



# WEST BAY SCHOOL

## West Bay School

### PAC Meeting Minutes February 7, 2017

#### **Present:**

Srabana Dasgupta  
Jane Orser  
Lina Liu

Heather Thomas  
Christina Argyros  
Danielle Katerberg

Judy Duncan

**Special Guest:** *Fara Lambing, Community Health Nurse*

#### **Welcome and Call to Order at 9:05**

#### **Adoption of Agenda and January Minutes:**

- Motion to adopt Agenda: Jane and Christina
- Motion to adopt January Minutes: Srabana and Christina

#### **International Mindfulness Team Presentation**

- Grade 7 students: Declan, Zach and Ryan presented on how we can help the Syrian refugees. They are gathering everything from toothpastes to detergent. Thank you for sharing and presenting to the PAC.
- Pick up date for items is February 17.

#### **Fara Lambing - Community Health Nurse**

- Tips for treatment and prevention of Lice
- Responsibility of the parents and there is no stigma as lice is not a health concern.
- NYDA ([nyda.ca](http://nyda.ca)) is recommended product which can be purchased at the pharmacy.
- Vancouver Coastal Health online resource: <http://www.vch.ca/your-health/school-health/north-shore---school-health-manual/head-lice/head-lice>

#### **Chair's Report - Danielle Katerberg**

- Thank you to Fara Lambing for coming today.
- Thank you to Mr. Lee and his grade 6 students for coming to our PAC meeting last month to share with us the learning they are doing around coding and 3D design and printing. Thank you Judy for covering so Mr. Lee could be here.
- Jesse Miller was here Jan 26 talking about Social Media and Safety.
- We had a wonderful Lunar New Year celebration at West Bay. Thank you to our Chinese and Korean families for sharing the experience with us.

- Bingo Nights were a success. We had two fun nights - thank you to Jason Gigliotti for being our Bingo caller both nights. Jason does a great job engaging the crowd! Thank you to Tricia Wilson for making all the arrangements and coordinating all the volunteers who helped each night. Special thanks for Wolfie for making an appearance.
- We have a great community of parents at West Bay who step up to help make West Bay the best it can be. Being involved is a great way to get to know other families, as well as staff and students. The work we do is valued and appreciated. If you would like to consider taking on a new role next year, now is a great time to start thinking about it.
  - Hot Lunch Coordinator (possible vacancy)
  - Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator
  - Treasurer (possible vacancy)
  - Vice Chair (vacant)
  - Gala Chair
- RBC Race for Kids - June 4th at QE Park. Ziba Bozorgzadeh has set up a team for the West Bay Wolves. Sign up early to save on registration fees.
- Next PAC Meeting - March 7th, Aboriginal Education in the curriculum. We will be welcoming Squamish elders.

### **Principal's Report - Judy Duncan**

- Thank you to Tricia Wilson, Jason Gigliotti and Danielle Katerberg for their help with BINGO nights.
- Thank you to Chen Tan, Julia Zhu-Jarvis for their help with the Lunar New Year Celebration.

### **January Events**

- Children of the Street Society (Gr 6/7)
- Lockdown Drill
- Kindness Research in Div 5 is underway
- Jesse Miller presentations (Gr. 2-7)
- Kinnie Starr Cultural Event
- Volleyball

### **Staffing**

- Lucie Lhotak is back full time
- Shannon Clarke (0.6FTE)
- Custodian Rommel Mangino for Day

### **Showcase of Learning**

- When and Where: Wednesday, March 8, 5:00-6:30 at the West Bay Gym, Learning Commons and Intermediate Wing.
- Who: Grades 5 - 7
- What: Inter-generational Projects, Genius Hour, Ignite West Bay!, Woodworking Art and Coding.

### **Framework for Enhancing Student Achievement**

- Inquiry Question/Goal
- Improve the learning environment for all learners
- Three year cycle

### **School Goal**

- To improve students' communication competency, in particular, their ability to engage with others and reflect purposefully on their performance.
- Effective Communication

### **New Learning**

- Technology: Tools to facilitate reflection (Fresh Grade)
- Growth Mindset: *Encouraging Grit and Resilience* (Teacher Book Club)

### **Strategies**

- Using technologies to engage with others and reflect
- Passion Projects
- Connecting with Seniors
- Human Library
- Spanish 7
- Ignite West Bay!

### **Data Collection**

- Communications Survey to all students
- Grade 8/9 Communications survey
- Passion Projects (2016) Grade 6 feedback
- Reflections
- Cold Writes
- FSA (Gr 4 and 7 Writing)

Where to Next?

### **Treasurer's Report - Christina Argyros**

- PAC covers approximately \$90 000 towards items like learning aids, special projects and items to assist the teachers and our kids in their learning, as well as field trips.
- We need to ensure that with the fun run and gala next year that we raise enough to cover at least these items.
- We also need to make sure that hot lunch remains active as this brings in about 30% of our income.

### **District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Report**

- Helen Yeung, RD, "Taking Care of our bodies - A guide to healthy eating and body image": This presentation was recently given at Gleneagles Elementary, and will be offered again on Tuesday April 4 at 7pm at Irwin Park (watch for registration details on eventbrite, TBA). This presentation is open to all parents.
- Foods that Fit workshop (for Hot Lunch coordinators) will be May 10, 5-8:30pm at the Education Services Centre, 2121 Lonsdale.
- DPAC Parent Ed on May 2nd at the Kay Meek has confirmed speaker: Dr Shimi Kang, author of "The Dolphin Way". Please save the date. Tickets will be \$20 for West Vancouver District parents (\$25 out of district)

Carolyn Broady (School Board Chair):

- The Government is providing \$50 million to hire more teachers as an interim deal while they continue to negotiate. From this, each school in West Van will get extra teaching time. West Bay will be getting a teacher for 3 days per week.
- The Board has set aside funds to provide financial support to teachers who would like to pursue a diploma/degree to specialize in areas where we are in short supply: Counselling, Teacher-Librarians, ELL, and Learning Support.

Chris Kennedy (Superintendent):

- Re: Communicating Student Learning: The new report cards take a lot of time for teachers to prepare, so the District wants to make sure that the reports are worthwhile and what parents want. They have sent over a questionnaire for us to complete. [This was done at the end of this meeting.]
- Re: Traffic issues: Please talk to the Principal about traffic issues before going straight to the municipality. The municipality gets inconsistent or even conflicting requests over the years. It is best to have a consistent message and follow the correct process.
- Budget - we are in pretty good shape. Same level of services should be offered next year. A Budget feedback form is available on the website if anyone wants to provide input.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Fun Run** will be on May 25. We alternate between Gala years and Fun Run years. This will be our main fundraising event for this year. Next year's budget will depend on how much we raise. We currently have a large budget based on past fundraising. If we want to continue funding programs at that level, we will need to raise the funds. Alternatively, we will need to reduce our spending. Our goal is to raise \$15,000.
- **Hot Lunch** - We may need a new Hot Lunch Coordinator next year. We will need a new volunteer coordinator; Kathi Dilworth has done this job for a couple of years now. (Thank you Kathi!)

### **New Business**

**Communicating Student Learning** - Discussion was held regarding the school district's CSL Feedback Form for PACs. Comments included: interest in more parent-teacher interviews; more personalized comments in report cards; various suggestions regarding 3- and 4-point scales used in reports to make them more meaningful to parents. In order to reach more West Bay parents, an online survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M97723S>) has been made available.

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:04 am**