



Westcot Elementary School

PAC MEETING

11 JANUARY 2023 / 9:30 AM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **Thank you**
 - Christmas Candles for staff
 - Westcot Sweatshirts to be delivered tomorrow
 - Yalda – Learning Commons Display and Learning
 - New chairs ordered for our Learning Commons
 - Hot Lunch Volunteers
 - RAZ Kids – supporting our FESL goal

- **New Staff at Westcot**
 - **Jacqueline Wilson** EA Grade 1 Team
 - **Elske Katz** ELL Wednesday and Fridays

- **Enrolment and Staffing**
 - Kindie and in catchment for 2023- 2024
Registration Offers Made
 - January 16 out of catchment 2023- 2024
Registration In District Feb 1 OOD March 2
 - Space in Grade 4 for next year 11 spots
 - Grade 7 – 8 Transitions - Dual Feeder School –
Interest in inviting the Ps to share?
 - If families know they will not be returning for the
2022 – 2023 school year, let us know as soon as
possible.

- **Special Events/Sports**
 - **Band/Choir St David's Church**
 - **Grade 7 Basketball** begins January 24th
 - **Lunar New Year** Decor Jan 12, Jan 20 in library
station rotations
 - **Reading Link Challenge** Grade 4 and 5, 6 novels
 - **Pink Shirt Day - Feb 22**
 - **Call Out for Norooz Display/Decor Info**
 - **Traffic and Safety Audit** - Round 1 – visits complete
– now at the Municipality for Action

- **To Consider:**
 - **Fountain and Filling Station outside the gym**
 - **Schoolwide Bollywood Experience Sunday**

November 12, 2023 Diwali

- **Invitation for a Pancake Breakfast from St. David's Church** - Unfortunately will need to decline this time as school is not ready to participate in events where food items are shared
- **Rock and Roll Forever:**
 - March 9 6 pm Kay Meek K – 7 Band and Choir
 - 3 tickets per family - no photos, video during performance
 - Save the Date in Bulletin this week
 - More info to come each week in the Bulletin re: Song/ Costumes/Props
 - Whole school bus to the Meek after early lunch pm Dress rehearsal, pick up from the Meek at 2:40
 - Gr 7 Band and MC stay through
 - All back at 5:40 – 6:00 show
 - Out
 - **Costs above** – 1840.00 buses to the Meek, extra 1.5 hours of Meek time (FUBU 7 hrs), professional filming to share on private YouTube link
- **DPAC Liasson Meeting February 21st at 12:30 – 2:00 pm, Cathie and 2 parent reps**
 - **Question #1** 20 minutes
 - **How are you building a sense of belonging at your school?**
 - Westcot Wednesday
 - Orange Shirts/Pink Shirts/Music Shirts/Sweatshirts
 - Buddy Classes and Celebrations
 - Welcome Back Coffee Morning
 - Celebratory Assemblies – introducing teams, clubs
 - Pink Shirt Day Dance/Event
 - Student announcers recognize students with Birthdays
 - Community of Learners – Learning Celebrations – classes and families invited – Health and Wellness Fair, Probability Fair, Noisy Reading in K Grade 1 Home Reading Parent Workshop, Future Cities, parents supporting our FESL (Raz Kids Gr 1 – 4)
 - **What is new / different / exciting at your school?**
 - Choir is back under the direction of Suzanne Fulton
 - New Music (Band and Choir t-shirts)
 - New Westcot hoodies
 - Rock and Roll Forever at the Kay Meek
 - 3 of our teachers were recognized for their work with the Premier's Award for Excellence in Education
 - Collaborative Work (Parents, WV Memorial Library, Staff, Students) to
- **Question #2** 20 minutes
- **As the Board builds its budget for 2023-24 what are the programs, services, staffing you value most?**
 - Music specialists
 - PE Specialist and District Make Movement Matter Team
 - Cari Wilson – ongoing inspiration with Technology, Cyber Safety

What advice or suggestions do you have for the Board?

- Continue to focus on providing appealing spaces - upkeep of buildings and school grounds

Question #3 20 minutes

As the Board builds its Strategic Plan for 2023-26 what are directions that the Board should aspire to?

- **STRATEGIC GOAL #1 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**
 - STRATEGIC GOAL #2 VISIONARY LEADERSHIP
 - STRATEGIC GOAL #3 SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS
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- **Chinese New Year Celebrations:** Amy presented her team's plan for Chinese New Year celebrations at Westcot this year. They will be setting up 4 booths plus a projector screen in the library, each showcasing a different topic/game. Each grade will have a chance to participate with their teacher during school hours on Friday Jan 20th.
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- **Parent Kitchen:** Cathie was able to secure a shelf at no cost to help with organization in that space.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- No Treasurer report at this time

DPAC

- Lirica attended the Blanket Exercise
- Faye Hall will be coming into the Grade 1 classes
- Next DPAC meeting is on Feb 21st at Kay Meek

HOT LUNCH

- The current session will finish on February 16th
- New vendor Libby's Kitchen, will replace the current sushi vendor as their service has been unreliable
- Libby's Kitchen will be on Thursday, and Boston Pizza/Subway will move to Wednesday
- Nick is preparing the Libby's Kitchen menu now and will send to Cathie.

- Nick is also looking for a new sushi vendor to hopefully start in September. If a new vendor can be found, will consider giving them Friday in the September term and Fun Lunch can potentially be 5 days a week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Skating:** As the West Van Ice Arena does not have enough capacity for the entire school at the same time and probably does not have enough rental equipment to accommodate the whole school, this event is not going forward.
- **Spring Fling:** Clara and Sarah will meet to discuss this event further. They will arrange to meet Cathie to find a suitable date and plans. Then will reach out for volunteers.
- **Pink Shirt Day:** Cathie to see how many Pink Shirts are still in stock and will sell remaining stock on Munchalunch.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:26am