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SWC PAC Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

MINUTES

7:00 pm Welcome by Helen

7:05 pm Student Update (Mr. Patrick Lee, Co-President, Student Council)

- Oct 3 - Grade 8/9 mixer
- Oct 26 - Halloween Dance
- Currently - Student Athletics roster, auditions for 5 plays in February
- Nov - Spirit Week

7:10 pm Faculty Update (Mr. Alan Pronger)

- Oct 18 - Career in the Arts Night- post-secondary school reps
- Nov 9 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 2 - Canadian Open Math competition
- Nov 14 - AMC Math competition

7:15 pm Guest Speakers:

Ms. Judith Pelletier, Outward Bound, Program Manager for Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island.

- Wilderness adventures/summer camps - hiking, mountaineering, snowshoeing, sea kayaking, ocean canoeing, white water rafting.
- At least 15 years old and can gain high school credits.
- Partners with Duke of Edinburgh Award for the Adventurous Journey component.
- To cultivate leadership, resilience, connections and community through self-discovery and to foster empowerment.
- Zero cell phone policy on trips.

Captain Amelia Glaisher, 888 Air Cadets Avengers Squadron, 59th Avenue at Moberly Elementary School.

- Cadets are 12-18 years old - duty, loyalty, responsibility, discipline, self-confidence, leadership, citizenship.
- Physical fitness, Gliding, Power flying, First Aid, Effective Speaking.
- Free program with \$200-225/year contribution towards registration.
- With the Ministry of Education, offers up to 12 High school points.

Robert Piddock, Sponsoring Committee, 888 Air Cadets Avengers Squadron.

- Cadets is not a military program. Fosters team work and discipline, and keeps children off the streets and away from video console.

Mr. Craig McCulloch, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, Field Officer.

- International organization for 14-24 year olds, with 3 levels - Bronze, Silver, Gold.
- 4 sections - Service, Skills, Physical Fitness and Adventurous Journey.
- Can obtain 2 graduation credits per level and participants track hours in a record book.

7:40 pm Principal's Report (Mr. Kevin Land)

- Sept 28 - Meet the Teacher Night and 3 events - Grade 8, ELL, Grade 12 parents. Please complete survey form for feedback.
- Currently, staffing completed with over 2000 students, gave back 8 blocks. Grade 9 French Immersion students were affected.
- Oct 18 - Careers in the Arts Night- 5 guest speakers, only 45 people in the audience. Need to promote this event better next year.
- Oct 24 - for Grade 12s - all local post-secondary institutions came, except for UBC and SFU (separate dates), promoting programmes.
- Ministry of Education - new curriculum has been delayed another year. For grades K-9 this year, they will start new curriculum next year.

Upcoming (Mr. Kevin Land)

- Interim report - given out the end of this week to students who need an action plan to pass Term 1.
- City of Vancouver - due to housing shortage, temporary modular housing is being proposed on Heather between W. 57th and 59th. Public forums and information will be sent to the neighbourhood.
- Vancouver Parks Board contacted VSB to replace 2 existing grass fields with synthetic turf fields to make them more usable for activities year-round. Expected completion is late 2018.

- Oct 26 - Halloween dance in cafeteria, 6:30-9:00 pm - school rules, with security. Sold 300 tickets.
- Nov 1 - Take your kids to Work Day for Grade 9s. For those kids who are not participating, they can go to class, but there will be no lesson.
- Nov 7 - Collaborative Day - 10:15 am start.
- Nov 7 - SFU will set up presentations for grade 12s.
- Nov 9 - Assemblies for Remembrance Day.
- Nov 10 - Pro-D Day/ Curriculum Implementation.
- No school.
- Current school activities - Athletics, field studies, camps.

7:55 pm Upcoming PAC Events and Activities (Helen)

- Wednesday, November 22 at 7 pm – Screenagers (Documentary and Facilitated Discussion). Kids and screen time, discussion with Ms. Blair and Mr. Latimer. PAC fee of US\$500. Motion to approve payment of the fee by Russell Wong, seconded by Anita Chui. Motion carried.
- Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, November 28 - SACY-student engagement group.
- Purdy’s Fundraiser – Orders due November 17, helps with regular PAC account, like Terry Small (350 audience)
- Motion to appoint Jenie Yao Chan as PAC Secretary by Anita Chui, seconded by Karen Kovacs. Motion carried.

8:00 pm Adjourn