



WEST BAY SCHOOL

West Bay School

PAC Meeting Minutes, January 17, 2017

Present:

Heather Stephenson
Camille Shariff
Srabana Dasgupta
Kim Gould

Heather Thomas
Helen Pankratz
Danielle Katerberg
Denise Nosella

Jane Orser
Cora MacDonald
Christina Argyros
Judy Duncan

Special Guests: Andy Lee and Grade 6 students; International Mindedness Team (first term)

Meeting called to order at 9:13

Agenda adopted: Denise Nosella, seconded by Jane Orser

December Minutes adopted: Denise Nosella, seconded by Danielle Katerberg

International Mindedness Team

A wonderful group of Grade 7 students presented the projects of West Bay's International Mindedness Team. Starting in October and going until December, this group was hard at work with several fundraising activities:

We Scare Hunger: students managed to fill 16 boxes of food for people in need.

Blanket Drive: students collected and donated 80 blankets for people in need. The students also served apple juice and homemade banana bread to this same community.

Holiday Cheer Competition: recognizing that our community is comprised of many cultures and religions, this group set out to bring cultural awareness to our students. Before winter break, they would play music from various countries over the PA system and classes would vote on which country they thought the music originated. Candy canes were given to the winning classes.

We School: students volunteered their time by collecting batteries in an effort to have the zinc recycled. There is enough zinc in one battery to save 6 lives deficient in this metal. The students were able to participate in this global initiative as WE Day celebrations were held in Vancouver this year. They had an opportunity to listen to inspirational guest speakers such as Paula Abdul and Margaret Trudeau.

Technology at West Bay (Mr. Lee)

Mr. Lee thanked the PAC for their generous contribution towards developing technological opportunities at West Bay. He explained what is happening at the various grade levels in the coding world: students in the younger grades are learning Left and Right arrows to program a pathway; middle grades are learning sequencing; grades 5, 6, and 7 are participating in West Van Arcade. This will not only have students making video games but will involve learning what it takes to bring a product to market: designing logos, developing the back story, designing the point collection systems, collaborating, discovering a target audience, etc. Students in the upper grades are using the SCRATCH program, promoted by MIT to make video games.

A group of Mr. Lee's students were on hand with their personal computers to show members of the PAC the projects they were working on using 3D models. They also demonstrated how the 3D printer works.

PAC Chair Report (Danielle Katerberg)

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a nice relaxing holiday.

Thank you to our hospitality committee for our refreshments today.

Hot Lunch orders closed yesterday. Thank you to Srabana Dasgupta for making all of the arrangements with vendors and Munchalunch, Jane Orser for taking care of the invoices, Kathi Dilworth for coordinating volunteers, and all the parents who help our program run smoothly. It is a lot of work, and we appreciate you!

- A. Tomorrow (Jan 18th) in North Vancouver: An Emergency Preparedness event with an earthquake simulator (3-6pm), emergency preparedness kits for sale, a speaker at 7:00pm, and food truck dinner. Montroyal School, 5310 Sonora Dr., North Vancouver. FREE event, but donations welcomed.
- B. Jesse Miller will be coming to speak about Social Media Safety on January 26th. This is a PAC-funded event. Jesse will speak to students during the day, and parents in the evening at 6:30. Social Media is evolving so quickly, it can be difficult to keep up. Babysitting will be provided; please [RSVP](#).
- C. Lunar New Year - For the week of Jan 23, there will be decorations up at the school, and organized events will be held on Friday, Jan 27. Thank you to Julia Jarvis and her team for organizing. Parents are welcome.
- D. Bingo nights! Admission is one \$10 prize per child (something a kid would want, such as puzzles, small toys/games, books, gift cards). Bingo cards are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Pizza and drinks for sale as well. Please [register](#) by Jan 29th. Thank you to Tricia Wilson for organizing, and Jason Gigliotti for being our Bingo caller again this year.
- E. Pedestrian Network Study - looking for input (until Jan 31). The [link](#) has been e-mailed out to you. If you walk to school, and/or have suggestions that would make it more feasible for you to walk to school, this is an opportunity to provide your feedback. Please provide your input by Jan 31.

Principal's Report (Ms Duncan)

- A. Thank you to PAC for Chocolates for staff - very much appreciated, and for ongoing support for field trips and in-residencies (eg. Drama this month)
- B. Safety
- Lockdown Drill - January 24th @ 1:15pm
 - Cyber Safety -
 - i. Children of the Street Society (Gr. 6 and 7) - online safety and protecting themselves from sexual exploitation - on January 18th
 - ii. Jesse Miller - Online safety - inviting Gr. 3s from Cypress Park to join us; presentations will be for Grade 2-7 students age appropriate
- C. Fine Arts Updates
- Drama in Residence (Jan. 9-13, Feb. 20-24, Feb. 27-March 3)
 - Musical E I E I Oops - for Primary students on February 23rd; Thank you to parents who are helping with costumes; all primary students participating in afternoon and evening performances (2:00 and 6:30)
- D. Kindness Survey - Gr. 5 class, Div. 5
- Participating in study, "The Effectiveness of a Public Health Nurses Kindness Initiative on the Social and Emotional Well-Being of Grade 5 Students". Six schools participating - 5 in North Van and West Bay in West Van. The content addresses the Personal and Social Core Competencies in the curriculum. Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc PhD nursing from UBC will interpret the survey results and if the outcome turns out to be interesting she may publish it in nursing journals.
- E. Volleyball
- Underway (John Zaleski coaching the boys and Jessica Miller and Carolyn Huggett the girls); final tournaments on Feb. 28th (boys) and March 1st (girls) at Rockridge
- F. FSA Testing
- For Grades 4 and 7; administered to all students in these grades province - wide. Tests Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Our Grade 7s have completed the Reading component and will be moving on to the writing.
- G. Showcase of Learning for our Grade 5-7 students - March 8th, 5:00 - 6:30
- Grade 7 Art and Coding
 - Grade 6 Film and Technology Demonstrations
 - Grade 5 Intergenerational Projects (Filming)
- H. Communicating Student Learning
- Templates still being tweaked; changes proposed for the wording (Applying instead of Acquired for the primary one)

- Input invited online on Ministry website; community forum being held on January 24th for discussion with Principal and 2 PAC members at the Kay Meek Studio
- I. Asian New Year Celebration on Friday, January 27th - thanks to parents for organizing. Classes will rotate through 20 minutes time slots on this day. Entranceway will be decorated as well.

Treasurer's Report: (Christina Argyros)

General Account	\$145, 263
Gaming Account	\$4, 300
Trust Fund Account	\$16, 300

The Fun Run will be our second largest fund raiser this year (next to the Hot Lunch Program). Planning has begun; once financial needs are assessed, proposed amendments to the budget will be sent out.

PAC funds (\$4,000) provided Drama workshops for students this month.

DPAC Update: (Anna Day)

- A. Helen Yeung, RD will be speaking with the Grade 4 and 5 students regarding the prevention of disordered eating.
- B. Pieter Dorsman is our new school trustee
- C. Talks between the Ministry of Education and the BCTF continue as they negotiate the Supreme Court of Canada ruling. In the meantime, 1000 teaching positions have been restored for this school year. Each school, including West Bay, will benefit in some way from having this resource.

Committee Updates

Hot Lunch: (Srabana Dasgupta)

Ordering for Hot lunch is now closed (as of yesterday). Thank you to families who filled out the recent survey. The committee is tweaking the vendors based on your results from the survey. Another survey will be sent out near the end of the school term to help plan for next September.

Fun Run: (Denise Nosella)

Date: Thursday, May 25th, 2017

Funds raised will go towards equipment and supplies. A donation will be made to West Vancouver Place for Sport for the new track. Students will seek sponsors from family, friends, and the community. More info to come on exact details (pledges vs lump sum; cash vs cheque). We will also be looking for donations of prizes.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:49