



PAC Meeting

Wednesday Feb 26, 2020

6:30 pm at Shevaun & Rod Brown's residence

Present:

Rod Brown

Shevaun Brown (Secretary, PAC)

Aron Campbell (Principal)

Pete Clearwater

Rachel Clearwater

Tanya Cosgrove

Corrie Davis

Mitchell Davis

Lisa Fairburn (Chair, PAC)

Sean Fairburn

Lauren Gilcrest

Kelly Kerklaan (Treasurer, PAC)

Heather Nelson

Heather Ramsbottom

Kelly Richter (Vice-Chair, PAC)

Kirstie Simpson

Jenn Tieche

Thomas Friedl

Meeting called to order @ 6:45 pm.

Adoption of minutes from Jan 28th meeting.

Kelly K, Kelly R

Adoption of the Agenda

Kelly K, Kirstie

Principal/Vice-Principal's Report (presented by Aron Campbell):

- Gratitude for Saleema Noon funding; lots of positive takeaways.
- Thanks to GEC PAC for providing beverages for Corrina Jones' retirement; reflections from Kelly R.
- Thanks to GEC PAC as well for providing coffee ahead of the Student-led conferences; well received and a great way to kick off the morning.
- Gratitude for funding of Zen Maker Labs ~ *What does the PAC want to look at as a follow on as we move forward?* Looking to purchase/build a 3D printer.
- Auditions for Intermediate musical "Wizard of Oz" will begin soon; looking for parent support with set design; Thursday June 4th – afternoon matinee and evening performance.
- Rachel looking to host Indigenous plant specialist to introduce some native plants to the school garden; money in the budget (\$1500) has been allocated to support development of a watering system. Rachel invited to submit a proposal for irrigation.

- Destination Imagination Team, under supervision of Vanessa Zandvliet, will be competing this Saturday at DI Regional tournament at Seycove Secondary; invited to attend provincials in April.
- Student Learning reports being distributed on the last Friday of term (March 13th).
- Concerns about how many cutlery requests are coming to the office during lunch. Discussion followed regarding how this problem might be solved, beyond further reminders to parents.
- Pink Shirt Day assembly emphasized the role of the bystander and defined bullying as repeated incidents; students' pinkies painted to show a commitment to kindness.

Chair's Report (Lisa Fairburn):

- Welcome and summary of meeting format
- Launch of Gleneagles School WhatsApp thread which is specifically for the sharing of school specific information; only PAC Exec have admin privileges.
- Upcoming parent social event scheduled for Saturday April 25th in the school gym; theme to be announced. PAC will be seeking silent auction donations. Lauren suggested there could be a 'tree of wishes' displayed for parents to purchase at their discretion. (PAC volunteers to facilitate as required.) *Could the silent auction start the week before and wrap up on the Monday following??*
- This year's budget outlines costs of this year's PAC funded events as well as various revenue generators, but we are on track for a \$10K shortfall after starting the year with a very healthy bank balance. This year the PAC has decided to focus on events which build community as a foundation for more focussed fundraising next year.
- Regarding donations, tax receipts can only be provided for cash donations made out to the West Vancouver School District because they hold the charity designation; these donations are held in the Gleneagles PAC trust account and can only be spent on capital items. However, money given directly to the PAC through silent auction or similar can be spent on whatever items the PAC determines (though no tax receipt can be issued).
- Hot Lunch – frustration with pizza day delivery and efficiency this term; we will be trialing Pastameli for Fridays in Term 3.
- Roots of Empathy ~ Heather Nelson will be looking for a new baby (born in June or July) to support curriculum delivery in the next school year. The curriculum is built around the concept that if kids can feel empathy for others, they are less likely to bully.

Treasurer's Report (Kelly Kerklaan):

- Kelly presented updated budget.
- Bank balances: with adjustments for Hot Lunch expenses still to be paid, we have approx. 34K in the chequing account; Gaming account has been spent down; Trust account sitting at over 17K (money that has built up in recent years)
- Changes to Revenues and Expenses from last month:
 - Pumpkin Patch: \$1800 received
 - Hot Lunch ~ we should hit budgeted amount of 13K after Terms 1 & 2.
 - Carpet for Kindergarten class
 - Road safety signs
 - ZEN Maker Lab: \$1500
 - Chinese Lunar New Year: \$250
 - Buses for Gr 7 trip to Rockridge: \$216
 - Childcare for Saleema Noon: \$48
 - Rockridge bursaries \$250 x 2 (\$500)
 - Staff appreciation for Corinna Jones: \$149.59
 - West Van Place for Sport: \$2500
- Budget for next year should be built around a wish list from teachers & admin.

DPAC Report (presented by Kelly R in Wendy's absence):

- Kelly (who is DPAC Chair) outlined the purpose and organization of DPAC: District PAC includes representatives from all schools in the District.
- In an effort to understand the new curriculum and how the Aboriginal education piece is woven throughout, DPAC will be hosting a number of 'Dinner and Dialogue' events next year.
- DPAC presenting a screening of the 'Like' documentary April 15th at Kay Meek ~ looks at how social media is affecting youth; to be followed by panel discussion.
- Chris Kennedy assured parents that there is daily discussion between WVSD and Vancouver Coastal Health; updates will be fed through to schools as necessary.
- West Van Place for Sport has still not met its fundraising goal; construction would begin in the Fall if they can secure adequate sponsorship.
- Presentation on student assessment
- Next month's DPAC meeting (March 4th) will include a presentation focusing on the teaching of Math (to address parent frustrations around the teaching of math, parent involvement, transition from elementary to secondary school, etc).

Adjourned; 8:15 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 22nd @ 8:45 am