PAC Meeting - Oct 26, 2023

DPAC Update
Police in schools was taken away but has been brought back by current government. Concerns about how to implement.
Officer assigned to a school. One SLO for Kits schools, not present at HH or other elementary schools as much as they are in high schools.
Internet safety not necessarily offered, depends on the SLO. Coastal health offers presentations to students and last PAC meeting of the year will be that presentation.

Variety of working groups offered via DPAC that you could participate in.

Events
Costume sale sold 20 costumes and earned $130

Clothing sale on Nov 1 and 2 - max price will be $5
It will be in the gym on the stage for both days

Social Media/Communications
Trying to figure out what the best way to communicate to parents is, will be sending a survey out to parents to determine this and what parents are wanting to see, ie school calendar

Activities
Still trying to figure out activities because there isn't a lot of available time to schedule them. New year may be a better time to find something.
Field trips are planned through the school but the PAC raises funds and subsidizes field trips.
The affordability fund was able to cover the cost of field trips and other items that certain families could not afford. The PAC sets aside funds to cover this, if needed.
Families that need these funds or expenses waived, just need to email the principal or Jelena.

Vice principal
K-7 Student Reporting
It is happening to have consistency across the province.
Focus is on students strength, learning always ongoing.

Grades 10-12 still receiving letter grades.

New system provides better understanding of what students can do and areas for growth. Smaller reports cards now and personalized to each child. November newsletter will have samples on it.

Reports go out: Dec 1, Mar 12, June 24.

Pamphlets about reporting and curriculum will be added to next newsletter.

Reading club was initiated for kids struggling with reading. It is a volunteer program and may start again in term 3. 8 week program for kids identified as needing additional support.

Renderings of new school reviewed. No basement, child care will be on the roof. Preschool and out of school care will be on the ground floor

Currently we are raising money to move the existing playground. If we raise more we can purchase a new, better playground.

Because we are getting a new school, the process automatically starts to change the name. It is a long process with many steps and votes.

Budget
Income: hot lunch, gaming grant (BC lotto fund) restrictions on what it can be used for, events.
Expenses: classroom materials, books and materials for library (rolled over from last year), field trips, teacher requests - volleyballs, tech equipment, instruments, arts and sports enrichment, grade 7 leaving ceremony, activity subsidies.

There is a surplus from the previous school year - Should it be used to buy the 18 computers needed? There are many areas the surplus could go to, and grants have been applied to for new computers and other items. Once we know what has been raised and grants have been responded to, a vote can be done again to amend the budget if we want to move the surplus to alternative area.

Brainstorming done for ways to increase the success of the direct donation campaign. A banner could be put on the school informing parents and the public of what we are raising money for.

Group to be put together to approach local businesses to raise money for the school.

Ryan/Chair motion to vote on the budget, Diana seconded. Budget was approved.

<u>Additional items</u>
School in East Van sold a portion of the school's land for additional housing - people opposed. School needed seismic updating. More info at: Savebrucefield.com

Parents being asked to sign a petition to extend waitlist's at Choice Program Schools passed the kindergarten year. A new waitlist must be started if you still want to join in Grade 1. If the waitlist is extended then parents already on it don't need to re-apply and lose their spot.