



Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
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SWC PAC Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

AGENDA

7:00 Welcome (Mr. Gurmit Sangha)

- Introduction of PAC Exec members 2018-2019

7:05 YMCA Dance (Ms. Springer and student dancers)

7:10 Workplace Experience Coordinator (Ms. Wanda Yee)

- Largest program in Vancouver, Grades 11 and 12. Sign up in Grade 10, summer start work experience. 90 hours with 2 years to complete course. Elective that does not meet in class, off-time table. Pharmacies, care homes, community centres. Students can find own volunteer work. If this is done during summer, students don't have to do it during the school year. Network, mentorship, gain references, community service scholarships. Opportunities are posted on school app - SWC.
- Churchill internal scholarships - students do not need to apply. Scholarship Committee - teachers and Department Heads will select students for scholarships. Scholarship applications require nominations from our school. Email Mr. Land with academic resume to be considered. Larger internal scholarships require enrolment in 6 SWC classes. External scholarships do not matter.
- The program is looking for work experience employers, to place student volunteers. Please contact Ms. Yee if your company or workplace is interested.

7:15 Constable Ben Wong-Moon - 2nd year as SWC school Constable.

- Tips - Smartphones source of trouble, harassment, inappropriate photos. Suggest that phones be charged in parents' room, no phones after 9 pm.
- School theft of valuables- expensive jackets, phones. Be careful and do not leave expensive belongings in unattended lockers.
- Oct 17 - marijuana legalization - over 19 years of age. Treated on school property like alcohol and tobacco, will be confiscated as per the law. Constable Wong-Moon will do an informal session at a later PAC meeting. Parents need to be educated and have informed and open discussion with kids. Parents can contact him via his email (from front desk) and school counsellors can get a hold of him.

7:27 Student Update (Mr. Matthew Cheesman) - Student Council Co-President

- Grade 8 elections - 3 members.
- Student Council Meetings on Monday
- Clubs Day - 100+ clubs
- Oct 1 - Student Council Retreat - bonding.
- Oct 25, 6 - 9 pm - Halloween Dance

- Canley Cup - charities, Food Bank, 30,000+ cans
- Flex Time - transition - 9 periods of flex time. Extra help and catch up time.

7:35 Senior Administration (Ms. Sonia Blair)

- Vice-Principal in charge of Grades 10 and 11, since Jan 2016. Grad Transitions Coordinator.
- New Curriculum - Career education - 20% of new curriculum. All Grades.
- Grades 8-9 - My Blueprint
- Grade 10 - CLE backed with an elective - replaces Planning 10. Also using My Blueprint
- Grade 11 - My Blueprint, with components of CLC course (Grade 12). Create Capstone project
- Grade 12 - My Blueprint, Capstone project.
- Office 365 - student has an account to download on home computer. Trying to get teachers to use this tool more effectively.
- Collaborative Time - learning opportunities e.g. Office 365 - Excel, Sway, Class Notebook, Word, PowerPoint, forms. Will put info on website or email communication.

7:37 Principal's Report (Mr. Kevin Land)

- First PAC meeting of the year.
- SWC has 22 new staff members.
- Oct 27 - Parent meetings for ELL students, Grade 8, Grade 12, Parent Walkabout.
- Oct 2 - Flex Time - 75 minutes - use effectively, time management. Worked well.
- Oct 3, 1:45 - 4:00 Canadian Universities Fair.
- Athletics - Cross-Country, volleyball, soccer, basketball
- School Fees - new accountant. Cash/cheque and online payment this year. Next year all online.
- Pilot for new reporting, away from letter grades. K-Grade 9 - a 4-point point scale. Grades 10-12 - percentages for post-secondary institutions.
- No artificial turf on south field - last Oct. District redo irrigation. Contacted operations.
- SFU, UBC, Langara visits - Parents would like to be notified.

7:55 PAC (Mr. Gurmit Sangha)

- PAC is a non-profit, no personal benefit, no bias. Support education.
- Funds to various needs requested by teachers and faculty.
- Purdy's chocolate fundraiser before Christmas.
- Parent Education series - Navigating the Mental Health system, Anxiety in Children and Youth, Depression in Children and Youth, Responding to challenging behaviour, Supporting your child with ADHD, Encouraging Healthy eating children. Held at the VSB Education centre - Broadway and Granville.
- Dry Grad - Anita Chui for Grade 12s.
- May Ke - DPAC representative from SWC. There is a condition that this DPAC rep must be a Member-at-Large. Nomination - Moved: Gurmit, Second: Anita, motion carried.
- Question from parent: How to elect a DPAC representative? Executive appoints DPAC representative. Gurmit will discuss with parent re: VSB rules.

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, October 30

8:00 pm Adjourn