

**West Vancouver DPAC Update with Carolyn and Chris
Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

School Attendance:

All West Vancouver parents and guardians are invited to DPAC General Meetings. Please try to send at least one representative to meetings.

Representatives present from the following schools:

Rockridge	WVSS	Caulfeild
Cypress Park	Eagle Harbour	Gleneagles
Hollyburn	Irwin Park	Pauline Johnson
West Bay	Chartwell	Ridgeview

Regrets: Bowen Island, Cedardale, Lions Bay, Sentinel, Westcot

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:03 am

Board of Trustees Report – Carolyn Broady

Bargaining

- BCPSEA and provincial government have settled with teachers. Ratified locally and provincially here in WV.

ESW School

- Question of when students may be able to physically return to school:
 - Thank you for support from parents, staff, administration
 - Nothing has been confirmed yet; all 60 school districts are waiting for direction from Dr. Bonnie Henry
 - Will not be a wholesale back to school by the end of the year; staff and student safety come first
- Hollyburn is designated for Tier 1 essential workers children. May open up to Tier 2.
- Taking direction with Ministers Dix & Fleming and Dr. Henry

Budget 2020-2021

- WV school district budget consultation process: postponing until June and not passing until late June. Currently too much uncertainty around return to school and international students.

Superintendent’s Report – Chris Kennedy

ESW school

- ESW school open from 7am-7pm
- Programming for elementary aged children. Approx. 20 children in Tier 1.

- Reassigned teachers and administrators staffing this school
- Information on ESW school available at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/news/essential-service-workers>

Continuity of Learning

- As of April 22nd, it is Day 16 of remote learning
- Fewer questions being asked now about continuity of learning, families are finding a rhythm
- Video conference learning: WVS have been very careful around privacy and security issues. Rolling out opportunities; parents are asked to direct any questions to school Principals.

Budget 2020-2021

- Uncertainty around international student registration – not knowing what the border restrictions might look like in the future
- Actively recruiting local students for the fall, more spaces are open in a second late immersion class at PJ in Grade 6

Graduation and End of Year Events

- Dr. Henry has mandated no large events; trying to find ways to celebrate graduates with social distancing requirements.
- Postponing events not ideal as we do not know what “later” is
- Same considerations in place for grade 7 and end of year celebration plans

Summer School

- Plan to proceed; may be online, in person or a combination of both
- First priority: high school completion courses. Huge appetite for that for summer, expect there will be high interest.
- May confine to only WVSD students. Regarding out of district students and learning, it is easier to do in person learning, harder to “export” that.

Other

- Planning is ongoing for fall; hope for in person learning, but contingency plans being made for remote learning.
- No administrative changes will be made this year due to COVID 19. Presently no retirements or leaves planned. Principals and VP will remain in place for Fall 2020.
- Check WVS website updates and remote learning resources: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/news/coronavirus-update>
- Ian Kennedy reported that Grade 12 marks are being reported to post secondary institutions through TRACKS; marks to be uploaded mid-May. Working with Ministry of Education.
- Parent feedback on schoolwork volume should be directly to teachers or principals
- Reminder not to forget the importance of keeping kids active and getting outdoors.
- When school resumes – we will meet kids where they are at and pick up from there.

PAC Sharing

What we are doing and not doing

Caulfeild

Anya – PAC CoChair

- Hot lunch- 3 options – refund via cheque, use funds next term, donate to PAC
- Hold/postpone fundraising events. Connect regularly to families with ebulletins via Facebook, WeChat, room parents. Holding PAC general meetings with zoom. Postponing AGM until September or October. Connect with school administration via zoom weekly. Staff appreciation day scheduled April 21st. Coordinators found a way to “appreciate” teachers. Purchased and set up spring planters.

Cypress Park

Emily Lapkin

- Virtual PAC meeting next week.
- Facilities staff did amazing work over spring break with garden beds, landscaping and edging, refinished benches. “Garden” classroom for when kids go back to school.

Eagle Harbour

Amit

- Using What’s app groups for communication. Email evening before with checklist from teacher. Parents can send upload or email back to teacher. Upper elementary use Google classroom. PAC meeting last week on zoom in morning, so more of a “family meeting” for families to connect.
- Educational care packages dropped off to students, really appreciated.
- Physical activity videos, morning announcement videos, connection to school is super important for students missing school interaction.

Gleneagles

Lisa Fairburn – PAC Chair

- Working on volunteer donations to Lions Gate Hospital. Gone through emergency supplies and donated masks, goggles, sanitizer, snacks. Communicating to parents through What’s app groups, Facebook; able to push notifications and messages (from principal). Highlights information that’s come out.
- Curious how virtual PAC meetings are going.

Hollyburn

Monica Scoles – Hot Lunch / DPAC Exec

- Connected through social media platforms to stay connected. 4-5 parents starting to plan backup contingency plan for Grade 7 leaving ceremony. Want to make sure there’s closure for students before moving on to high school.
- Hollyburn Donates: helping families struggling to put food on the table. Pushing info for hot lunch subscriber families from Hollyburn. Parents donate funds for food for families who are struggling. Presto Catering (hot lunch supplier) matching 30% donations.

Pauline Johnson

Lisa Black

- Cancelled all fun lunch through Foodie Kids; they are handling all refunds directly. Gala was scheduled for May 9th, most deposits have been received back. New date TBD.

- New Budget, with no other bills coming in, surplus of \$10K, no other fundraising will be happening in the near future (ie movie nights, etc.) so budget is up in the air.
- Teacher Appreciation will happen May 5th. Asking for sharing ideas to appreciate staff in these unusual times.

West Bay

Tanja Imhoff

- Not communicating all that much, quiet. Gala postponed from May until next year.
- Curious about appreciation, hot lunch, AGM, etc.

DPAC

- Suggest Slack to continue discussion. Click on link at bottom of DPAC regular email that was sent out.
- Virtual AGM, June 3rd. More information to come.

Closing comments: Chris Kennedy

- Any parent ed topics that people are interested in learning more about? Physical Literacy options, Google Ed & tech use tutorials, how to motivate kids? Email Chris directly with suggestions – these are relatively easy to set up. ckennedy@wvschools.ca
- Hoping to have new information after the May projections are released; tentative plan for another chat with DPAC/PAC after the May long weekend.

Save the Date: DPAC AGM is planned for Wednesday June 3, 9:30 am via Zoom. Details to follow.

Adjournment: 10:04 am