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## **SWC PAC Meeting**

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

### **AGENDA**

7:00 Welcome (Mr. Gurmit Sangha)

7:05 Synthetic Turf and Track and Field Improvements

- There is a proposal to make either the south field or the oval into a synthetic turf field. Consultations are ongoing and the timeline is less than a year. The existing track is to be evaluated for potential upgrades. Collected some info - current use, important uses. To Park Board in Feb. Build early 2020

7:15 Principal's Report (Mr. Humphries for Mr. Kevin Land)

- Term 1 ends on Nov 27 with marks online Dec 11
- Nov 14 - Take your Kids to work day (Grade 9 only)
- One Act Plays - 5 teams start rehearsing
- Nov 7 - Four Remembrance Day assemblies
- SFU, UT presentations re: admission and application requirements.
- 12 UBC student teachers at SWC
- Nov 13 - Block 2 rotation
- Nov 19 - earthquake simulation
- 2nd Collab Day - successful

#### Upcoming Events

- Dec 4 - Collab/Flex Day
- Dec 4 - Social Media workshop
- Athletic Teams - Fall season done. Cross-Country running, Swimming Provincials. Gr 9 Girls won City Championship. Soccer Gr 10 Boys won City Championships. Senior Girls Field Hockey won City Championship. Basketball seasons has started, 3 Girls & 4 Boys teams.

#### Other issues

- Vaping - SACY
  - Vaping vs smoking
  - SWC - 12 students vape. Concern that the number could increase
  - Juice-oriented - to be banned in US and Canada

- Nicotine/cannabis - levels vary
- Health issues, reinforces smoking culture, addiction
- SWC response - assemblies, small group meetings, support students in healthy activities
- Admin - no vaping on school grounds, in the school building or functions.
- SACY youth engagement worker at SWC - Ted Holkestad. vsb.bc.ca/sacy
- School admin - Mr. Land, Mr. Humphries

7:27 Finances (Mr. Gurmit Sangha, PAC Chair)

- Funding request for gym insulation and lightbulbs - under \$1200. Can be from gaming fund. Motion to fund. Seconded, all in favour, none opposed.

7:30 Guest Speaker (Ms. Madison Guy, GrantMe Scholarships)

- Pursuing scholarship support for post-secondary studies
- Financial planning - affects academics and athletics.
- Scholarship from (easiest to hardest):
  - High school - least competitive
  - University - entrance with or separate with admission
  - Affiliations - organization, parents' employment, child's part-time job, sports, music program, bank
  - Avoid highly advertised scholarships - very competitive
- Track info on spreadsheet. Rank chances.
- Be aware of time.
- Create draft.
  - Start now. List of achievements - resume
  - STAR structure - situation, task, action (80% of the writing), and result. Result does not always have to be positive. Could be a failure and how you overcame failure/adversity. Reflect on what was learned and how they applied these skills/attributes going forward. What impact you had and how that is going to help you. Talking about adversity is powerful. Think about challenges and how to overcome.
  - One strong template. Focus on the content. What is the content? Key attributes
- Applying:
  - References - letters (2) - one academic, one extra-curricular. Collect reference letters
  - Set realistic deadlines
  - Track your application and follow up
- www.grantme.ca. - database of scholarship websites
- Scholarships Canada - incorrect information

8:15 Adjourn (Mr. Gurmit Sangha)

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 29, 2019