

PAC MEETING



September 12, 2023 / 9:30 AM

Location: Microsoft Teams online

Present: Cathie, Cory, Ana, Xu. J, Lirica, Angel, Nicole, Samaneh, Sarah, Nazim, Hooten, Clara, Liam, Aylin, Leila, Otto, Nazli, Ellie, Emily, Rosa, Tony, Nick, Therese

Call to Order at 9:31am

# **Welcome & Introduction of this year's Executive - Cory (Co-chair), Ana (Co-chair/Treasurer), Lirica (DPAC rep), Sarah (Secretary), Clara (Past-chair), Nick (Hot Lunch coordinator), Therese (Hot Lunch coordinator), Leila (Volunteers coordinator)**

# **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

# **Thank you's**

# · Courtyard Café – Opening Day - great attendance

# · RAZ Kids Gr 1 - 4 - sponsored by PAC

# · Hot Lunch - thank you Nick, Ana and Therese

# · Created by Kids – thank you Cory

# · Cross Country – parent volunteers – large energetic team

# · To our Executive for their start of year work, meetings, budget, DPAC

# · Westcot Sweatshirts - we will be ordering them in batches this year

# · Funds for classes - teachers thank you

# · Beanie excitement - kids will be choosing the logo design

# · Family Friday - the kindies will know someone in each grade, siblings will be placed together, family teams will be meeting once a month

# **Enrollment and Staffing**

# · For 2023 – 2024 , grades K – 7, 16 divisions, total 407 students

# · Fully staffed – Welcome to Ms. Sevgi – new EA

# **Special Events/Sports**

# · Orange Shirt Day/National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Orange Shirts, Eagle Song Dancers at 1:15pm

# · Terry Fox Run raised close to $500.00, first Westcot Assembly of this school year

# · Elementary Band Gr 6 /Gr 7 in the gym - Large, robust bands, getting ready for Remembrance Day

# · Caribou Math for Grades 3 – 7, first test on Oct 18 at 7:30am from home. Total 93 students participating

# · Cross Country - two meets completed already

# · Volleyball Season – practices have begun, waiting on District schedule before permission forms go home

# · Emergency Drills - Fire and Earthquake done, Toonies for Tremors - money to update food. Water is being replenished this year

# · Grade 4 – 7 choir with Ms Fulton, total 91 students

# **Next Year**

# · Kindie Registration for 2024 - 2025 starts on Monday, October 16th at 8:00am

# **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2021-2024**

# · UFLI Bd Presentation Sept Other schools and District staff have come to learn from us

# · Grade 4 – 7 Focus on Making Words – spelling and vocabulary in content areas (new inquiry)

# · Focus and reflection on Balanced Literacy

# · Resources, programs, scope and sequence, assessments for Reading and Writing

# · Staff Meeting and Professional Developments Day focus

# · Alignment with Ministry (assessment) , District goals and initiatives

# · 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

# **New Initiatives**

# · Gr 2 parent Dmitri Turzoff – interested in an after-school ski group at Grouse – a parent organized group?

# · Black Beanies – Logo survey – 3 classes complete, GO Tigers is winning

# · Nov 12 Diwali – parent interest in sharing the event with students. Karen Parhar to lead?

# · Bollywood - Oct 23 – 27, performance on the 27th, details to be confirmed.

# **Lates**

# · Going to be following more closely and sending letters home with students as of October - distracting, disruptive, impacts student learning

## UPCOMING EVENTS: Cory

## October 5: World Teacher Day - Budget of $700 for lunch for teachers. Sarah to organize

## October 23-27: Bollywood - Cost of $4500, approved from Gaming Grant

## December: Teacher Holiday Gifts - Budget about $15 per teacher. Need volunteers and ideas (candles, etc?), not food items as they typically get a lot of those already at that time of year

## FINANCIAL REPORT: Ana

# Planning on keeping most line items the same as last year

# Body Science from Salema Noon will come into the school this year. PAC has budgeted $1600 for this. The teachers want to include this to supplement their Health & Careers area of study. It will help children understand their body in scientific terms. There will be a parent session ahead of the school visits, and there will be participation forms sent home ahead of time. Parents will have the option to opt-out of these sessions. The program will involve the educators to be at school over two days.

# Based on our current budget, we are expecting a surplus of $6000 at the end of this year

# **DPAC REPORT: Lirica**

# Nothing to report at this time as there has been no meeting yet.

# First meeting is on October 4th

# **FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** Cory

# Sweatshirt Sales - first round of ordering closes on September 30, 2023

# Beanie Sales - kids are currently voting for the logo design

# Purdy's Holiday Fundraiser? Have it during Easter time instead?

# Created by Kids

# Any other ideas?

# **FUN LUNCH: Nick**

# Starts October 3rd

# Still to be 4 days a week

# Vendors this year are Inn Cogneato and Libby's Kitchen

# Will need 16 volunteers for shifts that run from 11:40 am-12:30 pm to organize classroom distribution and handle any problems with mistake orders if any

# For new volunteers, Nick will train them during the first week

# **TRAFFIC UPDATE: Cathie**

# The district is still working on their plan for all West Vancouver schools

# Parking at the St. David's Church is a privilege, we do not want to abuse it

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

# Pink Shirt Sales? Cathie will consult with the teachers on this

# Treasurer position is still open. For anybody interested, please contact Cathie.

# All monthly PAC meetings this year will be virtual, but will host some in-person coffee mornings/socials throughout the year

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00am