



Westcot Elementary School

# PAC MEETING

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**20 NOVEMBER 2024 / 9:33 AM**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### WPAC Updates – Principal Report

#### Thank you

- Westcot Sweatshirts – so great seeing lots of kids wear them!
- Pink T-shirts - Gr 7 Leadership Committee to design a special Westcot Pink Shirt Day shirt
- Rocks and Rings Curling at school March 11 – 14
- Created by Kids – art looks great and orders will be back before the holidays
- Primary Playground Consideration/Upgrade to Kindie/Primary Playground - Site Meeting on Nov 27, then proposal and designated vendors to follow. Once Facilities has shared their thoughts, then we can begin work with a small committee of Kindie teachers, District OT, Outdoor Supervisors, and WPAC Exec. Then the fun part begins where we can bring in the student's input. But we are still in early days right now.
- Book Fair Volunteers – we had \$8734.35 in sales, which gave the school \$1182.25 in Book Fair rewards, \$1000.00 in future Scholastic products and \$927.11 in cash. Great team of volunteers, especially NEW volunteers so thank you!
- Class set of iPads – will be ordered soon.

#### Enrolment and Staffing

- No need to re-register every year for Westcot once you are already in Westcot.
- Gr 7s at Westcot automatically have option to go to either Sentinel or West Van SS. No registration is needed. High school visits and meetings will be held in January for the Gr 7s.
- January 15 for Out of District registrations. So if your Gr 7 wants to go to Rockridge Secondary, they would need to apply then.

· Mr. Plant – just had his 1<sup>st</sup> baby - Ezra. He will be on paternity leave as of Dec 4 until March 2025.

### **Special Events/Sports**

· Volleyball Season – Jamboree Nov 27 and 28, with the new jerseys that were part of last year Gr 7s legacy gift.

· Basketball coaches lined up and ready to go - season starts Jan 7

· Emergency Drills - Successful Lockdown and Shake Out drills. There will be an upcoming Fire Drill where the kids will hear a different bell while they are already outside, and will need to know to go directly outside to line up, NOT go back inside the school.

· Emergency Planning - 8 headlamps ordered and are on their way. Ordering new batteries for flashlights. Funds come from the Toonies for Tremors budget.

· Gr 4/5 Reading Link Challenge. West Van Memorial Library will visit on Nov 26.

· Gr 7 First Aid course. This year will also include the Babysitters course.

· Choir and Band Christmas Performance St David's. This is now postponed to February because St David's was hit with some flooding. Gr 7 group are also helping with clean up.

· Sing-a-Long on Dec 20th at 11:00am, the last day of school. Choir will be featured. Dismissal for all kids afterwards at 12pm.

### **Facilities Updates**

· Egress – walkway outside primary doors is now complete. It was all by donation. Kids have also planted flowers next to it. Next step is to paint yellow lines.

· View Boards – Nov 12 they have installed in 5 more spaces – one of the Kindie classrooms (the other kindie classroom will have it soon but due to the concrete wall, it hasn't been installed yet), both Grade 1 classrooms, library, music, and ELL rooms. The final batch will be installed by Jan 25.

### **On the Radio show at Kay Meek on March 6**

· Considering a chance of having 2 shows - matinee and early evening

· Ticket sales in early February. Everybody (EVEN small children that sit on laps), MUST have a ticket, as it is a fire safety regulation for Kay Meek.

· Looking at buses and for mid-day rehearsals, ferrying back and forth in order to save on bus costs.

· Music Video - Kids will be working in this.

## **HOT LUNCH - Nick**

- Everything is going well and smoothly so nothing to report.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT – Cory, as both Ana and Maryam were unable to attend**

- Financials are on track as projected
- Sold more hoodies than expected
- Have paid \$8400 to the hot lunch vendors
- Garden supply budget of \$500 is available for use
- Money set aside for curling, Kay Meek buses, Goh ballet performance, strip fees are all on track was expected

## **DPAC - Lirica**

- The AI information session held at Kay Meek will soon be on the District YouTube page
- Have applied for the \$300 DPAC Travel/Safety grant
- Lynn Block won her position in the provincial election so there will be a by-election for her board position in the new year

## **SPECIAL EVENTS/FUNDRAISING - Cory**

- Pink Shirt Day shirts that will be designed by Gr 7s are now available on Munchalunch for pre-order
- Holiday Pastry Social for Teachers – After consultation with Cathie and staff, the annual holiday gift from WPAC will be a Pastry Social. Cory and Maryam will be ordering from Thierry + Anchor Eatery (gluten-free options) and delivering it to school on Wed Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am