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SWC PAC Meeting

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Minutes:

7:00 Welcome (Mr. Gurmit Sangha)

- SWC PAC Constitution Amendment

Motion to adopt the following changes to the SWC PAC Constitution & By-Laws:

Add to page 2 before Table of Contents: **“Section 3 revised to include “sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, and gender identity or gender expression” as adopted by the Parent Advisory Council at the general meeting held 2019 January 29.”**

Change section 3 on page 3 to read as follows: **“(3) The business of the PAC shall be conducted without bias towards race, religion, gender, politics, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, and gender identity or gender expression.”**

Motion: Gurmit, Second: Anita, Oppose: None. Motion passed

7:10 Student Update (Mr. Mathew Cheesman, Co-Chair)

- 35,000 cans donated to the Canley Cup exceeding expectations
- Valentine’s day grams to be sent – including roses
- Student election discussion - younger execs will take charge

7:20 Faculty Update (Mr. Victor Lam, French Immersion teacher)

- Area standards – BC 30% lower in per people space allowance – not enough space
- Educational funding model – new report released – not proper student assessment
- June 30, 2019 - CUPE BCTF has started negotiations to bargain with VSB re: teachers in Vancouver public schools, as teachers’ contracts expire on June 30th. The HR Department is working on the contracts to avoid disruption to school.

7:30 Principal’s Report (Mr. Kevin Land)

- Dec 11 and 12 - 2 Winter concerts
- Assemblies in December
- Presentation of Canley Cup
- Bulldog Classic tournament
- Jan 9 - Prelude Info Night
- Jan 10 - District info night for IB
- Jan 15 - Lockdown Drill
- Jan 22 - Info night on programs for next year’s Grade 8 students
- Jan 17 - Parent Teacher conferences - 104 teachers
- Jan 22 and 25 - double blocks for IB students to take mock exams.
- Jan 22 and 25 - Field Trips

- Jan 29 - Grades 8-10 - New graduation program, course selection. Online course selection. Can change mind later. Ms. Blair builds next year's time table. VSB deadline by March 15 for tally.
- 12 UBC and 4 SFU student teachers at SWC for a few weeks
- Feb 2-5 - One Act Plays - 5 teams
- Feb 19-22 – Multi-Cultural Week
- Feb 28 - Fine Arts Showcase
- Athletics - basketball, table tennis

7:45 Awards/Student Recognition (Ms. Sonia Blair, Vice-Principal)

- What is student achievement? Definition?
- History of the Honour Roll and the Principal's List at SWC
- New curriculum's aspects and the awards do not match
- Moving towards the 4-point elementary school system for the younger grades at Van Tech Secondary. Instead of an Honour Roll system there is a Breakfast of Champions to recognize the students with high academics.
- At PW Secondary there is an afternoon reception with students playing music, with certificates being handed out to those students with high academic marks.
- Abbotsford has a student showcase-
- Aligning awards with the new curriculum
- Science Fair - advance to Regionals. This is a form of recognition.
- Grade 12 scholarship program - scholarship, citizenship, contributions to school
- Sli.do app to suggest ways to SWC to recognize high academic achieving students. EVENT #5884
- Mental health issues associated with an honour roll system. Dropout rate in post-secondary is high.
- Without the Honour Roll system teachers are no longer harassed by students for 1 or 2 points.
- Students need to show teachers that they understand learning outcomes, issues.... rather than just be concerned with marks.

8:00 Adjournment

- Parents are welcome to suggest speakers for the next PAC meeting.
- Next PAC meeting on Tuesday February 26th at 7:00 pm.