

Westcot Parent Advisory Meeting

**Wednesday April 12th, 2017 in the Library
760 Westcot Rd
West Vancouver, BC
7:40 P.M – 8:45 P.M**

Meeting called to order by Holly Alexander

In Attendance: Holly Alexander Co-Chair, Jennifer Jamieson Co-Chair, Sabrina Piovesan Treasurer, Sherry Issari Secretary.

Regrets: None

Present: Cathie Ratz, Nicole Brown (Trustee), Ritesh Desai, Candice Shier, Annakarin Tornquist, Trina Wang, Lorna Nimmons, Khuyen Meiling-Wesse

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Holly Alexander
2. The meeting started with an update by Nicole Brown (Trustee) on the Supreme Court ruling.
 - As election season is near everyone should make education their priority and ask candidates questions about the subject.
 - \$740 million has been committed in the next 3 years of which \$580,000 comes to our district.
 - This money will be spent on ELL, Counselling and learning support teachers.
 - A grant will be given to schools to spend on resources, teacher training and classroom updates.
 - Overall, they will be positive changes in education.
3. Mrs. Ratz talked about the fact that Westcot achieved a fantastic rating according to Fraser Institute.
 - Questions were asked about FSA results

- Mrs Ratz explained that the test was given to the students in a low-key manner, they took breaks during the test and they could sit on the floor in the library and take the test in a casual manner.
- Grade 8 and 9 are going to change to letter type Report Card but Grade 10 will still be on A, B, C format grading, however that will be changing in near future too.

4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Candice S. motioned seconded by Lorna N.

5. **Approval of minutes from March 8th, 2017:** Candice S. motioned seconded by Khuyen M.

6. **Principal's Report:**

- **Thank you**
 - Coffee Catch Up
 - Saleema Noon (Cath Blythe) April 11 – 12
 - Groupo Americo (Latin Dance)
 - Hosting Geoff Jopson - West Vancouver Place for Sport
- **Special Events**
 - Reading Link Challenge Gr 4 and 5 Round 1 Tuesday May 3 WVML
 - Elementary Band Registration Open - Schedule for WE - TBD
 - Sentinel Family of Schools Choral Event Friday, April 21 2:00 – 4:30
 - Lighthouse Festival Choir Tuesday April 25 10:00 at WV Rec Centre
 - Caribou Math Gr 4 – 7 Test - 1 test remaining
 - Track events have begun – first day at the track Tuesday, May 30 - Gr 4 – 7
 - Field Meets Tuesday, May 23 (6 & 7) and Wednesday, May 24 (4&5)
 - Ultimate (Grade 7 boys and girls)
 - Welcome to Kindergarten May 9th at 9:15
 - Me to We Operation Oloirien, Kenya (Spirit Days, Concession, Student Led Conferences)

- WE are Westcot - Westcot gear/colours donation April 19th
- Student Led Conferences April 27th 8:50 – 10:20

- **Student Learning Grant (steps to date)**
 - Non-enrolling 4+ charger iPads
 - Chrome Books to support BYOD
 - Licences (Newsela, Reading A – Z)
 - Training now - Workbooks K – 3 consistent approach

- **Enrolment and Staffing**
 - Divisions for 2017 – 2018 – limited space
 - New Division - new classroom
 - Congratulations – Ms. Lu Grayson (born March 27th) and Ms. Watson

7. Treasurer's Report

- The school has done well with the budget through fundraising, mainly fun lunch.
- It was suggested that the school book Saleema Noon again for next year now that we have enough budget.
- Fun lunch has generated healthy revenue as we have more students.
- We need one extra librarian to employ with the increase of student numbers.

8. DPAC Meeting

- President's Report:
 - Communicating Student Learning – last reminder to provide feedback to PAC or directly to WVSD
 - DPAC executive – want to have good balance across elementary and high school

- Treasurer's report – healthy balance which will allow us to support the Parent Education event. Gaming applications will be due by end of June.

- Committee Reports:

- **Parent Education:** “Raising Resilient Kids” - Tuesday May, 2, 2017 at 7p.m. at the Kay Meek. Dr Shimi Kang. Looking for PACs to assist with promoting and selling tickets.
- **Calendar:** - agreed on 2018/2019 calendar. Will be submitted to superintendent for approval.
- Nicole Brown, Board of Trustees provided an update on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Her update was presented earlier in the meeting by Nicole who is our guest here tonight!
- David Eberwein - Vice Superintendent’s report:
 - All elementary schools will have VPs next year.
 - Curriculum – finalized late spring/summer. WVSD able to review and students beginning in 2018 will start the new grad program – “career life connections”.
 - Memorandum of Agreements – sets stage for next 2 years. Challenges going back to 2002 language and still have modern system of support, so need to try and bridge both.
 - May not see many changes in WVSD as we already had teacher librarians, learning support staff etc. Will have at least the same level of non-enrolling staff or possibly more.
 - Class sizes – K, before was 22 and now 20. Grade 1-3, before was 24 and now 22. Grade 4-12 as before at 30.
 - Enrolment – status quo at present – approx. 6,700 and 500 international students.
 - Student Support Services Update – District Administrator, David Platt
 - Levels of support – tiers
 - Assessments
 - Designated – individual education plan provided and funded
 - Gifted learning program

9. Social

- Coffee Catch up was a success. Around 60 People turned up.
- It is suggested that we should do this every few months.
- June 1st, it is Spring Family event. We are still working on getting Lion's Club to arrange a big BBQ.

10.Fundraiser's Report

- Orders need to be in by 21st of April.
- Most primary kids have done the cards.
- It is a very good fundraiser as a lot of it goes to school.
- Kids can order cards and mugs
- The company is called 'createdbykids.ca'

11.Upcoming Events

- Welcome to Kindergarten on May 9th
- Family Picnic on 1st of June

12.New Business

- Appointing a Secretary for PAC for next year
- Appointing volunteers for fun lunch for next year

13.Miscellaneous

- It was suggested that a classroom parent can be assigned to liaise with parents. This way the parents who are new to school can get to know one another better. A consent form can be filled in by parents at the beginning of the year to show their consent to exchange their phone numbers with other parents.

14.Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.