

PAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 28, 2023

IN PERSON – in the multi-purpose room

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

PAC Executive

Caitlin Adam (CA), Co-Chair

Emily Lefebvre (EL), Co-Chair

Julie Cole (JC), Treasurer

Sara Hyde (SH), DPAC Rep

Tiffany Muller Myrdahl (TM), Co-Vice Chair

Megan Atkinson (MA), Secretary

Marlene Cummings (MC), AOWG Rep

Regrets:

Taryn Hayes (TH), Past CoChair

Sara Osenton (SO), Co-Vice Chair

School Representatives

Jason Eng (JE), Principal

Additional Speakers

Craig Ollenberger - Grandview-Woodland Area Council (GWAC)

ITEM	LEAD	TIME
1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions	CA	6:30-6:32
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda Tiffany motion Emily second	EL	6:32-6:34
3. Green Field Closure update from GWAC Discussed the green field closure, where things stand now. There has been some lack of transparency from the VSB about what is happening with this. Currently the field is fenced and gated. It is open only during school hours and is locked all other times. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- PAC's avenue for communication is through the DPAC, we have brought this issue up- Parents can provide feedback to the principal (Jason) or through the DPAC Grounds & Facilities subcommittee- Previously there was some engagement with VSB and the dog owners but that has not continued. The closure happened without notice.	CO	6:34-6:39

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three East Van schools have fields that have been closed in this way (Nelson, Temp, Tupper) - no other schools in the district. - Craig - gwac.ca - contact for to provide feedback 		
<p>4. Spring Fair - June 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is a year-end celebration ● Similar scale to 2023, with a couple more activities, Jolly Jars are making a comeback ● Need volunteers for everything, please watch for the opportunity to sign up ● The fair organizers have been collaborating with the AWOOG - a check-in took place early in the process to align with anti-racism & anti-oppression values. This has been very productive. ● This will be a ticketed a event, but there will be financial support available for any families who need it 		
<p>4. Treasurer Report - see attached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Button maker for the Pride Club - Garden purchases - Future spending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethos lab - Social Media speaker - Teacher Stipend 	JC	6:39-6:44
<p>5. Upcoming Events - Volunteers Needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Movie Night - Save the date! Friday, March 8th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Movie is "Elemental" ○ Need help with set up, tear down, concession sales ○ Get your pizza order in by this Sunday <p>One more movie night before the end of the year - likely May</p>	CA	6:44-6:52
<p>6. DPAC update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group who is challenging the VSB decision to close Queen Elizabeth Annex has produced a guidance package about how to lodge a challenge. This document is available through the DPAC and can be found here - DPAC has been actively discussing SAA and teacher shortages. SAAs getting pulled to teach classes, outside of their union defined duties. There was a CBC article about the issue recently - Next DPAC meeting is tomorrow. 	SH	6:52-7:00

<p>8. AOWG Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter of concern regarding School Liaison Officer - went out from xxx. There is a template created for individual use for anyone who may want to also write the VSB - click here - BHM table set up - Black History Matters presentation - grade 5 & 6 - Walking tour of Hogan's Alley - grade 7 - Resources for teachers for Family Day & Pink Shirt Day - Ethos Lab in April - 2 classes made of 4 cohorts 	MC	7:00-7:08
<p>9. Garden Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indoor garden has been set up in the Salmon Pod, 7 trays with grow lights and heating mats - Planned for three new garden boxes - potentially April timing - We continue to apply for and be awarded grants - We would like to support the development of the Indigenous Garden that Ms Brenda started this year - If you are interested in helping in the garden, we especially need help during the summer months with watering. Please email meganatkinson33@yahoo.com 	MA	7:08-7:13
<p>9. Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jason continues to be impressed with the teaching staff, the creativity, the commitment to life-long learning. The support staff are also amazing. - Basketball: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jason is referee-ing basketball for all the teams - Several teams have parent helpers - Senior girls team made it to the quarter finals - AWOOG - Good collaboration with admin & Jason - Assemblies are popular, the school tries to accommodate parent who want to come but space is always - Values of the school are really demonstrated through the passion and commitment of the parents and staff 	JE	7:13-7:33
<p>10. Communications / Other items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Changing 1-2 meetings per year to Zoom (during cold season). There is support for this. Recent zoom meetings have been similarly attended as in-person meetings, but the participation is much better in-person. ● Can assemblies be live-streamed or recorded? or other performances? Jason will look into it, there are likely some privacy considerations ● For DPAC suggestions, see Sara Hyde ● Does the admin get info on kids who got accepted into Choice programs? Not really, they only get information about which students need to be pre-boarded to different high schools 	EL	7:33-

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does the kindergarten waitlist look like this year? over 90 registrations for 60 spots, sibling priority still exists. Not all elementary schools in the city have waitlists like we do but Britannia, Laura Secord, Queen Victoria are all quite full.• What does Sports Day look like? Divide the whole school into 4 teams (black, pink, blue, etc) and the Grade 7s run the events. The Grade 7s create the events, the events are fun (like potato sack races rather than traditional track & field events). An ask for the events to be more inclusive (like get points or prizes for making sure everyone gets across the line)		
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