**WVSS PAC Meeting Minutes**

22nd September, 2020

**In attendance:** Mindy Ward, Morag Burke, Dana Sebal, Lisa Black, Hoon Choi, Steve Rauh, XIAO Bo (Bob), Shahin Nanak, Monica Scoles, Leslie MacGregor

**Principal’s Report:**

* High degree of anxiety with the kids around Covid and we hope that they are feeling safe at school
* Kids are great at wearing masks – would like to see them wear them more often.
* **Steve and other VP’s to visit classrooms 23rd September**, to talk about hygiene protocols, mask wearing and encourage masks it in the classroom. They cannot tell kids to wear masks but will encourage as best they can
* The two class schedule is working well and parents quite like this format
* Adjustments have been made to timing of live online classes and also recording classes so kids can review at their convenience
* We are adapting and changing as we go along
* University applications – how are they affected with the new cohort system? No word yet from post secondary institutions. **Steve will update once more information comes available**
* Language Arts 12 assessment not going ahead this year
* VCH was very quick to respond to the case of Covid-19 we have at the school. They spoke with the individual and collection of contacts for tracing was done by the end of the school day
* VCH will only contact your students if there is an exposure and need to self-isolate

**Treasurer Report:**

* Mindy has filed the gamine grant and is waiting to hear the final amount. We have budgeted $25,000 fir this year. **Mindy to update at next meeting**

**Fundraising:**

* $25 optional donation on School Cash online will go live in October. **Mindy to draft communication out to parents**
* Poinsettia fundraiser went well last time and proposed to do again this year
  + **We are looking for a volunteer or two to head this initiative**

**Meeting Minutes Approval:** Minutes approved

DPAC Update:

Town hall was hosted on 2nd September with Chris Kennedy, Kelly Richter, Carolyn Broady and Vancouver Coastal Health Deputy Chief Dr. Mark Lysyshyn

DPAC is presenting Dr. Shimi Kang on 21st October, 2020 at 7pm – author of The Tech Solution

“Without idolizing or demonizing **technology**, Dr. Shimi Kang offers parents and teachers a science-based guide to its appropriate and positive place in our children's lives that's filled with practical advice and heart-sourced wisdom.”

**Other Business:**

* Staff appreciation lunch – postponed until December
* Looking to do catering or individual meals. **Genvieve Hassan to forward catering info on to Mindy & Dana for lunch**
* We will connect with Steve and pick a date. **Mindy/Dana to follow up**
* We are looking for another person to be Member at Large who can assist with Persian translation. **Dana to follow up**

**Communication and parent engagement ideas:**

* Looking at ways to help parents navigate high school. Now more important than ever
* Coffee morning for each grade with a specific topic that relates to that grade
* School wide coffee mornings more frequently