

West Sechelt Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Aspen W, Jeff M, Holly S, Erica M, Brandee K, Liz H, Magnus E.

REGRETS: Amanda A, Ted C.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Meeting started at 6:37pm via ZOOM
- b. Quorum met; Introductions
- c. Additions and acceptance of the Agenda Holly, Liz 2nd
- d. Acceptance of December 2021 Minutes Liz, Holly 2nd

2. REGULAR REPORTS:

- a. Chair Report: See New/Old Business
- b. Vice Chair: Nothing to Add.
- c. Treasurer's Report:
 - i. End of December Bank Account: \$20,312.88
 - ii. Current Bank Account: \$22,136.84
 - iii. Y/E Profit: \$3,779.06
 - iv. Money going out for hot lunch expenses (popcorn supplies) and new freezer.
 - v. Gaming Grant came in (including the top up). Christine has put into class accounts. \$20 for each student, an extra \$100 for the Kindergarten classes and \$500 Principle Discretionary Fund, Top Up: \$1,010.
- d. Principal's Report: See Attached
 - i. Comments on Report: Aspen – Clarify ‘Functional Closure’? Jeff – school closures occurs for 3 reasons: 1. Not enough buses running or driver shortage 2. Functional – not enough staff to open and operate the school safely 3. Health reasons – too many cases at the school that VCH closes the school to stop the cases from spreading more. For 2. Functional Closure_ Day 0 – First Day – do everything in the school and admins power to get through to the end of the day. Day 1 – Similar to a PRO-D Day – no teaching. Day 2 – Supportive learning at home and students use their learning packages but no online or zoom teaching. Closures should only last 3 – 7 school days.
 - ii. Jeff – the district has done a very good job at ensuring enough staff is available to cover anyone that is sick. If staff is sick they block 5 days at a time so we can see a snapshot of the week. 8 of 12 EAs were away one week but the school still operated and replacements were found for most of them.
 - iii. Liz – Health Education – Spoke to Jessie and was wondering if she could email the parents with what they are teaching the children in school. Jeff thinks this is a great idea.
- e. SCS: Ted C. Absent – Reports that school farm is up and running and students will be making soup with the vegetables.

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- f. SD46: Amanda Absent – Please see email attached
- g. Traffic Safety: Magnus
 - i. Survey Results - key issues validated, comments are the most interesting part, will summarize findings in a report to the DoS.
 - ii. One of the Sechelt Counselors seems interested in helping – will reach out to them
 - iii. Looking into the Mason Connector to see what is included, updates and a timeline
 - iv. Committee hoping to meet soon and get together the concerns and asks to present to the DoS.
- h. DPAC: There is still no WSEPAC rep

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. New Freezer – Delayed until mid-February
- b. Card Project – Great fundraiser, \$680.32 Profit
- c. Poinsettias – missed the deadline for orders and will make sure to be on top of it next year.
- d. Hot Lunch Update
 - i. Going Well and Lisa is on board for ‘late order policy’ discussed at last PAC meeting
 - ii. Ordered new popcorn supplies
 - iii. Trying new ‘Nourish’ meals and will report on how it went at the next PAC meeting
- e. Carnival Update – Should we proceed with planning it or hold off until February?
 - i. All attending agree to hold off on planning to see what happens with covid We still have our \$2400 deposit with the bouncy castly rental and can use it for this year’s deposit. Actively moving forward with carnival planning

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. SD46 School Board Trustee appointment to West Sechelt is Amanda Amaral
- b. Sugar Bowl – will be postponed to around Easter this year as sports tournaments are on hold. Also there are no interschool sports games until the end of January.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:24pm

Next Meeting Date March 1st, 2021

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Amanda Amaral's Email:

Hello WSE PAC

Unfortunately I am not able to attend the PAC tonight.

The majority of the Boards current work is around truth and reconciliation. Recent board motions call for exploring installing indigenous place names at schools, similar to the signage on the hwy. This is an addition to our school signs.

Another motion was made to direct staff to look at the process to recognize the lives and experiences of residential and day school survivors with honorary graduation certificates and ceremonies.

School Tours are cancelled this year due to COVID.

You are able to reach out directly with any questions or comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

PARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Next public board meeting: Feb 09 2022 7pm,

Next committee meeting day is Feb 22 2022 10 am to 4pm

<https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/board-of-education-and-governance/board-meeting-schedule/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

- Trustee Blog: <https://sd46.bc.ca/trustee-blog-what-a-year/>

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West Sechelt Principal's Report: 18 January, 2022

1. We welcomed one student in January so that the current student enrolment is now 265. There have been no staff changes.
2. As you know, the return from winter break was paused one week to allow staff to prepare in case of the need for a functional closure due to insufficient staff being available to operate the school safely. There is no plan to have students make up that lost time later in the year. Mr. Marshall will be able to answer any questions you may have about how a functional closure is expected to work should one be needed.
3. The school has been continuing with on-going communication with families to improve clarity and understanding about how illness (COVID-19 or otherwise) should be managed. Mr. Marshall will be able to answer any questions you may have about this aspect of the return from the winter break.
4. Mr. McGinnis, the Unitech site superintendent, has been able to continue addressing items on the expansion deficiencies list. Last week the new sink cabinet was installed in the all-user washroom and it looks beautiful. SD46 Maintenance built and installed the new unit. The concrete pads for the bear-proof garbage cans have also been installed. Additionally, the grade/retaining wall issue at the littles' playground was fixed and a new sidewalk was poured to give easier access from the staff parking lot area.
5. The Health Education lessons began last week. For the past few years we have contracted a specialist teacher to deliver this part of the curriculum.
6. Literacy Week planning is in full swing. We are trying to balance the need to acknowledge the challenges to some of our traditional activities that would not be allowed under our current protocols while still honouring the spirit of the week. We will be using Zoom to invite authors into the classrooms and I will be doing a whole-school story reading to kick things off.
7. The new scooter rack has been installed in the bike parking area.
8. The grade 7's will have an opportunity to play basketball at Chatelech Secondary after school on Fridays with the School's Out Transition Program hosted by the Roberts Creek Community School from January 28 until spring break. This program is designed to allow them to meet grade 7s from other schools as they prepare for high school; unfortunately, the Omicron surge has meant a shift to a WSES-only program this year.
9. Mrs. Rempel and Mrs. Paolozza joined Mr. Marshall and representatives from all of the other schools to meet as a district working group to plan with the goal to help support school teams transition to the new reporting order that comes into effect in September, 2022. The teachers have already attended one of three paid, after-school in-service sessions to support their personal transition.