

PAC Meeting Minutes

January 27th, 2022

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome from your PAC Executives 6:00pm

- 1) Co-Chairs: Poonam & Theresa
- 2) Co-Treasurers – Patty & Kevin
- 3) Secretary – Sophia

2.0 Attendance – Kathy Pantaleo, Rob Grantham, Poonam K, Theresa W, Eva P, Lisa S, Mohit J, Kevin L, Dorothy T, Karen K, Sandy D, Vivian B, Yenmi M, Joanna P, Catalina I, Sophia S, Rob A, Samuel S, Care W, Jen K, Candice, Ken H, Carol W, Shyiang S

3.0 Adoption of Previous Minutes – Motion to pass by Yenmi, seconded by Kevin

4.0 Administrative Report

- WELCOMING our new Vice-principal: Mr. Rob Grantham – After 20 years as teacher, counselor and administrator on Vancouver Island and working overseas at international schools, he is happy to be back in BC and hope to meet more of the DeBeck community in the coming days.
- Playground update – Rob and Kathy met with Dave from Habitat today. Habitat is booked up until late June / early August. Student input would be required before then to be ready for installation. Habitat proposed five options, all as additions to current playgrounds and all within \$140,000 budget:
 - 1. (original proposal) Three pieces – slide, disc swing, turning globe
 - 2. (original proposal) Bigger set – slide, two disc swing, spinner, mobius strip climbing wall
 - 3. (original proposal) Bigger set – monkey bar, mobius strip climbing wall, balance bar, musical equipment, spinning piece
 - 4. (new proposal) one disc swing, rope climbing features like American Ninja set, musical instruments
 - 5. (new proposal) Bigger set - various monkey bars, slide, rope climbing
- Further to discussion, PAC voted to remove first and fourth options. The first option only adds three elements to current playgrounds, and the fourth option includes many rope features that are not inclusive and could be vandalized.
- The three short listed options will be sent to families for input. Depending on feedback, there are options to add features to a proposal, such as a rope features or two swings. Further discussion will take place at February PAC if further funding is required.

- Update on Covid procedures, notifications, and how the school is doing – An updated health check will be sent by email tomorrow, including runny nose as a symptom. This does not include pre-existing condition such as allergies. An updated flow chart will include guidance on close contacts. The school is unable to share positive cases due to privacy and reduced testing but DeBeck parents have been very vigilant with symptoms and going beyond required health measure to keep students home. Out of 360 children at school, 3% are absent with an additional 6% being kept home. Absences were higher earlier in January but are settling down. The ministry has not provided any direction to schools on whether students can lose their spot from extended absences. The additional safety measures put in place during the delayed start to school year have been helpful.
- Edge Imaging has been selected as a new school photographer for next year. When COVID restrictions ease, a family photo night may be a good PAC fundraiser event.
- DeBeck wear– further to feedback from families, DeBeck will now have the option to order t-shirt and hoodie with or without the dragon mascot. An order form will be sent shortly.

5.0 Old Business

- **PAC appreciation day for the school**
 - FROZEN YOGURT DAY was a success! This new event, in place of the family skate, was well received by children.

6.0 New Business

- **Farewell Gift for Mr. Trevor Shuto** – PAC to pass budget for a \$50 gift card to a golf store. Motion to pass by Yenmi, seconded by Kevin.
- **Teacher Allocation** – PAC to pass budget, for \$100 for teachers/staff and \$200 for band and library. Motion to pass by Catalina, seconded by Kevin.
- **Grade 7 planning for a year end activity and gift** – PAC to consider budget. Last year PAC sponsored lunch and gift to graduating grade 7s.
 - First grade 7 planning committee meeting will be Thursday, Feb 3, 6pm via Zoom.

7.0 Fundraiser Updates

- **Bottle Depot** – raised \$112.15 to date. Ongoing fundraiser.
- **Hot Lunch** – The School District has paused hot lunch into February. There will be no hot lunch in February and all dates have been pushed into March and April.
- **Direct Drive** on hold till February, when we know more about the progress of the playground and how much more funds we need to raise. Will wait for feedback from students and parents survey.

8.0 Treasurer Report

- 1. Operating Account Balance:** Currently \$12K. Purdy's fundraiser raised \$800.
- 2. Gaming Account Balance:** BC Gaming grant is just over \$6K. Total account balance is just over \$19K.

9.0 District PAC update – No update as last district PAC meeting was cancelled

10.0 Questions – no questions

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US! See you at our February Meeting!