



Westcot Elementary School

PAC MEETING

October 24, 2023 / 9:30 AM

Location: Microsoft Teams online

Present: Cathie, Cory, Ana, Lirica, Nick, Sarah, Malini, Feixiong, Ellie, Nazli, Aylin

Call to Order at 9:32am

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you's

- RAZ Kids Gr 1 - 4
- World Teachers Day Lunch
- Created by Kids - artwork going home this week
- Westcot Sweatshirts Round 2
- Beanie excitement
- Music and Band t-shirts
- Classroom Funds
- Karen Parhar – Diwali
- Dmitri Tuzoff – Ski group
- BOLLYWOOD - with buddy classes

Enrolment and Staffing

- Most registrations in the district for Kindergartens for in-catchment on Sept 16th, thank you Ms Satchell. There is still space in Gr 4
- Grade 7 that are going to either SE or WVSS, no registration needed. Meetings in Jan.
- January for Out Of District student registrations
- 6 UBC Teacher candidates working alongside our staff. Two week practicum now.

Special Events/Sports

- Volleyball Season – 2 games down – Large enthusiastic teams!
- Emergency Drills - Fire and Earthquake, Toonies for Tremors, Shake Out BC
- Grade 4 – 7 choir with Ms Fulton 92 students – first performance Nov 10
- Family Teams – next Family Teams Nov. 3 with a focus on Squamish names & animal stories

- Book Fair Nov 6 – 10. Have enough parent volunteers. Thank you.
- Remembrance Day Assembly Nov 10 11:00 - families welcome to attend
- Goh Ballet November 17th
- K – 3 Christmas Performance (Choir/Gr 7 Band) Dec 14th with grade 7 band

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2021-2024

- UFLI Bd Presentation in Sept where other schools and District staff have come to learn from us
- Pro D Day, 9 teachers from Hollyburn were here to learn from us
- Grade 4 – 7 Focus on Making Words – Content area vocabulary/spelling Grade 4 – 7 Word Journals
- Thank you to WPAC for supporting our school FESL with the purchase of RAZ Kids for home reading – this truly is a Community of Learners
- Capstone year - where we will present to the district

Feeding Futures (sent to all K – 3 Families)

The Feeding Futures Initiative will offer students access to nutritious snack items once a week throughout the school year at no cost. We are following the guidelines by the Ministry of Health and will offer one grain OR fruit/vegetable snack item AND one protein snack item each week. All snacks are nut free.

Please continue to send your child(ren) with snacks from home as the USP is not a replacement and only once a week in this pilot year.

If your child has any food allergies, please confirm by emailing the school office at crazt@wvschools.ca While it is important that we be aware of any allergies, alternate snacks will not be available. Please be aware that your child may not be able to participate in every snack offering if there are extreme food sensitivities.

First snack day was yesterday - String cheese and apples.

New Reporting Order

- 2 formal learning updates (Dec and March), 2 Informal learning updates (Oct and May), 1 Summary of Learning (June)
- Parents can access the MyEd Family portal. Best to access ASAP and download/print if you want to keep at copy. For parents who are struggling with MYEd, please contact Ms Satchell
- PROFICIENT is the **goal** for most students and that it is a continuum
- “Parents as Partners” – specific ways to support their children through “Areas for Future Growth and Learning” and will be listed clearly at bottom

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: Cory

- Sweatshirt Sales - first round of orders now in production, ETA for delivery is next week
- Beanie Sales - few orders received so should we extend pre-order date or order 40-60 pcs and keep on hand to sell?

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ana

- Went through each line item, all healthy.

FUN LUNCH: Nick

- Everything is going very well
- 80% of this year's volunteers are new, great to see new parents volunteering in the school.

DPAC REPORT: Lirica

- First meeting was on October 4th
- DPAC is still looking for a secretary. If anybody is interested, please contact Lirica.
- There is a New Strategic Plan this fall
- Childcare change - Education Ministry now in control
- Physical literacy and nutrition will have more emphasis

*** **TREASURER** position for WPAC is still open. For anybody interested, please contact Cathie.

PAC action items:

- decide quantity for Beanie order
- food for the earthquake packages in each classroom are funded by PAC. Ms Satchell will check expiry dates and invoices from last time and see what is needed. The money collected by Toonies for Tremors will contribute to these funds. Water will be replaced this year and is paid for by the district.
- confirm choice for Christmas gifts to staff

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00am