



WEST BAY SCHOOL

Parent Advisory Council

Friday November 9, 2018

Present:

Sophie Ukani, Srabana Dasgupta, Joanna Zhang, Sara Relling, Kim Gould, Tanja Imhoff, Danielle Katerburg, Cora MacDonald, Selina Lee, Ghazal Moshiri, Roanna Pistol, Tina Pu, Joanna Zhang, Leanne Neill, Bihua Lin, Chen Tan, Julia Zhu-Jarvis, Mohamed Hussein, Muni Ismail, Peta Dirassir

Adoption of Minutes from AGM

WB PAC Meeting Minutes Oct 12, 2018

1. Welcome & Call to Order: Sophie Ukani

Special Presentation - Grade 5 Girls Proposing a Fundraising Bake Sale during the Christmas Craft Fair Dec 7th; Maraya, Justyna, Paxton and Nola

The girls were asked by Ms. Grimwood to present to the PAC “WHY” they wanted to do the bake sale. They had a very informative powerpoint presentation about “Jay” - an 11yr old boy that was diagnosed with Leukemia and through a generous donor he was saved. He was treated at BC Children’s Hospital. The girls have chosen Children’s Hospital as their charity to donate their money to. The PAC was asked to consider their fundraiser.

2. Chair’s Report: Sophie Ukani

We would like to give a special thank you to all of our parents for all the time and effort they put into the school and community. Our children definitely benefit from all that you do. It has been a great year so far...thank you!

So far this month we have facilitated the following:

a. Halloween event for the Primaries

- each class was given 15 mins, to circulate between 3 stations. They were given a lollipop after they posed for a class photo
- positive feedback received from the parents and students
- thanks to all that made it happen, especially Traci Rosencrans who was the lead for

the event

b. Tech Talk by Kerry Wilson for Parents

Thank you to all parents that came out to hear Cari Wilson's presentation.

- a very positive parent resource...check it out!

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/westbay-elementary/technology-tools/>

3. Principal's Report: Kim Grimwood

- Thank you for the **Halloween Event** that was put on...not just the main event for the Primaries but also to the classroom events that took place

- The **student release drill** was a success and also a learning exercise. This drill happens every 2 years and this year there was an 80% parent turnout with pick up before 3pm

- Special thank you to the **Yao Family** who donated \$2000 to the school to purchase classroom games and supplies for rainy days

- **After School Activities** - looking at introducing some new after school activities that appeal to all interests & ages such as ParCore, Musical theatre, Arts and Sports. Any ideas would be welcome.

- **ELL Tea** put on by Farrah Babul great success - thank you!

- **FSA's** for the grade 4's and 7's were held last week. They will be marked next week and will come back to the children to take home. The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy.

- **Tech Talk Evening** - Here is a link to the content of the evening:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/westbay-elementary/technology-tools/>

- **Inquiry Evening** - put on by Janet Hicks and Morikke Espenhein on how to support our students. It was well received and we are looking into possibly making this a series event

- **MDI Data** - this is a survey that was done last year by the UBC Early Learning Department & was funded by the Vancouver Coastal Health Dept. Our Grade 4 + 7's took the survey (it was province wide) and we have the results back which include social connectedness, happiness and their thoughts and feelings. The purpose of obtaining this data is to see where our children need more support and instruction. Link here:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/>

UPCOMING;

- Milton Randal - a drummer that will work with all grades

- PRO D Day - Nov 19th

- Book Fair Nov 26-30

- Grade 6 Immunizations - Nov 28th

4. Treasurer Report: Bihua Lin & Chen Tan

We are on schedule and on target

- \$250,000 in the bank
- anyone who would like details of the budget, please ask Treasurers

5. DPAC Report: Danielle Katenburg

- The Ministry of Education has updated its **Erase website**. See link here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>. ERASE= Expect Respect & A Safe Education. This site's purpose is to provide resources in support of a variety of topics, including anti-bullying and self esteem. For anyone seeking help, or is worried about someone else, there is an anonymous online reporting tool. It also has a new resource for parents, "Raising Digitally Responsible Youth" which can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/erase/documents/raising-digitally-responsible-youth.pdf>

-Any parent who wants a better understanding of the process of filing a complaint to the Teacher Regulation Branch Commissioner may find the following documents helpful: https://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/documents/FormsandPublications/ProfConduct/raising_concerns_SA.pdf, and https://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/documents/FormsandPublications/ProfConduct/mc_FAQ_tools.pdf. Additional informational videos can be found on the BC Teacher Regulation Branch website.

- Save the date: DPAC Parent Ed on Feb 27th at the Kay Meek Grosvenor Theatre
Topic: Sleep
Speakers: Dr Kimberley Shonert-Reichl (UBC) and Dr Mark Lysyshyn (North Shore Medical Health officer)

Watch for ticket information in the new year.

This event follows the District's "Sleep Week", Feb 18 - 22, which will feature a sleep-related topic (ex. Nutrition and Sleep; how technology impacts sleep, etc.) each day.

6. Committee Updates:

- **BINGO NIGHTS** coming up Wed Nov 21 & Thurs Nov 22. Doors open at 5pm. Please RSVP attendance through the link on the school website. Everyone is welcome!
- **LUNAR NEW YEAR** (Julia Jarvis) - At the Tues Nov 6th District Wide DPAC Meeting there was talk about eliminating costs from wasting items from year to year and it was suggested that the Lunar New Year items be re-used and shared amongst schools. A big acknowledgement to Julia Jarvis and her team for starting the Lunar Celebration Festivities in our school in 2014, it is now used as the example for other schools. We were the first and now 11 schools are doing it. Way to go Julia!!

Last year we put on a "student led performance" and this year on Feb 1st the theme will be "Temple Fair". There will be booths set up around the gym such as calligraphy

an water painting. Parents are welcome to come and also to volunteer. Please contact Julia if you can help.

- **Class Reps:** Kim Gould - Nothing new to report. All the class reps are set up and communicating well with their classes.
- Volunteers: Tanja Imhoff
 - **Poinsettias and Purdy's** fundraiser will be run & organized by Sylvia Butterworth and Kim Gould. A link to order went out in the last bulletin. There will be a joint pick up date on Dec 7th for poinsettias and chocolates. This will coincide with the **Christmas Craft Fair**.
 - **Holiday Hampers:** Sara Relling - Our sister school Westview Elementary in NVan have fewer families signed up to receive hampers this year. Volunteers are needed to help on wrapping day Dec 7th in the library. Contact Sara Relling if you are able to help out. saramrelling@gmail.com
 - **Christmas Craft/Bake Sale:** Tanja Imhoff - It will be on Friday Dec 7th from 3:00-4:30pm in the gym. It will be CASH ONLY. \$20/table to rent. Any Cypress Park or West Bay student/parents can rent a table and sell their "wares". Homemade crafts and goods will be sold - a great way to get your Christmas shopping done. All monies raised will go to BC Children's Hospital. A Link to sign up for the tables will be coming out soon!
- **HOT LUNCH** - Mohammed & Candice
 - So far everything has been going very well. Max Frut and Tubify are working on changing their process for some glitches (like adding class lists to be in each classroom for the intermediates)
 - If there are any questions or concerns please contact Mohammed
 - Candice is looking at getting the Vendors to come in and provide samples to the parents. Possibly in January in conjunction with the Jan PAC meeting, just before the January Hot Lunch Orders
 - Thanks to Mohammed and Candice for all their hard work!

7. New Business

- Casey from Tubify presented a few samples (berry and green diesel) of the new "smoothie" offering - thank you Casey! They are all Vegan :)

8. Questions/Comments

- **UPPER PARKING LOT** - currently the school is re-doing the path to the new gate in the upper parking lot. They will be painting the area soon & trees have been cleared on the west side to make the area as safe as possible.
 - the work is been coming along but slowly
 - Message to students needs to go out to be car/street aware and to stay of the neighbours property
 - Asking parents to talk to their children about road safety
 - Request for the school to get the message out through school announcements

9. Adjourn

- next PAC meeting Friday Dec 14th @ 9:05am in the Library Commons