



West Bay PAC Meeting Minutes-9:15am, Apr 8, 2022, Zoom Virtual Meeting

Principal Kim Grimwood	Candice Montgomery	Tanja Imhoff
Kelly Chesko	Jatinder Sidhu	Bill Auyang
Srabana Dasgupta	Aliso	Danielle Katerberg
Heather Fraser	Nikta Ardakani	Roxanna Pistol
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Welcome and Call to Order:

Minutes of March PAC Meeting: Adopted by Heather Fraser and Candice Montgomery

Agenda for April PAC Meeting: Adopted by Kelly Chesko and Roxana Pistol

1. Chair's Report: Tanja Imhoff

- a. **WhatsApp** – A successful launch. Great feedback. Kelly has been doing a great job in sending out messages that are brief and concise. Also not too many.
 - i. Please help spread the word. Class Reps are already on board to do so.
 - ii. **Emergency Text Messaging** system – Setup by the district that is SEPARATE from our WhatsApp platform to inform us urgent info such as power outages, school closures etc.
- b. **Email Bulletin** – The extra click that is required to view the message had been a problem with most parents for quite a while. Chris Kennedy had reportedly announced that they will work on resolving this issue.
- c. **Afterschool Programs** – Roxanna will be spearheading the committee and start looking into school programs. Please contact us if you are interested.
- d. **Staff Appreciation** – Group of grade 2 parents and one grade 7 parent will be leading. It will be held on Pro D day of the long weekend, which will be a lunch outside if weather permits.
- e. **Year End BBQ** – Dani Renouf will be organizing. A lot of volunteers will be needed when the time comes
- f. **Succession** – Current execs can consider whether to stay on. New members are welcome to join. Members will be voted in. Tanja doesn't mind continuing to stay on as President, but will need a change of the Bylaws to extend the term.
- g. **PAC venue** – remain virtual for the remainder of the year and maybe the AGM can be in-person.
- h. **Edu Pacs** – please order them soon as it takes time due to supply chain issues.

2. Principal's Report: Kim Grimwood

- a. **Afterschool Clubs and activities** – First club started. Its important to have different programs that fit different needs. We even have a rock band. Grade 7s are playing ultimate and competing with other schools. Tennis and bike lessons are also coming.
 - i. Grade 7s started their exhibition projects and look forward to welcoming back the community
- b. **Theatre** - There will also be a small theatrical production and have a school assembly for the first time.
- c. **Outdoor School** – tentatively booked in Squamish. 98% of parents interested.
- d. **Welcome Kindergarten - May 26 3:30-5:30** – Need help from 2-3 parents to welcome our 40 new students. It will be done a little differently in the format of a scavenger hunt that will allow the new families to explore the school.
- e. **Paws for stories - Gunner the Therapy Dog** – have students who are reluctant readers to come to the library and read a story to Gunner, the golden retriever
- f. **Summer Learning** – registration has opened on the district website. It's a free 3 weeks in July for 3 hours in the morning, which is fun like a summer camp.
- g. **IB Fee increase** – A proposal has been brought forth to increase it from \$450 to \$500. The fee has not been increased for a long time.

3. Treasurer's Report: Heather Chan

- a. **Total Budget \$200,000**
 - i. \$67,000 budget, and \$28,000 spent. Still in Covid under budget
 - ii. Will work with Kim over the next few weeks on many different budget plans. If there are PAC members interested in the process please contact us. It will then be voted in June
- b. **Outdoor Space** – District has promised to cover expenses over \$45,000. There is already \$10,000 donated for this project. Remaining \$35,000 will be voted in
- c. **West Vancouver Track** – We have donated \$2500 in the past. Will also vote on donating another \$2500
- d. **Expenses:**
 - i. A bit more Phys Ed equipment purchased – playground bins and new jerseys
 - ii. West Van Secondary School Scholarship
 - iii. Teacher Appreciation – will likely go over the budget of \$1000. So it will dip into a bit of the discretionary fund.
- e. **Revenue:** Hot Lunch coming in, without much expenses

4. DPAC Report: Nikta Ardakani

- a. **District Budget Input Inquiry** – feedback on preliminary spending and priorities. Deadline is Apr 26
- b. **Many DPAC executive positions open** – parents are encouraged to apply
- c. **BC PAC parent education conference – Apr 29-May 1:** “Making connections, moving forward” – topics range from family-school collaboration, healthy food misinformation and student learning
- d. **Gaming Grant Application** – Webinar offered on May 12 at 7pm
- e. **Equity Inclusion and Diversity** – Chris Lewis, a former Squamish nation Councillor will cover this
- f. **District Agenda**
 - i. No budget increase unless higher enrollment
 - ii. PAC funding for scholarships and bursaries will end after next year
 - iii. Vaccine passport not required for field trips and outdoor school
- g. **Research High School** – Students may choose to take courses at different high schools mostly through online learning. But most of the courses still take place at the catchment school
- h. **Open Parachute** – An online resource to support positive mental health. License purchased for grades 6-9. Very positive feedback from parents so far

5. Hot Lunch:

- a. Order Reopening until Apr 9 5pm
- b. Please reach out to Elmira if anyone has vendor suggestions
- c. New Government food guidelines are very strict:
https://healthyschoolsbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/BC-School-Food-Guidelines_Confidential-Draft-for-Consultation.pdf
 - i. Most vendors will not make the cut.
<https://www.nsnews.com/highlights/bc-food-guide-will-deny-treats-at-school-and-take-the-joy-out-of-celebrations-parents-dietitian-5238820>
 - ii. Does not apply to food brought from home as some parents seemed concerned that they might be policed
 - iii. Even Dani, our nutritionist feels that its excessive
 - iv. We will get some feedback from parents regarding these new guidelines
 - v. Its unclear how these guidelines will be enforced
 - vi. A lot of schools rely on lunch or other food fundraisers. So that could pose a challenge
 - vii. Please provide feedback by end of month:
http://surveymoh.health.gov.bc.ca/public/survey/bc-school-food-guidelines-feedback-survey?fbclid=IwAR0nRN_5AXFNrdmYYkBySUgQtafM8XMNx_q4WAtYD4yV0TxJF6PTEIzNPFE&utm_source=north%20shore%20news

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- d. Refunds – about \$10,000 outstanding. We have reached out to these parents without a response so far. It will go into the PAC treasury if we don't hear back by around the end of April.

6. Traffic: Jatinder Sidhu

- a. Traffic safety video has been made and will be released soon
- b. Walking School Bus – Starts at 8:20 on Wednesdays. Its from 31st and Marine Dr, which is an easy 10min walk. A great opportunity for kids to get some fresh air and exercise. There will be reminders through the WhatsApp bulletin.

7. North Shore Foundry – Nicole Kennedy

- a. Mental health and substance abuse support for ages 12-24. Issues covered include anxiety, depression, eating disorders, self-harm, etc
- b. Drop-in counseling offered 1-5pm Monday to Thursday. Can also do so virtually.

Next Pac Meeting: May 13, 2022 9:15 via Zoom