



Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School (SWC)
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
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SWC PAC Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting: 204 participants

MINUTES

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

- Social Committee: Rina Ng & Bobbie Dhillon (absent)
- Guest Speaker Coordinator: Jennifer Bradbury
- Communications Co-coordinator: Heison Yu (absent)
- Volunteer Coordinator: Nonnie Porter

POLL: What Grade is your child in?

Grade 8 = 11%, Grade 9 = 20%, Grade 10 = 17%, Grade 11 = 17%,
Grade 12 = 17%, Two kids at Churchill = 17%, Three kids at Churchill = 1%

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

- Canley Cup - donate per class. Goal is to raise \$5,000. Already raised \$750 on the first day.
- Among Us event had 75 participants. Student Council will organize more online events.
- SWC Hoodie for sale, designed by student, to go on sale at www.swcstuco.org

7:15 pm Staff Report – Mr. Victor Lam & Mr. Connor Levesque, Faculty Reps

- Quarter 1 is over. Started Quarter 2. Teachers trying to connect with students through Flex times. Surveys from students give teachers feedback. Conversations about social distancing and feeling safe.

7:25 pm Grade 12 Counsellor - Ms. Grace Lee

- For Post-secondary applications, please refer to Ms. Lee's website: glee.weebly.com for Graduation requirements, SAT, TOEFL, online course, post-secondary information, university fairs.
- Graduation requirements:
 - For Grade 12: Tips. To-do list for each month.
 - Grad Requirement - Table for English and French Immersion students
 - Numeracy exam in April 2021. Literacy exam for Grade 12 this year has been cancelled.
 - Monthly videos posted re: To-do list

- Transcripts:
 - STS (Student Transcript services) allows BC universities to access their grades. For BC PSIs, only need to set up an account. However, for ON PSIs, will probably have to send transcripts separately.
 - Ms. Lee makes sure that students review the transcript - to check that students have all requirements in the transcript from Grade 10.
- University requirements:
 - 6 Grade 12 courses. SFU - 5, UVic - 4. Language 11 required for UBC.
 - If taking online courses, they must be completed by Jan 31st to be counted. UVIC and SFU extended to May and June for deadlines.
 - Each institution will have different requirements, check with individual institutions for English requirements.
 - Quarter system- in absent of Grade 12 mark, universities will refer to Grade 11 marks
 - UBC - holistic, looking at Grade 11 and 12
 - SFU, UBC - quarter system will not negatively affect scholarships, students will not be disadvantaged
- Deadlines: Oct 1 start for PSI.
 - Community colleges open applications, first-come-first-serve. Can select courses earlier if you apply earlier.
 - US - Nov 1 Early admissions
 - ON - Oct 1. Early admissions Dec 1
 - Check for specific programs that may have different deadlines, Check with PSI program website to check deadline dates.
 - Why early admissions? For students with strong Grade 11 marks and make eligible for entrance scholarships. Some programs have supplemental applications.
- General Procedure:
 - US Common App -
 - ON - OUAC 105. Read emails carefully from schools as each institution's requirement is different
 - BC PSIs - STS for transcripts
- Where to start:
 - EducationPlannerBC - plan and search programs of choice.
 - Dec 1, 2020 - Parents as Education and Career Coaches, Zoom meeting- plan out PSI plans
 - myBlueprint - tutorial videos for Grade 10 taking CLE
 - Nov 30 - PSI BC Fall High School Fair - major BC universities and colleges - presentations. Students can speak with representatives. For all Grade 12s to attend.
 - For scholarship questions, please refer to Ms. Wanda Yee
 - Grade 12 Administrator: Annette Vey-Chilton

7:35 pm Principal's Update - Ms. Annette Vey-Chilton

- Scholarships - Grade 12 Teams - SWC Scholarships
 - Internal - applications not required, funded by donors, committee of staff members to consider students for the scholarships. Specific criteria, excel in areas.
 - External - apply on own, nominated by school

- School website Guidance and Support - Scholarship and Bursary Information. Reference letter etiquette guide.
- Quarter 1 done
- Report cards on Nov 27 through myed
- SWC Surveys - 475 completed survey.
 - How's school going? -
 - How many hours spending on homework outside of school
 - Moving to a one-week rotation- even split
 - 76% students have time to keep mentally and physically healthy
 - Questions asked of students, answers to be shared at staff meeting.
- School District will survey parents by end of Nov.
- Planning - students choose courses before Spring Break
- Covid-19 positive case - committed to keep plans in place and keep everyone at school safe.
 - At entrance, welcome kids and check for masks and sanitize hands
 - Ask parents to remind student to remain physically distant. Do not gather inside or outside school.
- Q&A - Please see addendum from Ms. Vey-Chilton

8:05 pm Other Business

- Approval [Meeting Minutes October 27, 2020](#) Motion: Gurmit Sangha, Second: Jenie Chan
- [BCTF Workshop survey](#) on [PAC website](#) Please choose topics for workshops. Narrow to Top 3. Please vote by midnight tonight.
- Purdys - update. Thank you for supporters.
- SWC PAC Constitution ([rev November 2020](#)) - Churchill PAC has decided to update the outdated Constitution. PAC parents please review and send questions to ChurchillPAC
- VSB / SLO Constable Ben Wong-Moon - May Ke - tabled to next meeting.
- Churchill's seismic upgrade status - May Ke - tabled to next meeting.

8:08 pm Adjourn

Next PAC Meeting – Tuesday, January 26, 2021