the Learning Commons (date changed from Jan 5th)

Implementation of the New Curriculum: As part of the Ministry of Education and the BCTF's three year support plan to implement the new curriculum, there will be two additional non-instructional days, scheduled in West Vancouver for Monday, January 18th and Thursday, April 21st. This will give teachers an opportunity to become familiar with the new curriculum.

Principal's Report

-Ms Duncan thanked the Halloween Committee for the activities last week.

-Thank you to the parents and teachers for a successful "Outdoor School" experience which was held on Gambier Island October 20-22. This project takes the students beyond the schools' walls and gives them the opportunity to engage in peer work, nature, learn resiliency, all while allowing the students to connect with each other.

-October 23rd was a Provincial ProD Day where teachers could participate in workshops of their choice. Some visited other sites including Maple Ridge, UBC, and Vancouver. Examples: Teachers participated in a Google Workshop (Cari Wilson was one of the facilitators) and a Self-Regulation Roundtable in which Chris Kennedy

gave the keynote address. Sandra-Lynn Shortall, Early Learning Principal, also made a presentation at this event and Ms Duncan provided examples of how self-regulation was implemented at West Bay.

-November 23rd, Staff from a Maple Ridge Elementary School will be visiting West Bay to see self-regulation in action.

-Blue Trees at Simons took place on October 24th; students from West Bay participated in this event by painting some of the trees at Park Royal blue. "The Blue Trees" is a Vancouver Biennale initiative which has gone on to become an international award winning public art installation created in 14 cities around the world. It brings environmental consciousness and social action together through community participation.

-Early Development Instrument (EDI), is a questionnaire designed to measure children's development in Kindergarten. The EDI is a checklist that kindergarten teachers complete for each child in their class, measuring development across five areas:

- (1) physical health and well being
- (2) social competence
- (3) emotional maturity
- (4) language and cognitive development
- (5) communication skills

The EDI is a public site, and more information can be found at www.earlylearning.ubc.ca

-In response to the province's adoption of the New Curriculum, Ms Duncan asked the group to brainstorm "what is an educated citizen?" Many of the responses came from examples already experienced by observations of West Bay students: healthy risk taking, embracing a grey zone (not everything has to be black or white), being flexible, Emotional Intelligence, understanding opposed to memorizing, problem solving, being creative, omitting competition.

Passion Projects. Students from West Bay did very well presenting their Passion Projects. All the projects were unique and focused on students' strengths and passions which eliminated any competition.

-Other aspects of new curriculum:

Core competencies

Transforming Learning Environments

Aboriginal Perspective. Once taught in Grade 4, it is now embedded in all grades

-Report Cards come out December 11th. There is a new Kindergarten Report Card, there is a pilot report card for Grades 1 and 2. West Bay developed the Grade 3 template. Grade 4, the district wide report card resembles the West Bay report card, and West Bay will continue to use the report card they developed for grade 5, 6, and 7.

-IBO Evaluation is happening on November 19th and 20th at West Bay. Ms. Duncan thanks the parents who are helping out.

-Joust, the intermediate musical is happening on December 16th

-Remembrance Day Ceremony, November 10th at 11:15. WV School Board Chair Carolyn Broady and MLA Jordan Sturdy will both be attending.

Destination Imagination (DI) and Rising Stars, if anyone is interested they should contact Ms. Duncan

Treasurer's Report

No new business to report.

We received our Government Gaming Grant which has been deposited into our Casino fund. The account balance is \$7,700.

District Trust Fund balance (restricted expenses) \$7,400.

General account balance \$195,000

We do have to fundraise in order to support activities for next year.

Other Business:

Concerns were raised about the bathrooms at the school: it is difficult for the little kids to turn on the water, the toilet seats are too big for the little ones; cleanliness/smells are an issue. Parents wondered about renovating. Ms. Duncan will forward those concerns to the District.

There are safety concerns about the upper parking lot. Priority should be given to families of young children who need to be escorted to and from school. Please arrive early to ensure you can park; if the lot is full, please wait on Westmount Place until a space becomes available. Double parking creates a safety issue, and inconveniences others. By-law officers can ticket drivers who don't follow the rules.

Business Items

Vote: up to \$1500 for passion projects

Motion was forwarded by Suzanne Nicol, seconded by Maureen Holmgren

All in favour. No one opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20