



# WEST BAY SCHOOL

## PAC Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2017

### **Present:**

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| Heather Thomas     | Chantal Zhang    | Judy Duncan  |
| Peter Chu          | Chen Tan         | Juan Liu     |
| Maryam Hajiloo     | Julia Zhu-Jarvis | Mandy Wang   |
| Marketa Newbery    | Traci Rosencrans | Berry Lin    |
| Jane Orser         | Shabnam Kothave  | Alys Shantz  |
| Anna Day           | Sean Dillon      | Sara Relling |
| Danielle Katerberg | Kim Gould        | Jen Venier   |
| Andrea Mulkins     | Jennifer Mischke | Kim Grimwood |
| Helen Pankratz     |                  |              |

### **Welcome and Call to Order 9:10am**

- Welcome and introductions of parents and Kim Grimwood
- Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Jane Orser, seconded by Christina Argyros
- November PAC Meeting Minutes were approved.

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

Thank you to Peter Chu for chairing last month's PAC meeting while I attended the BC School Superintendents Association Fall Conference. It was a very interesting conference with great speakers. Pasi Sahlberg, an author, educator, and scholar from Finland spoke about BC's education system. We have a lot to be proud of! He says "The World needs more Canada". One of the reasons why Canada, and BC in particular is so highly regarded worldwide is because of the equitable access to quality education while balancing high life satisfaction.

I also attended the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Council's District PAC Summit, where both the Minister and Deputy Minister of Education spoke. Deputy Minister Scott MacDonald shared a lot of interesting data highlighting the successes and challenges in BC Education; his slides are available on the BCCPAC website.

A note to parents to keep in mind: BC Achievement Scholarships of \$1250 are awarded to the top 8000 students in the province (based on 2004 Grad requirements) (students do not need to apply). Make sure the school has your up-to-date mailing address—too many scholarships go unclaimed due to mail being returned. ( So: if you move, make sure you notify the school of your new address.)

Thank you to the team of volunteers who put together the Family Dance on November 24th.

Thank you to Ziba Bozorgzadeh who is putting together our Spirit Wear order. We expect the items to arrive in the New Year.

Thank you to Anna Day and Heather Thomas for organizing our Poinsettia and Purdy's fundraisers.

Thank you to Sara Relling and all the families who contributed to the Christmas Hampers for 14 Westview Families.

Thank you to all the parents who brought in cookies today for Decorations Day. Thank you Kim Gould for making sure each class had a volunteer.

Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator (for Fridays only) is needed for January - June. Please let me know if you're interested, or speak to one of the other volunteer coordinators for more information.

Thank you to Judy, our amazing principal, for all that she has brought to West Bay over the last 8 years. We have been so fortunate to have such a kind, caring principal. It has been a privilege for the PAC to work with you. We wish you all the best at Rockridge.

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

Thank you to parents for involvement and support in school:

- Family Dance –Keitha and her team
- Purdy and Poinsettia Sales – Anna Day and Heather Thomas
- Outreach – Sara Relling and her team
- Basketball Coaches – Phil Kuzyk and Dave Chapman
- Baking Cookies for this afternoon's Decorations Day

Kim Grimwood – Welcome

- Attended staff meeting – heard about all the initiatives underway (outdoor learning, stage redesign for the ADST curriculum, critical thinking baseline data collection)
- Future direction may be exploring building more breaks
- T-oured school – met students (many familiar to her)

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- Pasi Sahlberg – BCSSA Conference; spoke about being champions of play and encouraging our kids to play more. Worth exploring ways to re-structure the daily schedule in order to incorporate more outside play time.

Joy Virus – Grade 7s at Park Royal this past Tuesday; watch for article in NS News

Basketball Tournies: Girls (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>); Boys (Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>) – placed first in the district

#### Upcoming Parent Ed Sessions:

1. Jesse Miller Parent Evening – January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30
2. Self-Regulation Parent Evening – February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 – 7:30
  - Learn self-regulation strategies in each of the 5 domains
  - Learn executive function strategies for the cognitive domain

#### Musical – “Shakespeare Rocks” for Grades 5 – 7

-Date: March 8<sup>th</sup> for matinee and evening performance

#### Robotics with Todd Ablett week of November 20 – 23

-Coding Arcade – Grade 5s

#### Physical Literacy

- Planned for the new year: Field hockey, biking, hip-hop and fencing;
- District Physical Literacy team supporting primary teachers across the district (worked with West Bay teachers this week)

Report Cards go home today (Components of the report reviewed)

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

- Expenses for December include
  - \$10132 for Hot Lunch
  - \$542 fo Math Program
  - \$1100 for Raz Kids
- Profit of \$814 so far from the Family Dance which was unexpected

#### **District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Report - Danielle Katerberg**

DPAC met on December 6th; Next meeting on January 10th. All parents are welcome to attend DPAC meetings.

-DPAC is offering each PAC a one-time grant of \$250 to be used towards hosting a parent education event. In order to receive those funds, receipts must be submitted to the DPAC treasurer by the end of May 2018.

-Superintendent Chris Kennedy talked about the Administrator moves. While the mid-year changes may not seem ideal, there are also some positives. When an administrator starts in a new school in September, they are inheriting someone else’s organization; a mid year move allows the new administrator to get a sense of the school while the year is underway, and has time to effect changes for the start of the next year. Reasons for changes include opportunities for administrative growth, and when openings require a specific skill set, such as IB or single-track French immersion

- Universities are needing to make changes to adapt to the new 10-12 curriculum and assessments. Post Secondary institutions are needing more time, and are appreciative of the one year delay in implementing the new curriculum. Students will

be encouraged to take a variety of courses in high school, as this leads to more successful university students.

- Our district's Physical Literacy teachers Amber Pascual and Erin Crawford, along with Director of Instruction Diane Nelson talked about the Physical Literacy project taking place in Kindergarten to Grade 3 this year. Amber and Erin have visited each elementary school and done pre-assessments of all the K-3 students (Run, pivot, run back; hop; overhand throw; kick a ball; and balance walk backwards, toe to heel). Throughout the year, they are supporting teachers to incorporate physical literacy into the classroom in day to day activities. They will do a follow up post assessment in the spring. They talked about how basic skills, like running, can lead to participating in sports like soccer, but also translate into job skills like policing. Swimmers may go on to have careers in marine biology etc

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Lunar New Year Team**

Proposal to increase funding from PAC for Multicultural Events

- In the first year, Chinese families contributed \$3000 to put on the first Lunar New Year event at West Bay
- The following year, the PAC provided a very small amount of funds, but the majority of expenses (approx \$2500) were paid by parents
- Last year, PAC budgeted \$500, again, the overall budget was augmented by the organizing families.
- This year, the committee is proposing that the PAC fully fund the event, estimated to be \$2000. This is \$1500 more than what is currently in our budget.
- Funds would be used toward the purchase of costumes for the performances, and decorations, as well as food and gift bags for each student (red envelope with a chocolate gold coin).
- The event exposes students to other cultural celebrations
- The event is an opportunity for families who may not feel confident with their English skills to come be involved at the school.

The committee provided the following written budget proposal:

#### 2018 Lunar New Year Celebration Budget

Dear PAC Executive Members:

As always, thank you for the PAC's continued support in this fun filled and educational event every year.

We are planning to have two separate shows this time (one in the morning that ends before lunch and one in the afternoon that starts lunch). Each show would last about

one hour and will contain Choir, one short play, two dance performances, and one fashion show. There will also be interactive games throughout the shows during which the performers can get things ready.

The list below is an itemized list of the budget:

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| Choir - Clothes/Dresses                          | 100  |
| Short Play-Clothes and background decorations    | 350  |
| Chinese Dance-cultural dresses                   | 150  |
| Korea dance dresses and instrument               | 200  |
| Fashion show-cultural dresses                    | 400  |
| Game prizes                                      | 100  |
| Traditional snacks to be bagged for all students | 400  |
| Posters and decorations                          | 300  |
| Total  | 2000 |

We have tried hard to budget the minimum funds required for each performance while maintaining the quality of the shows.

As you can see from list above, we would need more fund to make the events happen. We wonder if the PAC would consider to provide us with more funding for the event considering that this year's event will be on a much larger scale compared to last year.

Thank you again for PAC's support.  
Lunar New Year Organizing Committee

**Motion to increase the budget to by \$1500, to a total of \$2000 was made by Chen Tan and seconded by Sean Dillon. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Gala Update - Marketa Newbery**

- Maryam and Heather are looking for auction items
- Google docs will be used for central documentation
- Tanja will be heading the art projects
- perhaps a contest for kids to design the gala logo (at home)
- Sean and Justin have agreed to be auctioneers
- Fairmont has said that there will be lots of buffet style food

### **Guest Presentation**

-Alpha Kirabira shared a video and spoke about Proposed Outreach Project for funding to build a Babies' Home in Uganda. This would enable their young mothers to stay in school. Funding is being considered as part of our gala fundraising efforts this year.

**Adjournment : 10:30**