



Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
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S W C P A C GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 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 Ms. L. Siedlecki):

- Sports activities have been progressing well; most teams have recently been at provincial tournaments or other championships.
- Tryouts are beginning for spring sessions of soccer, volleyball, badminton, softball, ultimate and others. Times are posted outside the gyms.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Feb. 16 - good turnout and meetings.
- Jazz Cabaret was held again on Feb. 23. More than 150 guests were hosted with a 20-bottle wine wall, good music and 40 silent auction items. Proceeds will be given to the SWC Catering Club.
- Student music teachers are planning a music concert on April 19 from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- Spring Music Concert will be held on May 24 and 25.
- Vitality Dance showcase will be held next Thursday.
- Ms. Siedlecki will be leaving SWC on maternity and will be replaced as PAC's staff liaison by Mr. Alan Connor. Helen Nichols expressed PAC's appreciation for Ms. Siedlecki's work and support.

Principal's Report: (given by Mr. Bret Schieman in place of Mr. Kevin Land.)

- 21 extra teaching blocks have been given to SWC by the provincial ministry as a result of the \$50 million the provincial government is required to allocate as a result of the teaching contract court ruling. These became effective today and will be primarily used for enhancing educational services for vulnerable youth.

- A memorial for Mr. Ed Olson, a teacher at SWC who passed away on January 30, will be arranged in the near future. He will be missed by his colleagues and by the students he inspired during his career.
- Changes to the school calendar will be made by the Vancouver School Board (VSB) for the 2017-2018 academic year. The last day of classes will be on Dec. 22 and the first day back in the New Year will be on January 8. Details will be posted on the VSB website.
- Term 2 report cards will be paperless and can be accessed through the Student Family portal on the MyEd website.

Guest Speaker: (Mr. Michael Lattimer, Counselling Department Head)

- Mr. Lattimer provided a special presentation of perspectives to help parents understand the ever changing world of the teenage brain and why adolescents sleep in, take risks and won't listen to reason.
- Some of the main messages from the evening: (1) work on connections with your child (put the phone away!); (2) persevere and be patient - model love!; (3) understand the individual; (4) attend to the little things ("little kindnesses"); (5) keep commitments; (6) clarify expectations; and (7) apologize sincerely (our children are like "sponges" and will notice our mistakes).
- Max Lattimer, Michael's son and a Canadian Olympian, gave a short presentation along with a companion on how athletics leads to growth in the post-secondary world. Athletics allows students to let go of their ego and learn how to work in a team, as well as gain time management and other important skills that will serve them well in any occupation. Failure is also instructive; it can teach young people a great deal about realistic goals and how to reach them.

Meeting Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting of the SWC PAC will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

