

DeBeck PAC Meeting Agenda

April 20, 2022 at 6:30pm

1. Call to Order and Welcome from your PAC Executives

- Co-Chairs: Poonam & Theresa
- Co-Treasurers: Kevin & Patty
- Secretary: Yenmi filling in for Christina

2. **Attendance** – Kathy P, Kevin LK, Jennifer K, Sandy D, Li J, Emily, Shirley L, Kevin W, Patty W, Eva P, Maloy, Mc Co, James, Joanna P, Theresa, Poonam, Yenmi

3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes** – Motion by Kevin Lim-Kong & seconded by Jennifer Kao

4. Administrative Report

- **Extra-Curricular Activities** - opportunities for Intermediate students in Gr 4-7 to connect – positive response to Badminton, Band Practice, Homework Help, Walk/Run Group, Connection Crew. Thanks to our teachers for volunteering their time & spearheading these initiatives.
- **Body Science Education with Saleema Noon** – Students watched videos & were able to ask/submit questions before the presentation. Positive feedback from teachers & students. Due to lack of on-going fundraising activities, cost of program was covered by Saleema Noon Grant program. When we invite Saleema Noon back in 2 years, Kathy feels DeBeck/PAC can cover the cost.
- **DeBeck Track Meet** – Intermediate students will have the opportunity to participate in Track & Field events at DeBeck. In previous years DeBeck participated in a Track Meet at Minoru, competing with students from other Richmond schools. While the multi-school event will be held at Minoru this year, considering the comfort level of our students, the school thought it best to have a DeBeck-only Track Meet this year. This will provide many of our students with their first look at track & field sports as they rotate through the various activities. Hopefully DeBeck can participate in future Track Meets at Minoru. To prepare for the upcoming DeBeck event, extra sand is being laid on our long jump pit.
- **Playground Upgrade** – Saturday, June 4 Community Build
 - looking for 20-25 volunteers & co-ordinator to spend all day - 7:30am - 4:30pm
 - Co-ordinator to review health & safety, make a list of tools required & on hand, plan food/snacks/water, etc.
- **Seismic upgrades** – A recent article in the Richmond News mentions that DeBeck is on the list for seismic upgrades. Starting tomorrow, people will be on site to survey & sample. Work will likely begin Spring 2023, starting with the installation of stabilizers. Additional renovations may include the inner courtyard.
- **Enrolment for next year** – We are anticipating an influx of new students & expect to have 16 divisions next year. We will be adding more staff as needed.
 - Poonam asks if the pre-school will stay – Kathy confirms that it is fully enrolled & much-needed in the community, so we will do our best to keep it.
 - Kevin W asks what is the impact of having 16 divisions? Kathy anticipates needing more classroom / English lang help / resource teachers, increased prep time for teachers, more admin time for Kathy. A current temporary position will be posting as permanent, along with the new position for the 16th division. Note that sometimes these changes are not finalized until Aug/Sept.

5. Grade 7 Farewell Celebration Planning

- **Year-end activities**
 - **Graduation:** Three events will be planned for graduates with details to come.
 1. Day Trip with School Bus – Tuesday, June 21
 2. Ceremony at DeBeck – Friday, June 24 - Kathy notes we will wait to see if families can be included in the ceremony, or limited to grade 7 students
 3. Neighborhood Picnic - June TBA
- **Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser update**
 - Spring Purdy's Chocolate event raised \$320 which will go towards the payment of grade 7 yearbooks.
 - Yearbook (\$1 per book) funds will go towards the remaining cost of paying for grade 7 yearbooks.

6. Year Books

- A school-wide yearbook will be designed for all families to purchase (\$16) on-line starting May (advertising poster will be made available for circulation soon).
- Content such as grad comments, photos, etc. are currently being compiled by Kathy and Christina. Rob & Kathy are taking candid shots of the students & need at least 25 pictures. So far the students are happy to participate.
- Contest for cover art – 15 creative entries so far, Kathy suggests to showcase all entries in the year book pages.

7. Hot Lunch and Popcorn Days

- Hot Lunch started March & April, good response from orders & thanks to the good weather, volunteers have been working outside & are able to deliver outside.
- May & June dates are now open, as mentioned in the newsletter, order on-line.
- This is the biggest fundraiser this year & funds will be used next year for teacher allocation, iPad's etc.
- We are always looking for volunteers! Email: debeckschoolfood@gmail.com

8. Treasurer Report

- **Operating Account Balance** – \$12,500 - with upcoming deposits & expenses (munch-a-lunch, iPad cart license etc.)
- **Gaming Account Balance** – \$19,000+ – earmarked for playground. Kathy notes the estimate for concrete for the playground is \$2,500 & Habitat will coordinate the mixer.

Theresa's final comments – we've been planning for this playground for so long & it's finally becoming a reality! We are all looking forward to the community playground build on Saturday, June 4 & hope for an overwhelming response from volunteers.

Don't wait to sign up! Email: debeckpac@gmail.com

9. Questions

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT!