

DeBeck PAC Meeting Agenda

May 3, 2023 at 6:30pm

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1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Chairs: Poonam
- Treasurer: Kevin
- Secretaries: Sophia and Lisa

2. Attendance

- Poonam Kaler, Kevin Lim-Kong, Vivan Batlha, Sophia Shimada, Lisa Santos, Theresa Wong, Sandy Dhaliwal, Kana Shorin, Leona Zhuang, Audrey Lavers, Eva Poon, Cori Anderson, Kathy Pantaleo

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- Motion to pass by Kevin, second by Theresa.

4. Treasurer Update

- Operating account balance is about \$20,600.
- Gaming account balance is about \$15,500.
- Raffle and movie night funds to be deposited.
- Movie night on April 28th raised about \$375. In total, movie nights raised about \$1,000 this year!
- Munch a Lunch is projected to raise about \$10,000 to \$11,000 this year! Thank you, Vivian and other lunch volunteers!

5. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

- **Track Meet for Grade 4 to 7s:** Today or tomorrow notices will go home with your child's events and approximate schedule. **Still need drivers. All students should come to the school first to check in** (can check in at 8:30am). Students will get stickers with their name and event. At Minoru, students must check in and check out with Mr. Brown or Ms. Romalis. At check out, need to physically see the pick up person. Students should stay at the Track Meet (cannot leave to go to the mall). Encourage students to wear DeBeck gear. Bring a healthy lunch. DeBeck will be located near the long jump pits. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced. Rides will be organized to the track meet. Must tell the classroom teacher if someone else will be taking home your child.
- There is a **teacher shortage at DeBeck**. Three classroom teachers on leave of absence. Cori and Kathy have both taken on teaching roles, so that students can have a consistent educator in the classroom.
- A 4-5 month period will be required for construction of the office and gym next year. This period will include July-August 2024. The proposed period is June 2024-Sept 2024. This means we do not have access to a gym for graduation ceremony or Fun Fair in 2024. **Need input from Grade 6 guardians/parents** on the proposed period of construction.

6. Grade 7 Committee Update

- Yearbooks to be completed by May 19th. **Parents/guardians of Grade 7's, please send Cori baby photos.**

- A Playland trip is planned for June 21st.
- A graduation ceremony, followed by lunch at Dolphin Park, is planned for June 23rd.

7. District PAC Update

- May 2nd was the AGM. Re-elected the DPAC president. Filled all roles.
- New superintendent Christopher Usih. Experience from Calgary and Toronto school districts.
- The yearly volunteer appreciation dinner for parents is June 6th. Each school PAC sends 1-2 members to attend.
- The BC government approved \$214 million over 3 years to boost the school food programs. These newly approved funds will likely focus on food (e.g., Breakfast Club). This year, DeBeck received Family Affordability funds which could be used for a wider range of expenses (e.g., food, gift cards for grocery stores, camps, swimming lessons, snacks, food and materials for Breakfast Club, etc).
- At the DPAC meeting, it was asked, "Why is the school district hiring school administrators and cutting EAs?" Parents encouraged to join School Board meetings.

8. Fundraising Activities to Support School Initiatives

- **Raffle:** Sold over \$10k in tickets! Thank you to everyone for supporting the raffle this year! Over \$8k in profits. On May 4, winners for the golden basket, ice cream parties, and individual highest sellers will be announced. All of the classes were enthusiastic about selling tickets.
- Propose 2 divisions get an ice cream party, and all other divisions get freezies. Motion to purchase \$125 of freezies. Motion to pass by Vivian. Sophia second.
- Draw for raffle prizes on Friday May 5 after school.
- **Krispy Kreme Donuts:** One more round of donuts on Thursday May 18th.

9. Community Building Activities

- **Fun Fair is on June 2nd.** We are seeing if our grade 7s, or students from Palmer or McNair can volunteer. One food truck secured, plus 100 Vietnamese sandwiches (pork, veggie, etc). We will have punch cards. Need volunteers to cut punch cards by May 26th (Vivian and Audrey).
- **Pub Night at Legends is on May 26.** So far, 20+ attendees. Opportunity to meet other families from DeBeck. Buy tickets on School Cash Online. There will be a 50-50 draw.

10. Palmer Scholarship

- Scholarship for a former DeBeck graduate who is now graduating from grade 12. Last year, the PAC gave \$500 to Palmer. Propose \$500 to support scholarship. Motion to pass by Sophia. Second by Sandy.

11. Staff Appreciation

- Staff lunch: Proposed \$800 to cater lunch for our staff on June 30th. Boy with a Knife has been popular. Motion to pass by Lisa. Second by Sandy.
- Custodian gift: Traditionally give gift cards to custodians. We have 3 custodians. Propose \$35 for each custodian. Motion to pass by Vivian. Second by Sophia.
- Admin Assistant gifts for Alexia (f/t) and Helen (p/t). Alexia has helped with the raffle, hot lunch, fun fair, etc. Propose to give a \$50 gift card to Alexia and \$25 gift card to Helen. Motion to pass by Audrey. Second by Vivian.

12. PAC Annual General Meeting – June 8

- We are accepting nominations for PAC Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, District PAC Representative. Each year required to elect or re-elect for PAC roles.
- Also seeking help with coordinating hot lunch.
- If you, or anyone you know, would like to take on these roles, then please let PAC know.

13. Other

- Swimming lessons coming up for Grade 2/3s. Lessons will be on Mondays to Thursdays, with 2 sessions per day, over 4 weeks. Requires one bus a day to shuttle kids to/from Minoru Centre for Active Living. It will cost \$2750 for a bus (about \$27 per child). Motion to pass by Sophia. Second Theresa.
- How can we have a lower impact on our waste for Munch a Lunch?
- Poonam to email Kathy/Cori the deadline for teachers to send receipts to the PAC for reimbursement.
- Because Track Meet is on a Tuesday, there will be no Breakfast Club on Tuesday May 9.

Meeting adjourned 7:27pm.