



Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School (SWC)  
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## SWC PAC Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Participants: 146 participants

## MINUTES

7:00 pm Call to order, welcome - Anita Chui

- SWC PAC Zoom meetings are made available through DPAC. Thank you to Vancouver District PAC (DPAC) and to Vic Khanna for arranging these PAC meetings. A reminder to send questions and concerns to Churchill PAC ([churchillpac@gmail.com](mailto:churchillpac@gmail.com)) directly instead of to Vik/DPAC.
- M-A-L / Rep introductions:
  - Members-At-Large: Rana Sangha (n/a), Rosita Di Fruscia, May Ke (absent), & Dina Liu (absent)
  - ELL Parent Rep: Joan Luo (n/a) & Chris Zhang (absent)
  - Communications Coordinator: Rosita Di Fruscia (effective 12/1/2020)

7:05 pm Student Report – Mr. Nicholas Lum, President, SWC Student Council

- Previously, the Among Us tournament was a huge success. Student Council is now planning a MindCraft tournament with more information to come soon.
- Mental Health Fair by Mental Health Club - online event, sign up on Microsoft Teams. Talks from BC Crisis Centre, Adam's Apples Foundation, St. John's Ambulance - learn about mental health.
- Bulldog Music Festival organized by the Music Department - any Churchill student can submit a performance that will be put together for students to view. Prizes will be given out for participants and more information is available from the Music Department's social media site and Microsoft Teams, with the submission deadline as March 31st.
- School apparel and merchandise - Sweatshirts and hoodies ordered before Christmas will be distributed soon. Students will get an email to go pickup the paid merchandise. Available for sale soon - Bulldog T-shirts, sweatpants, crewnecks.

7:15 pm Staff Report – Mr. Victor Lam (n/a) & Mr. Connor Levesque, Faculty Reps

- VSB made changes to Q3 to create more face-to-face time with students and a one week rotation change. Teachers are working to recreate courses and curriculum to make engaging activities for students. Please contact teachers directly if clarification is needed regarding the changes.
- Interactive learning opportunities - group component while still maintaining physical distance.
- Masks - with increased in-person teaching, it becomes more important to wear masks. Please encourage students to wear masks.
- Math competitions:
  - PCF - Grades 9 -11, registration due today, but Mr. Levesque can still add names this week. Students can register in room A316.

- Euclid competition - Grade 12 students applying to Waterloo for Math, Science and Computer Science are encouraged to take this. Registration deadline is mid-March, test is in the first week of April.
- FGH competition - Grades 9 -11, short answers, registration late March, test on April 14.
- Gauss - Grade 8s and incoming Grade 7s, multiple choice, registration deadline in mid-April, test at the end of May.
- Canadian Computing Competition - registration Feb 5 deadline, written at Churchill.

7:25 pm Constable Ben Wong-Moon, School Liaison Officer (SLO). Discussion facilitated by Rina Ng, PAC Social Committee Coordinator.

- Constable Moon-Wong:
  - Self-introduction: 4th year as School Liaison Officer for Churchill and Magee. Varied policing background - tactical, Patrol, Recruiting.
  - SLO Overview and history: SLO program started in 1972. Goals: to promote police as approachable, accessible community service, reduce barriers between youth and police, prevent crime by proactive presence, enhance community safety through education and to promote policing as a potential career for students. Goals achieved through positive talks, informal interactions, legal resource for students, counsellors and staff, help with mental health crisis, suicidal thoughts. Encourage to coach teams, run clubs, attend field trips. Churchill Strong Training Club twice a week after school. Criminal investigations, avoid introducing youth to the criminal justice system, instead opting for extrajudicial measures, sanctions and warnings. caution. Enhance school safety and security. Lockdown procedures. Friendly and approachable, greeting.
  - Cyber bullying - introduced at elementary level to address issues about one-on-one cyberbullying and bullying issues.
  - Gangs - separate gang program - tours, talks to students by ex-gang members.
  - Reduction of SLO presence in schools - Important to have police officers in schools, as part of the school community. Students should learn how to deal with police. SLO is not in schools to monitor students, but for safety, to be proactive and to alleviate fears. Positive to have police presence in schools.
  - re: Racism against black, indigenous and transgender students - No bias or prejudice. Constable is also a person of colour.
  - At school - Tuesdays to Fridays. Can reach Constable Moon-Wong through Churchill Administration. Walks around halls, not to monitor or patrol. Mainly for interaction, making connections, informal.
  - re: cancelling SLO program - If the SLO program was not around, an unknown patrol officer with or without specialized youth training, who may have no rapport with the school or relationship with the admin would be called upon to respond to a police incident.
  - re: school shooting response - school lockdown practiced during drills - classrooms locked, students hiding under desks, lights closed. Admin calls the police and within less than a minute, the police will be there.
  - Churchill students are great.
- Rina: in terms of the Churchill community, as our Constable, how do you reassure parents from different ethnic backgrounds and make their kids comfortable in your presence, with regards to recent news about police brutality, especially in the USA?

Moon-Wong: In Vancouver, people are aware of different cultures. SLO can help to reduce the barriers by being kind and friendly in school. Aim to make students feel comfortable so that when they grow up, they can be comfortable seeking out police.

- Mike Lattimer, Head of Counselling Dept: SLOs are there to help kids learn law, how to fix and correct mistakes. Without SLO, Churchill will be a lesser community.
- SWC PAC will poll parents at the next PAC meeting about how they feel about continuing the SLO program. This information will be relayed to VSB.

7:50 pm Course Planning - Mike Lattimer

- Feb 1 - everything on Teams. Counsellors will make information available on Teams and will be in their offices to help students. Parents can email or call counsellors with questions.

7:53 pm **POLL #1: What grade is your child in?**

- Grade 8 = 30; Grade 9 = 21%; Grade 10 = 27%; Grade 11= 16%; Grade 12 = 9%, 2+ kids = 9%

7:55 pm Principal's Update - Ms. Annette Vey-Chilton

- Please see attached [Addendum](#) for Principal's Report and Q&A responses

8:35 pm Other Business

- Approval [Meeting Minutes November 24, 2020](#). Motion: Gurmit Sangha, Second: Rina Ng. Approved.
- SWC PAC Constitution ([rev November 2020](#)). Current PAC Constitution was amended in 2003. PAC would like to update this Constitution per PAC meeting notice dated November 23, 2020 so that it is in line with the Vancouver District PAC's Constitution and Bylaw, posted on PAC website. Motion: Gurmit Sangha, Second: Clement Law. Approved.

PAC vote via **POLL #2: Motion to approve Churchill's PAC Constitution and Bylaws (as per draft dated Dec/2020) posted on website? Yes = 98%, No = 2%.**

- PAC Scholarship - Gurmit Sangha. In previous years, annual PAC scholarship amounts = \$500 x 12 students. PAC does not decide the recipients, but they are selected by the Scholarship committee. Last year, PAC only gave \$3,000, and only \$3,000 was approved for this year. PAC would like to request to increase to \$6,000 for last year and this year, through Gaming Funds given by the government.

PAC vote via **POLL #3: Do you approve of an additional expenditure of \$3,000 for a total of \$6,000 in PAC scholarships for 2020/21? Yes = 95%, No = 5%.**

Action: To be polled at the next PAC meeting: **Do you approve of an additional expenditure of \$3,000 for a total of \$6,000 in PAC scholarships for last year 2019/20?**

8:49 pm Adjourn

Next PAC Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2021