

# West Sechelt Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes & AGM

June 8, 2021

**ATTENDANCE:** Aspen W, Jeff M, Holly S, Brandee K, Erica M, Amanda A, Ted C, Magnus E, Sarah M, Liz H, Kristen (11)

**REGRETS:** Cheryl

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Meeting started at 6:37pm via ZOOM
- b. Quorum met; Introductions
- c. Additions and acceptance of the Agenda Brandee, Liz 2<sup>nd</sup>
- d. Acceptance of February 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes Magnus, Brandee 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 2. REGULAR REPORTS:

- a. Chair Report: See Below in New/Old Business
- b. Treasurers Report:
  - i. Current Bank Account: \$17,903.71
  - ii. Playground account closed and funds added to PAC account, as well as a dividend from another account (approx. \$50) and adonation of \$100 came in from Veronica Brackett
  - iii. Port-a-Potty at Cascade Green – contract ends at end of June, DoS may continue contract without the PAC
- c. Principals Report: See Attached
- d. SCS: Ted C.
  - i. Nutrition Program: Going well. Lisa will be finished and cleaning up on June 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be funding from SD46 for food programs for next year. Ted will talk to Lisa and staff to meet the students' needs. Opportunity to look at getting a solid program in place with a hot lunch coordinator/snack person with funding/pay.
  - ii. Garden going well with grade 4/5- planting, harvesting potatoes for food bank and selling strawberry plants.
  - iii. Summer Program at Sechelt Learning Center – only 16 kids per day as trouble with staffing. Registration opened June 1 for general public. It is full and waitlisted.
  - iv. After School Care next year – Seamless Day to continue and older children will be bussed to Sechelt Learning Center.
- e. SD46: Amanda Amaral – See Attached PAC/Board Report
  - i. Announcement: New Superintendent – Kate Kerr
- f. DPAC: There is still no WSEPAC rep

## 3. OLD BUSINES:

- a. Road Committee – Will have a zoom meeting thursday night. Five Members: Christine Clayton, Al, Magnus, Erica and Terri. On the DoS radar too. Pass any thoughts along to ensure the committee gets it.

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### 4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Freezies and Popcorn for School: Best day – June 16<sup>th</sup> for popcorn and freezies will be by class whenever the teacher would like.
- b. June Spending Approvals:
  - i. Teacher appreciation lunch or something: Very unique year and teachers have had a number of challenges. Need to acknowledge the staff. Ideas: Brandee – Lone Wolf – packaged lunches, Sarah – Flowers, Holly – Food Gift Cards, Aspen – El Segundo, Jeff – something easy, packaged (no gym access). 37 Staff. Maybe Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Sarah made a motion to approve up to \$700 to get meals made for the staff as a staff appreciation lunch. Liz 2<sup>nd</sup> **MOTION CARRIED**
  - ii. Bike Maintenance via Lisa Allen – Bikes have been used a lot and have not been maintained in a few years. Pay for a tune up of up to \$60 each (\$300) at Off The Edge). To note: Off the Edge also donated 5 tune ups for Transportation Month. Magnus Made a motion to spend \$300 for bike tune ups at Off The Edge Holly 2<sup>nd</sup> **MOTION CARRIED.**
  - iii. Retirement Gifts – Mikey Wagman – working with Ray Clayton  
Holly made a motion to approve up a \$100 gift certificate for a retirement gift for Mikey Wagma. Brandee 2<sup>nd</sup> **MOTION CARRIED**

### 2021/2020 PAC EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS:

Chair: Aspen W

Vice Chair: Liz H

Treasurer: Holly S

Secretary: Erica M

Hot Lunch Coordinator: OPEN

Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN

Grocery Receipts: OPEN

DPAC Representative: OPEN

**MEETING ADJOURNED 7:56pm**

**Next Meeting Date TBA**

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## West Sechelt Principal's Report: 8 June, 2021

1. The current student enrolment is down to 241. There have been no staff changes. The school remains closed to cross-boundary transfers.
2. The construction project remains on schedule. The gym will be closed to students after June 6 so that the overhead fire sprinklers can be fitted. This will not impact the grade 7 leaving ceremony use. The classes in the portables have begun packing their non-essential materials in preparation for the move on June 25.
3. The grade 7 leaving ceremony will again be impacted by the pandemic: unfortunately, family members will not be invited to join the ceremony in the gym but they will be given access to a video and invited to participate in a celebratory vehicle parade like the one that we hosted last June.
4. The Grade 5s and 7s are participating in follow-up lessons to engage in the data collected during the Middle Years Development Index survey facilitated by UBC each year. The survey examines five domains of the children's lives at home and at school: Social and Emotional Development; Physical Health and Well-Being; Connectedness; Use of After-School Time; and, School Experiences. This is a chance for students to see how their perceptions/experiences compare with others' and how WSES compares with other SD46 schools. The process also investigates how the students might use their new information to affect positive change for themselves and the school.
5. This month is Pride Month in SD46. We had a quiet ceremony on Monday, May 31, to raise the Pride flag and to highlight our commitment to inclusion of everyone in our school. Sadly, as soon as the flag was raised, we then lowered it in honour of the children and their families affected by the discovery at the Kamloops residential school.
6. We have learned the names of some of the teacher staff changes: Mrs. Goerzen's library replacement will be Danielle Arsenault; Ms. Bisset's classroom replacement will be Ashly Fraser; Mr Styles inclusion support replacement will be Ron Fremont – Mr. Fremont was here part-time in 2020-21; Mr. Fremont's part-time inclusion support replacement will be Dani Lawson; and Ms Brooks classroom replacement will be Tlell Bristow (note: Ms. Bristow will share this position – she will teach 0.4 and a TBA teaching partner will teach 0.6).
7. Work has been done to improve the morning drop-off routines for drivers. This included new signage and the presence of the principal to be able to "coach" drivers. It is felt that an improvement has been realized and practices are now safer.
8. Following the work that was done to bring us into the FreshGrade era, we are investigating shifting the performance scales currently being used in Schedule 1 and 2 elementary school reporting. School teams have met and are in favour of adopting the current interim reporting plan language that is expected to come into effect in the fall of 2022. There is still a process to work through and no changes will be made until approved by the Board of Education.

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PAC/ BOARD REPORT:

FEEDBACK FOR BOARD??

Main discussions of note:

- Trustees continue to enjoy virtual school tours via committee of the whole. We are excited to get an update from each school.
- Superintendent recruitment is in final stages.
- Both of our policies: anti-poverty and arts in schools are in draft stage of circulation to stakeholders
- SD46 board had 2 motions passed at the provincial level for advocacy for increased funding for both mental health supports and roots of empathy at our annual AGM.
- The budget recommendations came to our operations committee meeting and trustees were excited to see money in the budget for counselling and food, 2 items we have been advocating for.

PARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Next public board meeting: May 12 2021 7pm

<https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/board-of-education-and-governance/board-meeting-schedule/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

Next committee meeting day: May 25: 9:30 am to 4pm