

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
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SWC PAC Meeting

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Cafeteria

MINUTES

- 7:00 pm Welcome and Report of PAC Activities, 2017/18 - Helen Nichols
- Introduction of SWC PAC to new parents - 6 meetings per year (faculty, student council, Principal updates), fund-raising (Purdy's), guest speakers (Duke of Edinburgh, SACY, cadets, Outward Bound, Volunteer opportunities), special seminars (Terry Small), Documentaries (Screenagers), Faculty Staff appreciation lunch.
 - SWC PAC Execs - Rina Ng, Lia Lindsey - organized today's desserts, coffee, tea
 - PAC Execs with graduating children are presented with bouquets as a token of appreciation - Sylvia Jackson, Lily Li, Jane Lyn
 - 2017-2018 Student Council Presidents, Bradley Hoy and Patrick Lee are presented with Starbucks gift cards from PAC to show appreciation
- 7:05 pm Student Report – Mr. Bradley Hoy, 2017-2018 SWC Student Council Co-President and Mr. Matthew Cheeseman, 2018-2019 SWC Student Council Co-President
- Bradley - 5 Executive positions have been voted in for 2018-2019 Student Council, Grades 10-12 to mentor younger grade reps. Elections for Grade 9, 10 reps during lunch.
 - Matthew - Carnival - fun, lack of generators to blow up the rides. 5-6 different large events/attractions - dunk tank, Cops for Cancer, talent show. More shifts for reps so they can circulate around events. Get reps more involved in planning and vision of Student Council. New executives are running the Grade rep elections this week.
 - Bradley - high school is the time for exploration and self-discovery, encourage kids to do all that they can, new events, socialize, do everything, leadership opportunities.

- 7:10 pm Staff Report – Mr. Alan Pronger, Faculty Representative
- 2.5 weeks of classes left, busy time for staff
 - May - Spring play, Dance show, concerts, field trips, graduation, prom
 - June 12 - Athletics banquet, \$5 ticket, food, photos, videos, speeches, awards.

- 7:15 pm Principal's Update – Mr. Kevin Land, Principal
- Athletics - Senior Ultimate (Bronze), co-ed sports, tennis, track and field championships (23 students), soccer, volleyball. Every team is coached by a teaching staff
 - Fine Arts performances - Film night and short drama show, Spring concerts
 - Year 2 IB students - Grad dinner
 - Field trips - 400 students at Playland, etc.
 - Carnival - Slip and Slide, Constable Moon-Wong with portable metal jail for Ride to Conquer Cancer (water balloon throw at Mr Land and Mr Nicks)
 - 2018-2019 - 2,010 projected students, 10 less than this year. 108 full-time teachers. 5 teacher retirees (3 in French Immersion), 4 teachers moving to other districts. 10 postings to be advertised.

Upcoming Events:

- June 5 - Collab Day
- June 7 - Grad dinner dance - UBC Nest, 6:00-11:00 pm, 370 seats sold out. June 11 - Grad Rehearsal in gym. Get grad gowns and 2 grad tickets. Extra tickets are \$5 from school office.
- June 14 - Grad at 6:00 pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Dismissal at 2:00 pm.
- 2018-2019 School Calendar out.

2018-2019 school year :

- Sept 2018- Meet the teachers Night - 6:00 pm for Grade 8, 12 and ELL parents. 7:00 parent walkabout (children's timetable).
- January 2019 - Parent interviews.
- PAC - parents please join PAC to support children, recognize teachers, fundraise (scholarships, club fees).

- 7:25 Mr. Nicks, Vice- Principal
- School Plan - 2-3 specific goals to focus on for a 3-year period. 2018-2019 is the 1st year of new 3-year plan. Mr. Nicks is

organizing a focus group of students, teachers (also looking for parents to join), to prepare document for VSB.

- Common core values - respect, community, diversity, inclusiveness, academics, honesty, resilience, sustainability, integrity, responsibility, compassion.
- 3 goals:
 - Increasing knowledge of aboriginal culture
 - Facilitate social and emotional growth of students (anxiety, stress, mental challenges, negative interpersonal interactions - social media) so that they can explore interests and learn safely.
 - Support positive integration into Churchill community for all new students entering at any grade level. ELL, IB new and older students. Also, to welcome new staff. Email: jnicks@vsb.bc.ca
- Parent question re: Cell phone usage and policy - how comfortable is SWC with students using cell phone during class time, cell phone usage policy, respect teachers
 - Possible adoption of school-wide policy, discussion between Mr. Nicks and Mr. Land, will take time. Currently, each teacher has their own policy.
 - Library- computers for students. Librarians - Tech Free Tuesday - no computer/cell phone use in library.
 - Current examples of teacher's policies: put cellphones in a box; use only for research; use only after teacher has spoken; no policy.

7:35 pm Break

7:45 pm Approval of Gaming Requests Budget for 2018/19 – Karen Kovach, Treasurer

- 2 new requests:
 - Grad committee - \$300 for decorations at UBC Nest - approved. Motion: Gurmit Sangha, Second: Anita Chiu
 - After school tutoring club - open to all students. Student volunteers from Langara - snacks \$800 over the year - approved. Motion: Helen Nichols, Second: Jenna
- Gaming requests - All in favour, approved

8:00 pm Election of PAC Executive, 2018 - 2019

- Chair - Gurmit Sangha
- Vice-Chair - Chris Qiu
- Treasurer - Karen Kovach
- Secretary - Jenie Chan
- Member-at-large - Rana Sangha
- Communications - Christine Hay
- Meetings - Helen Nichols
- Guest Speakers - Jennifer Bradbury, Lia Lindsey
- Social - Rina Ng, Lia Lindsey, Bobbie Dhillon
- Fundraising - Karen Kovach, Linda Poon
- ELL - Chris Zhang, Joan Luo
- Volunteer Coordinator - Nonnie Porter, Bobbie Dhillon
- Grade 8 Rep - Judy Lau
- Grade 9 Rep - Cindy Tsang
- Grade 10 Rep - Meiling Fang
- Grade 11 Rep - Catherine Astin
- Grade 12 Rep - Anita Chui
- Dry Grad: Anita Chui, Jessie

Motion: Jennifer Bradbury; Second: Rina Ng

PAC contact info: Churchill website - PAC page, grade reps.

8:11 pm Adjournment