



iWindermere Secondary School

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Tuesday, December 1, 2020

7pm – 8:00pm

Via Zoom

(30 participants)

Welcome

Kristina Whelton-Davis

Student Council

- Creating survey for students to see how they like the new quarter system
- Annual Candy Cane Grams will be distributed by teachers to ensure proper physical distancing. Choir performance is virtual this year. Instead of charging money they are collecting cans for donation (ie, CANDycane grams)
- Spirit week Dec 14-18 will feature different dress up theme days
- StudCo have created and distributed a video for Gr 7 students

School Liaison to PAC

Maggie Przyborowska

Please see report here: [PAC news for Dec 1.docx](#)

Administration Report

Benita Kwon

Staff Update

We welcomed three new staff members this quarter. **Aaron Zess** joins the Art and ELL departments. Richard Lawrence retired at the end of October. **Holli Lang** joins the English and Social Studies departments. Jessica Liew has taken a temporary position as a Tech Mentor Teacher. **Helen Zhang** joins us for Quarter 2 as a support teacher for various classes where additional support needs have been identified.

Grade 7 Articulation

This past month we have been busily working on the Grade 7 Articulation process for 2021-22. At the start of November, Windermere staff met with the staffs of our catchment schools: Bruce, Carleton, Grenfell, Nootka, Norquay and Renfrew. Last week we hosted all grade 7 classes for our virtual Grade 7 Day and then had our virtual Grade 7 Parent Night the following evening. At both events, students and parents were able to

learn about Windermere through a virtual tour of the school, speaker presentations and a Q&A sessions.

Grade 8 Orientation Days

As a part of helping our grade 8 students transition to high school, our Youth Family Worker and Link Crew students organized orientation days during Flex time last week for grade 8 students to participate in. More orientation days are being planned for the rest of the school year.

UPDATE: Outdoor Education Learning Resources Funding

Our applications to the District for Part 2 additional funding for our two projects – Orchard Learning Space and Fitness Park have been approved. We look forward to the two projects starting in the new year. Funds must be spent by June 2021.

SATP Program

We had our first meeting with the City of Vancouver’s School Active Travel Planning program team last week. Staff, students and parents joined the meeting and went on a virtual walkabout to give feedback about barriers to active travel.

School Day Reminders

- Instructional Schedule Pilot for Quarter 2
- Each school day starts at 8:40 AM and ends at 3:03 PM and consists of in-person and remote learning
- Students are expected to be engaged in both of their courses daily.
- Attendance for in-person classes is required
- Students can get assistance from their teachers during the Flex times
- Students with diverse learning needs or students who need access to internet and technology may need to attend school all day every day. If this applies to your child, please contact your child’s counsellor to make arrangements.

Program Planning 2021-22

Departments have been working on finalizing course offerings for the next school year. The 2021-22 Course Planning Guide will be available online in January 2021. Counsellors will begin the program planning process, i.e., course selections, with current grade 8-11 students in January/February. It is very important for students to be selecting courses that they intend to take as the school timetable is built based on student course requests. Request for changes after the course selection process cannot be guaranteed as space in classes is limited. Parents are invited to our Program Planning Evening(s) tentatively scheduled for January 26 and 27 more about the process and how to support their child in selecting courses for the upcoming school year.

Treasurer's Report

Jug Bilg

General Account: \$3,341.91

Gaming Account: \$45,613.62 – includes large carryover from last school year due to pandemic. PAC has allocated a majority of these funds based on teachers requests

6. Call for New Business

Kristina Whelton-Davis

None

Next meeting February 2, 2021