



THE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Attendees: Francis Ribeiro (Chair), Sabrina Schardong (Vice-Chair), Sloane Drennan (Secretary/CPF-NW Rep), George Wang (Treasurer), Jacque Killawee (MAL - Dry Grad), Susanna Quan (Principal), Michelle Murray (Youth Services), Melissa Magnan, James Magnan, Charmaine Urbano, Stephanie Simpson, Temitope Adeale

Regrets: Cyrus Sy (DPAC Rep), Karon Trenaman (MAL), Jenn Vander Zalm

General Meeting - April 24th, 2025 - MINUTES

Time	Agenda Item	Person Reporting
<i>New Westminster Schools recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.</i>		
7:08	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Motion to adopt Agenda MOTION: George 2nd: Jacque APPROVED Motion to adopt Minutes from February 20th, 2025 MOTION: Jacque 2nd: George APPROVED 	FR
7:10	Youth Services Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attachments #1-3 Changes to QB: Coordinator is now a full-time Youth position instead of split Youth/Sports. Will be adding programming. 	MM
7:15	School Board Update - not present	GD
7:24	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attachment #4 Many trips during March over Spring Break: Japan, New York, and more. One IB trip right now to the US, will not be going forward with any further trips to the US at the current time. Addendum to Incident report: Ambulance call today (April 24th) for student with medical issue. Q. Re CLE10, if taken during summer school, will that be reflected on the timetable? A. Yes - will be taken into account, all info is not shown on the verification form. Q. Capstone Schedule? A. Grade 12 students sign up for a morning or afternoon presentation block, parents and family are encouraged to attend. Visitors are welcome and will need to sign in at the office. 	SQ



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7:45	<p>PAC Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New parents are encouraged to join the PAC, especially Gr 9 & 10 parents as many of the current PAC executive members are leaving in the next few years. Still looking to hand out the last of the Spirit Wear. Thanks Q. Concern regarding removal of Grade 10 Honours classes. A. Many public school districts have removed Honours courses. BC curriculum is focussed on personal learning which would encompass that advanced learning on a student by student basis. Introduction of IDS courses can be done as specified by students. Honours courses are not required to gain entrance to IB. IDS courses will be scheduled in Block E and count as extra credits. Q. Concerns re staffing and finding replacement staff for science classes, and French 10. A. District-wide issue finding qualified staff. New West only hires certified teachers, not those with a first degree and no teaching certification. Q. Climate Strike held April 13th. A. Will try to promote before the event, looking at timing. Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of fundraising around Christmas, but quieter now with only Dry Grad and the last Music event at the June Revue. Only \$1,600 or so in the Operating Account. Dispersing Gaming Funds as appropriate (Musical Theatre, music etc.) 	FR & GW
8:05	DPAC Report - no report	CS
8:15	<p>Dry Grad Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in the Queens Park Garage Sale May 10th. Asking for donations from closet clean outs. Will sell remainder to Value Village. Will share drop-off address with people who express interest in giving donations. Also Raffle ending soon and Bottle Drive on April 26th. Full value of the ticket for dry grad is \$130. Donations/fundraising have been challenging this year. 	JK



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	<p>Will be opening tickets in May, early bird sale until June 1 with entry into a draw.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to know how much is in school dry grad account from donations etc. • Georgies was a great location for a fundraiser. • Looking at ways to promote those businesses who support NWSS, either in donations or in-kind or scholarships. Look at marketing/subscriptions for NWSS support. After the first go, maybe looking at tiering. • Reaching out to Alumni. 	
8:29	<p>CPF Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bursaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ List of applicants has been double checked for CPF membership. Final winner chosen by French teachers. • French Film Fest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ French Immersion students from all schools headed to Landmark Cinemas for movie viewing. CPF-NW supported events with popcorn and treats. • Dual Dogwood pins/certifications again this year. Will need list of expected FI graduates to prepare certificates to be given to the school office to be handed out with their graduation certificates. 	SD
8:30	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Nominations for the 2025-26 NWSS PAC Executive • Will be working on 2025 PAC bursaries. Committee to meet shortly. • Music Auxiliary might need a new account under the PAC, similar to Dry Grad. 	All
8:38	Adjourn	FR

Next PAC Meeting: May 22nd, 2025 @ 7:00pm in the NWSS Library or via Zoom
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Attachments:

#1-3 Youth Services

#4 Principal Report