

PAC Meeting Minutes

Nov 24th, 2021

1.0 Call to Order: 6:02pm

2.0 Welcome from your PAC Executives

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

3.0 Attendance – Poonam K, Kathy Pantaleo, Trevor Shuto, Theresa W, Corrina H, Sophia S, Anita Y, Arnold M, Jennifer C, Karen K, Vivian B, Yenmi, Patty W, Joanna, Karen K, Janet C, Maloy O, Eva P, Emily C, Carrie & Grant, Christina S, Stuart S, Dorothy T

4.0 Adoption of Previous Minutes – Motion passed by Sophia, Seconded by Corrina

5.0 Administrative report

- Playground update – HABITAT!!
 - Update on repainting old playground
 - Trevor, Poonam, Kathy and Theresa met with vender, Habitat. \$140,000 raised to spend on playground, will be developing a plan to determine if more fundraising is needed. Kids extremely enthusiastic. 3 playground proposals were introduced. Kathy will work with students and families to finalize pieces.
- Pumpkin Patch raised \$500 – to be donated to the school and will go into the “Sunshine Fund”. Thanks to the PAC in helping the Schuette’s set up the pumpkins.
- Update on covid procedures – bathroom passes (2 at a time), limited number of people in hallways, hand washing before and after using shared materials, masks worn indoors, reducing “crowding”, lockers will not be reintroduced to avoid crowding and to avoid sharing of lockers (not enough)
- Gym usage updates - Gym, band location, library usage has been questioned by parents. Kathy said a large group of new students and transitional learning students coming back this year so wanted to go slow in allowing all to acclimatize and maintain safety. Kathy watching over Intermediates and Trevor watching over Primaries during recess and lunch: clear that kids need more options. This Monday, admin will talk to staff. Will look at going to one recess and lunch break, use of library and gym will be discussed. Trevor says admin decided to start with where they left off at the end of the previous year. Admin agreed to start slow with reintegrating school structure. They see a desire for change among kids,

staff and parents and these things will be looked at. Options will be explored to help kids and staff feel less trapped while working in the same space all the time.

Gr 6/7 teachers met with admin to see what type of opportunities for leadership (intermediate) can be introduced. During assemblies, green zones (primary) and wellness (intermediates) are covered.

Stu: Are there opportunities to collaborate with other schools? Trevor says there are ways to collaborate and that is what they will do. Kathy says they will only look to collaborate when they “feel” the Debeck community is ready.

6.0 New Business

- **Teacher Allocation or Wish List** – Teacher allocation was the winning vote as of last meeting with teachers. Lots of teachers have already spent their own money, so it will be decided this Monday. PAC will look at the budget for the Jan meeting, a budget can be passed.

Saleema Noon presentation (sexual health educator) will be funded by the school in the Spring.

- **PAC appreciation day for the school**
 - Replacing the winter wonderland skating night where PAC pays for families to skate for free; however, family attendance has been dropping and it's not inclusive to all families. Cost is approximately \$700.
 - Possible ideas: open to suggestions. (Kathy is interested in the PAC funded snack idea and would like it to overlap with what teachers are planning for the students before the winter break.)

Motion to approve up to \$700 for the PAC Appreciation Day: motion passed by Maloy – Seconded by Vivian

- **Grade 7 planning?**
 - Grade 7 committee needed? Kathy doesn't know what it will be like right now and when they have a better sense they will connect with families for feedback. Too early to plan. Poonam suggested possible ideas could be putting together a care package or creating a yearbook for gr 7's. Kathy said it's a great idea to have a gr 7 parent to take lead, but planning and logistics will need to wait until they know more about what they CAN do.

Stu/Christina – Will get group of gr 7 parents to brainstorm ideas for gr 7 leadership, connect with Arnold; meet with Kathy and Trevor so they can chat with students and get their ideas.

- **Concrete path off Dayton Ave to school**
 - Students at another school petitioned to the City acknowledging that it was unsafe to walk through mud
 - School budget has \$3500 to create a pathway
 - Best way to enact change: petition student led and submitted to the city
 - City confirmed that a pathway is needed, but nothing has been arranged. Our school has been flagged as a school in need of some changes.
 - Eva says there is a traffic control committee where City staff can ticket parents.
- **Fundraiser updates:**
 - Trial Hot Lunch – Vivan says it was a success with a profit of \$150. Waiting for approval from Kathy who will talk to the staff about whether we can continue. The company labeled by division and student reducing the need for volunteers. There also wasn't a lot of packaging reducing the amount of cleanup required.
 - Mask Lanyards – sold 97 items with a profit of ~\$700!
 - Purdys – Open until Saturday November 27th. So far, we have raised \$550. All sales will generate 25% for DeBeck. Spread the word!
 - Recycling Depot - \$50 in account! Poonam has clear bags available.

Fundraising IDEAS moving forward:

- Hot lunch (pending approval): pizza every month
- Direct drive: to fundraise for another school initiative. Aiming for January after the PAC meeting as an incentive to donate for tax receipt reasons (iPad lease cost info will be available at that time as well. Kathy will inform PAC once info is available.) Direct Drive should be implemented annually as it provides extra funds for unexpected expenses. Maloy says parents should know what they are donating for and that will help increase the number of donations received
- Raffle Ticket/Spring fair
 - Could possibly run in March.
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 - Unsure if it will be allowed and will depend on PHO guidelines due to crowding.
- Olivers Label: online, it is already set up
- COBS Bread: has been set up at No. 2 Rd and Blundell store #3008
- Online Silent auction
 - Prize ideas include baskets, parent donations, local business donations, creative school prizes such as parking spot, Principal for a day, student art work.

7.0 Treasurer Report

- 1. Operating Account Balance:** ~\$8,200
- 2. Gaming Account Balance:** \$13,088 Possible ways to spend: sport activities; remains unchanged.

8.0 District PAC update: Eva says there have been 2 meetings (Oct. 5, Nov. 2). Covid focused and led by each individual school. Workshops offered to PAC members (ie: PAC 101), SOGI presentation was heated and showed how important it was to have Saleema Noon do presentations.

Questions: Dorothy is wondering if gr 7 camp for 2022/2023 is reserved. Kathy said it is booked and currently there are no outdoor ed trips taking place.

Meeting adjourned – 7:28pm.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT! See you in JANUARY!