

POINT GREY SECONDARY

NEWS & EVENTS

April 19, 2019 pointgreypac@gmail.com

April PAC Meeting: Update & Dessert Night

Thursday April 25th 7pm Staff Room

We'll have an update on the VSB Facilities Committee meeting, a brief PAC meeting and Dessert Night - bring a sweet treat to share.

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420 – April 20th

Facts, Fiction & Conversation Starters with Youth information from SACY

What is '420'? '420' (pronounced 'four twenty') is a term used mostly in North America. It refers to the consumption of cannabis (marijuana) and may be used to identify oneself with cannabis subculture. 420 observances are based on time (4:20pm) as well as date (April 20th.) On April 20th, a 420 rally and gathering will be held that will be attended by several thousand participants and onlookers.

What youth need to know & how we can talk to youth about marijuana

Most youth in Vancouver do not attend the 420 rally. As parents and caregivers, we can use this opportunity to have conversations with our teens that are non-threatening and allow us to express our values and expectations in ways that are more likely to be heard. A good way to start the conversation is to allow teens to generate ideas about the commonly held beliefs of marijuana use.

For more information see the attached **420 and cannabis doc for Parents** put out by SACY (Supporting and Connecting Youth)

Upcoming SACY Workshops

www.sacy.eventbrite.com

General parenting for parents of teens

- SACY Communication workshop: Building Bridges with your Teen – have fun & strengthen your connection with your teen – *highly recommended workshop*
 - April 24, 2019 – 7-9pm Point Grey Library,
 - May 3, 2019 9:30-11:30am in Mandarin Kerrisdale Community CentreMandarin: 中文查询和登记 778-227-5452
- SACY substance use and youth workshop (SACY Adult Toolkit) – May 22, 2019 6:30-8:30pm Tupper Secondary – STEP portable

VSB Draft Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) Update

The Ministry of Education released new guidelines for BC school districts' facilities plans/LRFPs on Friday, April 12th. The VSB is considering how to revise its LRFP to incorporate the new guidelines. Point Grey PAC will update you when we get new information from the VSB. In the meantime, the VSB is still encouraging families to send feedback on the current draft by this Friday, April 19. Here again is the information if you want to send an email: **Carmen Cho** carmen.cho@vsb.bc.ca and cc: LRFP@vsb.bc.ca

And/or fill out the VSB online survey: govsb.ca/LRFP-2019-feedback if you do complete the survey.

We should still pressure the Ministry of Education (MoE) to update the area standards. Please also send a letter to Rob Fleming, the Minister of Education. We should encourage the Provincial government to fully fund our schools and revise area standards to reflect the new BC Curriculum. We also want to tell the MoE to not only fund music, art, drama and sport, but to include that space in new building design.

1. Write to Rob Fleming, Minister of Education – EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca
2. The correct salutation is: Hon. Rob Fleming
3. CC: your MLA
4. Sign your full name, include your postcode and provide contact details – address, phone number and/or e-mail
5. Personalized letters carry more weight than petitions or form letters

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- **Fri, April 19th – No school**
- **Mon, April 22 – No school – Earth Day!**
- Tues, Apr 23, 7pm – VSB Special Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole, Public consultation on the 2019/2020 Preliminary Budget Proposals, Mount Pleasant Elementary gym, 2300 Guelph St.
- Wed, April 24th – 7-9pm PG Library Building Bridges with your Teen
- Thurs, April 25 –
 - **7pm – PAC Meeting – update & dessert night!**
 - 7pm – DPAC General Meeting: VSB Budget 2019/20 Rm 180, 1580 W. Broadway
- Mon, May 6, 7pm – VSB Special Board Meeting. Report on DPAC general meeting and public survey
- Wed, May 15, 7pm – VSB Special Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole Stakeholder and Public Input on the 2019/2020 budget
- Mon, June 24, 7pm – VSB Board Meeting Third reading and adoption of the 2019/2020 budget bylaw.

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More information to be found on <https://www.pointgreyparents.org>*

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