

## Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday November 08, 2023

Time: 9:10 AM

**Attendees:** Steve Rauh, Morag Burke, Dana Sebal, Rickilla Landra, Joy Zhou, Alice Chang, Debra Kimura

### PAC Executive for 2023-2024:

- Co-Chairs: Morag Burke & Dana Sebal
- Vice-Chair: Casey White
- Treasurer: Stephen Scali
- Secretary: Rickilla Landra
- DPAC Reps: Amy Ng and Joy Zhou
- Education & Athletics Council: Joanne Lotz
- Website: Alice Chang
- Translators: **Mandarin**: Emily (Xiao Yin) Wang  
**Farsi**: Parnian (“Peri Nouri”) Khajehnouri
- Members at Large: Leslie Macgregor, Debra Kimura, Wendy Wu, Emily Wang, Janny Fang, Julie Bruford, Peri Nouri, Francine Field

### 1. Treasurer Report – Morag Burke for Stephen Scali (unable to attend this meeting)

- a. **BC Gaming Grant**: Received a grant of \$25,440 (up from last year as we have 30 more students). This must be spent during the school year (or forfeit). Vote on breakdown of funds during future meeting. The school intends to use \$6,000 (\$3,000 was budgeted last year) for Safeteen program. Morag/Stephen to send a revised budget.
- b. **Fundraising**: Morag and Dana are in touch with the PACs at Sentinel and Rockridge regarding their fundraising efforts. Rockridge is holding a parents-only fundraising event. We will keep this in mind.

“*Growing Smiles*” plant sales have begun for Winter 2023. Casey White and Stephanie LeCompte have volunteered to help. November 28 is the cutoff for orders. Pickup is in WVSS cafeteria on December 13. All PAC members are encouraged to share the *Growing Smiles* link (below) on social media (Facebook, WhatsApp, etc). Information will also be posted in the WVSS bulletin. Dana did some comparison shopping and has verified that our prices are very reasonable.

[West Vancouver Secondary School \(growingsmilesfundraising.com\)](http://www.growingsmilesfundraising.com)

### 2. Principal’s Report – Mr. Steve Rauh

- a. Reminder that with the linear system, we are back to 3 school terms per year.
- b. Informal midterm reports were sent out already. First term report cards are due on November 28. December 1<sup>st</sup> we get the first term reports – checked on website
- c. Fielded queries regarding minimizing student cell phone use during class time. Steve explained that a global mobile phone ban cannot be instituted at this time.
- d. Meet the Teacher Night on Wednesday October 4 was a success. Parents would like to send heartfelt thanks to all staff for staying late into the evening and organizing so much material to share with us.
- e. Track upgrade update. Steve conducted a site walk-around with district officials. Construction is now expected to begin December 2023. There will be three storage sheds; however, the capacity of said sheds is yet to be determined. The plan thus far is to have space for sporting supplies from WVSS and Sentinel, but not Rockridge. The other West Van high schools would be willing to aid in group fundraising if they could be guaranteed space in the storage facilities.

- f. Remembrance Day ceremony will be held via in-class-video (no assembly) on Friday November 10, before 11 am. Steve feels the video of shared personal stories is educational and insightful.

### 3. DPAC Report

- a. The first DPAC meeting of the school year was held on September 27, 2023 (in-person). Subsequent meetings were on October 4 (in-person) and November 1 (online). Amy, Joy, Julie and Alice attended. <https://westvancouverchools.ca/dpac>
- b. DPAC discussed the treasurer report, noting there are a few thousand dollars remaining.
- c. WVSS could apply for a “traffic grant” from the West Van Police Dept. Parents raised concerns about pedestrian safety on Mathers and the left-turn timing at intersection at Mathers and 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Steve Rauh will find out how to initiate the process for gaining a traffic grant.
- d. Chris Kennedy reported that head counts show West Van Schools attendance is back to pre-covid levels.
- e. Mr. Kennedy also announced that Indigenous education will be taught in every school and that the West Vancouver Schools website has education strategy information.
- f. Future DPAC meetings may be held in-person or online, depending on attendance factors.

### 4. Questions/Actions

- a. The next WVSS parent coffee morning is scheduled for January 25, 2024.
- b. The next PAC executive meeting will be in April 2024 (TBA).
- c. Parents and students can access school information using the WVSS App, school website, and bulletin, all of which are controlled by the WVSS office. PAC members can send any relevant news to the WVSS office for Naomi to post.

### 5. Meeting Adjourned at 9:52 am