



**West Bay PAC Meeting Minutes-9:15am, Jan 14, 2022, Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Principal Kim Grimwood	Roxana Pistol	Tanja Imhoff
Dani Renouf	Kelly Chesko	Srabana Dasgupta
Fei Xue	Jatinder Sidhu	Bill Auyang
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**Welcome and Call to Order:**

Minutes of November PAC Meeting: Adopted by Roxana Pistol

Agenda for January PAC Meeting: Adopted by Jatinder Sidhu

**1. Chair's Report: Tanja Imhoff**

- a. **Nowruz and Lunar New Year** - Reached out to respective communities to organize some events
- b. **Events** – Mixed feelings about them, so a survey has been put out to get feedback
- c. **Traffic** - parents please drive slowly as sometimes, the sun is on the horizon and it is difficult to see.
- d. **Communication** –
  - i. A lot of parents are not reading Sue's bulletin. The extra click appears problematic.
  - ii. WhatsApp is being considered, but there were concerns of being too public
  - iii. Survey – will be sent out to get feedback regarding the best approach.

**2. Principal's Report: Kim Grimwood**

- a. **Wolf carving** in the past had weathered therefore the carving has been renewed and moved inside the school. A new sign will be replacing the outdoor space and coming shortly.
- b. **Renovation** will start in March for exterior of school. The Municipality has asked for some drain-age repairs. New outdoor learning space updates are also available and will be presented next month at PAC.
- c. **IB Parent night** with coordinators to do virtual session for parents on Jan 19 - the idea of this session is to capitalize on what parents can do to create a spark of ideas in your children - talk to kids differently so that it can be inspiring and allows them to delve a bit deeper. Educator insight with parents so that you can walk with your child and how to engage the children in the inquiring mind-set. Please RSVP to receive the link.

- d. **Donate Puzzles for kindies** - A letter and request came to Mrs Grimwood's desk - it is from a kindergarten student requesting puzzles - student would like to ask for parents to bring in puzzles for collection so they have new puzzles to play with.
  - i. Note: Ms Hunt will also accept books for the library any time. Perhaps a book drive can be organized.
- e. **School jerseys** (55) have arrived with a new logo and bright and colorful with "wolf pack" on the back printed - the jerseys were formerly 14 years old so these updates are very exciting for increasing spirit wear.
- f. **Intention forms** are requested to be submitted so West Bay is aware as registration has opened and families are waiting on wait list - it allows for better flow and peace of mind for families so families can prepare. You can also email scan the form or email the school directly about your intention.

### 3. Treasurer's Report:

- a. **Income** – Fundraisers, Lions Club, Hot Lunch, Spirit Wear, Staff Gifts – approx. total: \$18,000
- b. **Expenses** - Staff Gifts - will be used for gifts at year end, Math Contest, Acting Workshop, First Aid etc – approx. total: \$8,000
- c. **Current Balance** approx: \$199,000
- d. **GIC** being considered for some of the balance.

### 4. DPAC Report: Vanenssa Gill

- a. January meeting (School Trustee Meeting) postponed until February. A chance to meet with superintendents, principals, and school representatives, union - interesting presentations - three PAC reps will attend (Tanja, Vanessa, and one PAC member). Vanessa to update next month.

### 5. Hot Lunch: Elmira Montazami

- a. **Last Day to order** - today is last day to order for the session; survey had 35 responses, most parents are happy with current lunch, looking at new vendor to add Persian Food (third term).
- b. **Subway** sandwiches are too small and looking at this for third term.
- c. **Panago** has had some negative reviews from parents, however, children like it. Blaze pizza is an option, however, we will await parents/children feedback.

### 6. Covid Q & A

- a. Attendance dropping this month and school is tracking the reasons why families are not back yet. Number of illnesses are also tracked provincially. More vigilant about asking why child is not at school for this reason (tracking all illness, not specific to COVID). Data entered in attendance system and tracked daily on local and provincial level.

- b.** Teachers absent this week is not out of ordinary. The challenge is finding a replacement - we may not have a classroom teacher (sub/TOC) and we have a contingency plan to cover in these situations. We have capacity to cover internally, however, there are also district staff dispatched if needed.
- c.** If kids are exposed, they do not need to isolate unless it is a household exposure. If anyone in household is positive for COVID, then the household may need to isolate. Please self monitor if you are fully vaccinated (two shots). If your child is un- or partially vaccinated, then they need to isolate for 10 days. Please check BC-CDC regularly as information is changing.
- d.** Rapid testing at West Bay pending for staff and teachers - the gargle test to drop off at LifeLabs is available if child is showing symptoms only. It is only for children with symptoms, not for parents, or asymptomatic situations. Tracking of who receives a kit and signatures required.
- e.** Children who are at home are not having instruction for the day. Currently, school is in person learning based. Some things may be sent home especially for intermediate levels - all assignments are on Google Classroom. Please connect directly with teacher.
- f.** Transmission of COVID is more likely to be with a close friend, rather than seat mates (1.5%) and via household transmission.
- g.** All teachers at West Bay have had their booster shots.
- h.** Noted that children and families are exhibiting more anxiety and behaviors are showing up at school. Please take care of yourselves because our mental wellness is so important to maintain and this behavior is impacting children.
- i.** One parent asked about a way to group kids together to take the bus so traffic could be eased.