

WELLINGTON SECONDARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, Apr 4, 2008
MINUTES

- 1. Introductions:** The P.A.C. President, Val Neilson, brought the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- 2. Changes to the Agenda:** none
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda:** Lana Fitzpatrick made a Motion to adopt the Agenda. It was seconded by Doug Blackmore and carried.
- 4. Adoption of previous meeting's Minutes:** Val Neilson made a Motion to adopt the Minutes. It was seconded by Doug Blackmore and carried.
- 5. Science Department presentation:** Patty McRory spoke about the courses being taught at Wellington through the Science department and a special event that happened on April 1st. "Opening the Door" was a 2½ hour chance for students interested in science to meet 22 scientists that visited the school. This event was sponsored by Science World as an outreach program, at no cost to the school or the District, and gave about 100 Wellington students the chance to ask questions about various aspects of futures in science.

There are eight science teachers at Wellington: Mrs. McRory, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Gordon and Ms. O. Mark (a Wellington graduate) and Ms. C. Ngo, the last two being new teachers at our school. Science 8, 9, 10 and 10 Honours (new this year) are offered each year, along with Biology 11 and 12, Chemistry 11 and 12, Physics 11 and 12, and Earth Science 11. In Grade 8 the final mark is determined by 50% class work and 50% tests. In Grades 9 and 10, the final mark is determined by 40% class work and 60% tests, which include Provincial Exams in Grade 10 that count for 20% of the mark. In Grade 11, 30% of class work and 70% of tests determine the final mark. In Grade 12, only 25% of class work and 75% of tests (40% from the Provincial Exam) determine the final mark. Students who have an 80% or better mark in Grade 8 and 9 Science can be recommended (not required to write the final exam) if they also show good social responsibility. Students can also opt to not take Provincial Exams in Grades 12. The Ministry introduced a new curriculum for Science K- Grade 10 in 2006 and it was implemented in Grade 8 last year, in Grade 9 this year and in Grade 10 next year.

Lastly, Mrs. McRory thanked the P.A.C. for paying the set-up charges for the Biology tee shirts (Bio 11 and 12) that have been very popular with students this year.

6. Treasurer's Report: Val Carver sent her report by email. There is currently \$3,051.95 in the Gaming Account and \$5,048.98 in the Fundraising Account. There have been no special requests for funding since the last meeting. There has also been no word on the PAC's gaming application that was sent in at the February.

7. BCCPAC Resolutions: Val Neilson gave an overview of the Provincial group BCCPAC and its Annual General Meeting that will happen next month. Our PAC will be offering our proxy vote to the District PAC Rep., along with our decision on some of the 29 resolutions that will be voted upon at the AGM. Val reported on several resolutions at the meeting. Topics included: funding for DPAC from the District, limits on the term of office for School Trustees, construction guidelines during periods that students are occupying schools, and school parking requirements. The last two resolutions will have an effect on the seismic upgrade planned for Wellington. Val thanked Leslie Mathews (our DPAC rep.) for reviewing the BCCPAC resolutions and preparing a report for the PAC.

8. Wellington School Construction Committee: Dave Street reported that the Construction Committee will meet on April 23 to discuss the plans for Wellington's seismic upgrade and expansion. District policy demands that the following representatives be on that committee: District Buildings rep., Zone Trustee, architect, Principal, at least one teacher, and at least one parent. Doug Blackmore agreed to sit on the committee as one parent rep. Another parent is still needed.

9. School Planning Council: no report.

10. Principal's Report: Dave Street presented Principal Dan Ryan's report

Mar-Apr	Thanks to Mrs Manson and Mrs Thyssen for work with Grade 12's - post-secondary applications
Mar 11	V-P Karen Proctor and Counselor Darlene Carolsfeld hosted Grade 7 Parent Night at Wellington with about 90 in attendance to review course selection
Mar 12	ICBC presentation on safe driving was well received
Mar 12	Mrs. Sinclair's Wellington Choir took 1 st place in the Island Festival
Spring Break	Teachers, Karen Miller and Shannon Wilson, took students from Wellington, NDSS and Barsby on a 14-day trip of France, Germany and Switzerland
Apr 10	Wellington Choir will be performing in Victoria
Apr 16	District Safe Schools Survey to be conducted
Apr 17-18	Provincial Exam Re-Writes for those who want to improve marks from Semester I
Apr 18	Drive '08 -Anti-drinking and driving event at Wellington for Gr. 12s, just before Prom
Apr 23	Milk Run: a tradition at Wellington; fundraiser for Haven House; walk or run 3km
Apr 24	Early Dismissal at 1:40PM; Report Card pickup at 2:30-5:30PM
Apr 26	Grade 12 Prom – Coast Bastion Inn
Apr 28	District-wide Pro D Day; no classes
Fri. June 27	Grade 12 graduation ceremony at the Port Theatre at 1:00pm

11. DPAC Report: none; a contact from Ladysmith attended the last DPAC meeting with information about "safe-ride" cards that can be used with local taxis to ensure that youth have a safe ride home. More details at the next meeting.

12. Correspondence: none

13. AOB: Leslie Mathews will be working to set up an Emergency Preparedness account for funding from the PAC. More at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Wellington PAC will be on Wednesday May 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Our School Trustee is slated to attend.

Lana Fitzpatrick made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. It was seconded by Doug Blackmore and carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Lana Fitzpatrick
Secretary, Wellington Secondary PAC.