



Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
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SWC PAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
School Cafeteria

The PAC meeting was called to order by PAC Co-chair Helen Nichols at 7:00 pm.

Student Report: Nil report provided for this meeting.

SWC Staff Report (provided by Mr. A Pronger):

- Sports activities have been progressing well; SWC was at the provincial curling championship.
- A memorial event is being planned for former SWC staff member, Ed Olson, who passed away recently from cancer.
- SWC also participated in math championships in which one SWC student came in first (out of 27,000 contestants) and the SWC team placed second - well done!

Guest Presentation: Volunteering (Ms. Leah Berelowitz, YMCA.)

- YMCA offers a range of programs for young children, youth and families. Drop-in programs also available. Volunteering opportunities are available to work with children, obtain leadership skills and gain experience in office administration. Applications can be done on-line (www.vanymca.org). Interested students and their parents can also contact Ms. Berelowitz at 604-326-3311.

Guest Presentation: Volunteering (Ms. Anntuaneth Figuero, Marple Oakridge Community Centre.)

- MOCC offers volunteering opportunities as sports or youth coaches, youth council and committee members, or as customer service staff in the snack bar. Applications are accepted year-round, but are paper-based (available at the MOCC), or can be downloaded from the website, printed and emailed/dropped-off at the MOCC.
- Day camps are also offered in the summer for 5-12 year olds and 5 volunteers per week are needed for those activities.

- Details are at www.marpoleoakridge.org. or 604-257-8180.

Principal's Report: (Mr. Kevin Land.)

- SWC students will be participating in a national science fair in Toronto, and in the Reach For The Top competitions.
- 2,020 students are estimated to be enrolled in the 2017-2018 school year. Timetable building for next year is underway incorporating the extra teaching blocks given by the provincial ministry as a result of the court ruling. The school calendar is in the process of being drafted, incorporating PD days, parent-teacher meetings and other important dates.
- Spring Athletics: activities underway in soccer, volleyball, golf, ultimate, track & field and tennis.
- There will be an earthquake simulation drill this Friday (April 28) at 2 pm.
- Term 2 report cards will be paperless and can be accessed through the Student Family portal on the MyEd website. If parents are having difficulty obtaining access, they can contact the office for assistance.
- The school dance that was planned for this week has been cancelled due to low ticket sales, but there is a school carnival coming up.
- Grad 12 graduation will be on June 6 at 11 am (SWC will be closed that day so that younger siblings can attend). The event will be at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.
- June 8 - Grad Dinner/Dance will be held.
- IB exams start next Monday.
- Mr. Land also expressed his appreciation to the PAC for the Staff Appreciation Lunch that was held on April 7.

Meeting Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting of the SWC PAC will be the AGM on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm.