

**West Vancouver Secondary School PAC Meeting Minutes**  
December 5, 2017 in WVSS Library

**Attendees**

Abbie Milavsky, Farrah Jinha, Lisa Black, Nahid Jalali, Hoon Choi, Zahra Sayedbonakdar, Mahboube Zandiatashbar, Daisy Brown, Lesley Harrison, Jennifer Franks, Bian Tan, Morag Burke, Kerry Farhadi, Majid Motamedi, Azam Agharlou, Mohammadjavad Manouchchri. Gary Cao, Jane Xu

Abbie welcomed parents and called the meeting to order. She reviewed this was the first PAC meeting in some time and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

The proposed slate was presented as follows:

Co-Chairs - Farrah Jinha & Abbie Milavsky

Vice Chair – Lisa Black

Secretary – OPEN

Treasurer – Bian Tan

DPAC Rep – Hoon Choi

Members at Large – Corey Zylstra (by-laws & education, Rob Zylstra (website updating), Morag Burke (treasurer assist), Andy Franks, Jennifer Frank, Nahid Jalali, Sanaz Milani

Abbie invited nominations from the floor, there were none and the proposed executive was accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report :**

Bian presented the income and expenses from the past 3 years and provided the current balances. Bian noted that most of the revenues come from the gaming grant and with better awareness of what the optional PAC donation goes towards, we can increase participation.

**DPAC Report:**

Abbie provided a DPAC report on Hoon's behalf as he was unable to attend the last meeting.

Oct 19 – Parent Ed event Sarah Ward, summary will be posted on Website.

Oct 24 – treasurer training took place

Nov 22 – Rob attended the web training session and will be updating the parent portion of the WVSS website

Dec 6 – Physical Literacy presentation

Possible presentations for PACs to consider (from Healthy Schools Committee):

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI 123)

Vaping Use and Addiction

Enrollment – increased by 80 District wide to 7,341 students, 12 academies and 6 specialty programs with newest one being the Outdoor Program for Grade 10 (at Rockridge).

Grade 10 – 12 curriculum implementation has been revised to Fall 2018 for Grade 10 and Fall 2019 for Grades 11 and 12.

Presentation by Learning Support Services on Milo – robot who works with students with special needs but is also being used classroom wide.

## **Principal's Report:**

Steve Raugh, Principal, reviewed key programs and successes at the school.

**ACE IT on Bowen** – 14 to 16 students learning to build houses and receive credit towards BCIT Carpentry program and enter second year of the program. Students got hands-on experience by building the foundation for new Bowen Island Children's Centre where they spent 5 days working with other tradespeople.

**Marketing 11/12** - Mr. Anderson assigned students to develop a project idea that encompassed environmental, social and economic sustainability. They used wood and repurposed palettes, sold products at the Bowen Island Youth Craft Fair and donated \$600 profits to the Bowen Island Children's Centre.

SPCA provided permission to use their logo and students used the school's Maker Space equipment to create a keychain with a paw print cutout. All proceeds will be donated to the local WV SPCA.

**Advisory Hamper Program** – all teachers oversee an Advisory class of 20-22 multi-year classes and create a holiday hamper for 26 families through North Shore Family Services, students fundraise and donate items and wrap the gifts for delivery before the holidays.

**Robotics Academy** – District Academy taught by Mr. Ablett and Team 10/10 are winning trophies from major competitions and design and engineering awards. The Vex Robotics Association issues a Challenge annually. We are hosting the tournament this weekend with 80 teams from BC and the US.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Chris Kennedy reviewed his role in working in with all schools and with the board of trustees and municipal and provincial governments.

## **Some shifts taking place**

Addition of new programs and academies to 15 or 16 academies to be available in 2018 in various areas from sports to robotics which had greatest growth in enrollment, computer animation in partnership with Cap University for senior students, partnership with Fisheries & Oceans to run an Environmental Science course for Grade 12 AP credit, board approval is forthcoming. Programs housed in one school but are district-wide and open to all students.

## **Demographics in our district**

Chris reviewed enrollment and growth and transfer from Bowen Island into high schools. (Unless grandfathered at WVSS, Bowen students now attend Rockridge). The challenge of a smaller high school means less program can be offered but we have balanced enrollment at all three high schools now and can offer students a range of options and programs in each school.

## **Changes in university admissions**

UBC is a leader and drives how other local universities address admissions and then the trend carries country-wide. Traditionally they look at 4 courses and others are not addressed. Their goal is to get the best candidates and thought is now to look at a more holistic approach and consider other courses.

Considering a Holistic Admissions process and looking at key grade 12 course being most important (ie. If applying for sciences those courses are most important). Then looking at core programs and then at all courses.

Math 12 is a predictor of how successful students will be in certain courses.

Capstone and personal profile and portfolios are becoming more important and relevant in admissions processes. Less so, will Grade 12 courses be the ones that count.

Students who enter university with more breadth are more successful in university.

Chris thanked parents for getting the PAC up and running again at WVSS and suggested we consider engaging all 3 schools on various programs such as facilitating supporting at-risk students with Supply Closet.

Abbie called for any other business items. There were none and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

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