

West Sechelt Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2022

ATTENDANCE (In Person): Aspen W, Liz H, Holly S, Erica M, Jeff M. (5)

(Via Zoom): Magnus E, Ted C. (2)

REGRETS: Brandee K, Lisa C.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Meeting started at 6:45pm
- b. Quorum met; Introductions
- c. Additions and acceptance of the Agenda **Liz, Holly 2nd**
- d. Acceptance of March 2022 Minutes **Holly, Liz 2nd**

2. REGULAR REPORTS:

- a. Chair Report:
 - i. Still looking for new PAC Members and a new PAC Chair
 1. Outstanding Chair (Aspen) will stay on to help
 2. We need to network more, get people to start small (popcorn), volunteer with friends
 3. Show the WSES community who we are
 4. Holly – suggest PAC Shirts, be present in the school, let people know we are on the PAC
 5. Kindergarten Orientation – May 25/26 – Be present, have coffee & cookies, do introduction and have information about PAC
- b. Vice Chair: Nothing to Add.
- c. Treasurer's Report:
 - i. Current Bank Account (April 5th): \$23,619.04
- d. Principal's Report: See Attached
 - i. Aspen: Is there any illness in school? Since mask mandate dropped? Jeff – still sickness in school and one family with Covid.
 - ii. Liz: Ask by a parent at Kinnickinnick if we send kids to Kinnickinnick as WSES is full? Jeff – No, there are revised catchment areas which add back small pockets of West Sechelt but not big/new developments, WSES functional size is 310 and we are at 266, so we are not full and have not had a flood of students since the catchment was expanded. At the moment WSES is closed to cross boundary students.
- e. SCS: Ted C.
 - i. Food Survey – We expect to see a rough draft of the survey on food choices in schools that will go out to parents soon and one for the staff/students is in the works too. Should be out by late April and then we will be collecting information through May and at that time will report to the Board.

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- ii. Summer Program – Is going ahead and needs staff if anyone knows any university students looking for 10 weeks of work and great experience.
- iii. After School Program – Well attended by WSES, LGBTQ Vibe which is great, working on discussions with boys concerning behaviour etc...
- iv. Garden – Chris Allen’s class will be back in the garden soon and still looking into boxes/ideas for the front of the school.
- f. SD46: Amanda A. Absent
- g. Traffic Safety: Magnus/Erica
 - i. Compiled Report and it has been sent to Jeff and the PAC Exec, went through important slides and findings.
 - ii. Main body of document complete, just need to add new pictures, update issues and clean up text before presenting it to the DoS
 - iii. The Active Transportation Project (Mason Connector) will address a number of concerns and DoS Improvements recently include: Speed Signs at Chat and a Crossing Light at Norwest Bay and Derby
 - iv. Speed sign at Chatelech is a Pilot Project and the district hopes to add more similar signs to schools in the future and WSES will be on the list.
 - v. The Active Transportation Project and Master Planning for Roads would like our team to be part of the input process
 - vi. Aspen – Why is the priority (for a speed sign) the High School and not a walking elementary school? M: Not sure, just happy for the progress.
 - vii. Raised crosswalks will be implemented at the intersection of Norwest Bay and Mason by the school.
 - viii. Aspen – We need to emphasise that WSES is a “Walking School” in the report and presentation
- h. DPAC: There is still no WSEPAC rep

3. OLD BUSINES:

- a. Hot Lunch Update (Lisa texted Aspen)
 - i. This Thursday (April 6) hot dog day order will be at the highest with a total of 146 orders
 - ii. El Segundo take out is coming up and a big order as well, serving chicken strips and tots, fish sticks and tots and vegan corn chowder This is the largest hot lunch order we have seen.
 - iii. Nourish is wondering if kids would like chicken wings and veggie sticks as a menu option or doing a beef burger and veggie burger with the option of a gluten free bun?
 - 1. PAC members all say Yes
 - 2. Aspen – Will find out the cost and let Lisa know how to proceed.
- b. Carnival
 - i. Need a committee to start planning; Lisa Croteau has offered to help.

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1. Ideas to get committee members – ask hot lunch volunteers, ask in person, send in newsletter
2. Aspen, Liz and Holly volunteered to be on the committee
 - ii. We still have a credit with the inflatable company that can be used
 - iii. Thinking of doing an early start time, like right after school (3:30 or earlier) so we keep it to WSES families, however may include ‘aged out kids’
 - iv. Will have to figure out how to ensure it is only WSES families and not coast wide – possibly use pre-ordered tickets, bracelets, minimal access points etc..

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Plant Fundraiser – Grade 7 Plant fundraiser was launched today, Chris sent out a email to the parents and paper forms went home with the kids, Erica will post on the PAC FB page. Need help on the day of, accepting the plants and getting them to parents.
- b. Food Guideline survey – <https://surveymoh.health.gov.bc.ca/public/survey/bc-school-food-guidelines-feedback-survey> - Government BC Food Guideline Survey, want PAC input

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:59pm

Next Meeting Date May 3rd, 2022 at 6:30pm

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West Sechelt Principal's Report: 5 April, 2022

1. The current enrolment is 266: we have had three students join the school and two students leave. There have been no staff changes.

2. Since our return from spring break we have adopted the "mask friendly" mandate as directed by public health and the Ministry of Education. We have removed the one-way hallways but have maintained some of our routines around exits while relaxing others. We returned to a 2:55 p.m. dismissal for all students (intermediate students were being dismissed at 2:45 to create less congestion at dismissal time) on April 4th . Students are able to do group work and are no longer required to avoid face-to-face seating. We have communicated to families that antigen test kits are available for pick-up at the school (one kit per student).

3. We have been given authorization to spend up to \$70,000 on furniture and equipment to enhance the school expansion. We already have quotations/bids from three suppliers and now we will prioritize items and start the ordering process recognizing that supply chain pressures are a factor.

4. We are planning to have the orientation for new kindergarten students and their families tentatively on May 25 or 26. We hope that the PAC will be able to have a representative to speak to the families and perhaps have some light refreshments. The event is usually planned to occur around 6 p.m.

5. We have started the investigation to have speed bumps installed in the front driveway. We sourced rubber/vinyl speedbumps that cost about \$800 each but the manager of the SD46 Maintenance Dept has indicated they would want asphalt speedbumps at a cost of perhaps \$3000 each. No final decision has yet been made. We are also investigating an improvement to traffic signage in the front of the school and perhaps ways to separate pedestrians from traffic at the drive-through lane with railing barriers.

6. We expect to be able to have sports day this year and thus hope the PAC will be able to provide support in the same way they have in the past.