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General Meeting Minutes – VIRTUAL MEETING

Date: TUESDAY December 15th 2020

Time: 7:00

1. Chair's Welcome

2. Special Guest Speaker: Susan from Sequoia Solutions - Holiday Tree Gift Fundraiser

- Give the Gift that Truly Sucks - (CO2 that is)
- Christmas Card & Gift in One! Let us do all the work for you with this Covid-free Healing Holiday Gift - Mother Nature approved!
- What do I get? How does this work?
We will mail your loved one a cool Sequoia vintage Holiday postcard (made of sugar cane offcuttings) with your message and the GPS coordinates of a newly planted baby Sequoia tree in their honour. Their Sequoia can then be geocached for a fun treasure hunt! At a time when our beautiful Planet needs much Healing, these carbon sucking rockstar Sequoias are the perfect remedy, sequestering up to 3.5 metric tonnes of CO2 annually!
- One Sequoia Postcard with corresponding GPS coordinates (including postage) \$25
- with each Tree purchased 10% donated to school PAC
- Holiday Special - Buy 2, Get One Free \$50
- www.sequoiasolution.org
- Lisa Black gifts a tree to WVSS
- Mindy Ward will publicize in newsletter

3. Special Guest Speaker: Maureen Lee - Building Resilience During the Pandemic

Maureen has over 25 years of experience of working with children, youth, and families as a teacher, administrator, and elementary counsellor in the public school system. Maureen is currently the District Principal of Student Support Services for School District 45 (West Vancouver) and a Registered Clinical Counsellor. Her portfolio includes mental health, critical incident response, violent threat and suicide risk assessment, child abuse prevention education, comprehensive school health, and social-emotional learning. She works with schools to increase knowledge, awareness, and practices that increase the safety and inclusion of all members of the community. Maureen has a B.Sc. in Chemistry and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from the University of British Columbia, a Master of Counseling degree from City University of Seattle and is a PhD Candidate at Simon Fraser University in the Department of Educational Psychology.

See presentation here: Building Resilience During the Pandemic

4. Principal's Report – Mr. Steve Rauh

- Many thanks for parent support
- Transition from Quarter 1 to Quarter 2 highlighted change in Monday and Wednesday afternoon schedules to reduce the amount of time between class meetings.
- School is adapting to new normal
- Survey of students showed that like carrying less class load, longer times in classes, and remote learning. Challenges indicated by students is that the pace is too fast making some subjects hard to learn
- Midterm reports will post Friday before break
- Grade 12 students to receive counselors' email with slide deck of Post Secondary School updates
- Thanks to parents for support in toy drive and senior initiative- amassed 15 large boxes of toys and 10 boxes of stocking stuffers for seniors
- Band/choir filming holiday concert and link will be sent this week
- It's been a tough year, but have been learning to adapt. Have been constantly assessing what we do and what we can change or let go-we are adapting

- Thanks in advance to the PAC for the staff luncheon tomorrow
- Thanks to families for their trust in the school during these difficult times
- Appreciate the emails with questions and concerns and parents are encouraged to continue to reach out and contact
- Question about scheduling for next school year: too far out right now to say, but focusing on what we do like and what is working-possibility of a type of hybrid schedule-a blend between semester and quarter system

5. Treasurer Report –Mindy Ward

- Staff Appreciation Luncheon tomorrow, catered by Presto catering and Starbucks to donate the coffee
- Collected \$2600 for the computer lab upgrade from Growing Smiles fundraiser
- Probably will do a spring fundraiser with Growing Smiles
- \$25 PAC donation will continue to be publicized in every newsletter. This fund is used for scholarships, uniforms, staff luncheons, etc. As of now 183 donated totaling \$4575 raised. \$5000 has been allotted in the budget

6. DPAC Report: Hun and Monica

- Click the link for [DPAC Minutes](#)
- [Esports](#): *click to view presentation*
- [Esports slide presentation](#)
- *1/6/21 Annual DPAC Trustee Convention; 3 PAC reps to participate with the principal*
- *Looking for PAC input regarding gaming grant spending*
- *PACS need updated bylaws and to send copy to DPAC*

7. Questions Arising from Meeting:

- ***Is there a specific mailing list for PAC?*** *No, not for general PAC, but yes for Executive. Can join the Executive to become more engaged in the PAC process*
- ***Is the \$25 donation one time a year?*** *Yes*

8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Next WVSS PAC General Meeting

Date: TUESDAY March 9 2021 Time: 8:45 AM Venue: Virtual (link to be sent)