

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2023 at 6:30pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 5834 2581 | Passcode: DeBeck

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Land acknowledgement.

2. Attendance

- Poonam Kaler, Kana Shorin, Audrey Lavers, Eva Poon, Rob and Kimara Akerly, Sophia Shimada, Theresa Wong, Z Li, Kevin Lim-Kong, Sylvia Lam, Yenmi Yip, Vivan, Noor, Lorraine Chen, Catherine, Lisa Santos, Kathy Pantaleo, Cori Anderson

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- Motion to approve previous minutes by Kevin and seconded by Lisa.

4. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

- **Seismic upgrade will start in September 2023.** The Ministry is funding an extensive renovation, and will come for a photo op before spring break. Expect DeBeck to look entirely different! There will be no more bricks because they are cracking and eroding. Stabilizers will be inserted. School will be brought down to the studs. A new foundation will be put in with concrete slabs on top. The school will float on rafts of concrete slabs if there is flooding. Sections of the school will be done at a time. There will be 4 portable classrooms in the field. It will take about 2 years for the upgrade. Families will be asked for input (e.g., making the parking lot more accessible for pick up and drop off). Whiteside and Bridge were recently seismically upgraded.
- **A path from Dayton to the school will be requested** on behalf of DeBeck families by School trustee, Alice Wong. She came to visit the school today and asked, "What is something I can do to help the school?" Kathy indicated that we have been wanting a path connecting Dayton to the school for many years. Theresa's neighbor has also requested a path with the City. Theresa and Kathy will meet to develop the request, along with a photo, to be sent to Alice.
- **An online survey will be sent to families** before spring break for feedback. Last year, students were asked for feedback on if they feel welcome, and if they have adults and friends to connect with. As a result, clubs were started last spring. This year, Breakfast Club was started. Cory and Kathy will survey students. Please complete the survey which will help guide decisions.
- **Swings may be installed in July.** Habitat has all required information from us. Waiting for dates from the manufacturer.
- Breakfast Club has been well received and is going well. Thank you for your support! **Breakfast Club is for all families!** Siblings who are younger or older are also welcome. This club not only provides breakfast, but also offers a space to build connections. Thank you to those who have helped with the dishwashing. The next Breakfast Club will have a comment box for suggestions for improvement.
- **"Learning updates"** (formerly known as "student-led conferences") will be led by students on February 15 and 16. Students will share work from one of the core

competencies. Teachers will also provide updates on literacy, numeracy, social emotional learning.

- **Activities for next school year** include a hip hop dance. Cost would be about \$5k. The school is aiming to fund half. Kevin will put \$2.5k in the budget for approval at our next AGM.

5. Treasurer Update

- Operating Account Balance about \$14.4k.
- Gaming Account Balance about \$26k. About \$6k in the gaming account needs to be spent this year. We will spend this on the swings.
- About \$8k is in the District playground account from previous years direct drive and online donations.
- A corporate donation of \$5k for the playground was made thanks to Yen
- Munch a Lunch deposits were about \$6k. Thank you to Vivian for organizing hot lunches.
- Grade 7's raised about \$700 from Movie Night and donut sales.
- Our biggest commitment is for iPad carts, which is \$5k each year. We may do a direct drive in September to help fund the iPad cart.

6. DPAC Update

- There were DPAC meetings on Jan 10 and Feb 7.
- In order to graduate high school, students need 4 credits of Indigenous coursework.
- Superintendent Scott Robinson will be leaving so Richmond is looking for a replacement.
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30) is now a provincial holiday. It will be incorporated into the school calendar going forward. Parents at the DPAC meeting proposed that the first pro-d day should fall on the first day of school since it is a half day. They proposed that the second day of school remain as a full day.
- Traffic issues are being experienced by many schools in Richmond. Bylaw officers have come and issued many tickets at other schools.
- Cory and Kathy have noticed families struggling with how to handle social media. A talk about online/internet safety would be great. Eva will follow-up with DPAC on whether there is funding available for speakers.

7. Community Building Activities

- Spring Fairs were held annually at DeBeck prior to the pandemic. It is like a carnival at the school with games and food on a Friday evening.
- **Friday June 2nd is the tentative date for a Spring Fair** based on weather.
- We will form a committee for the Spring Fair. The committee would help organize food vendors, games, prizes, and volunteers; create a budget; and plan the day. The Spring Fair is only feasible if there is a commitment from at least 5 parents to form a committee. Over the next 2 weeks, we will see if a committee can be formed. **Please email debeckpac@gmail.com if you would like to join the Spring Fair committee.** Kathy will request volunteers for the committee via the newsletter, Poonam will post on Facebook, other members will ask other parents via their networks. Kathy and/or Cory will also plan to attend the Spring Fair committee meetings.

- In the past, the PAC started planning the Spring Fair just before spring break. We sent home raffle ticket booklets for Easter long weekend. The Spring Fair was a fundraiser event. This year, it was agreed to hold the Spring Fair as an event to give back to the DeBeck community. The PAC would like to break even.
- This year, we will plan to hold the raffle event separately from the Spring Fair. **Please email debeckpac@gmail.com if you would like to join the Raffle committee.**
- Kevin will double check the acceptable uses of funds gained from raffle ticket sales. We believe these funds can be used for activities that benefit all students.
- The Richmond Neighbourhood Celebration Grant was received last year and used for the Meet the Staff night to fund the magician and healthy snacks for all students.
- The deadline for applications for this year is February 26. Funding is available for events between June 1 and December 31, 2023. Up to \$2k is available. The grant cannot be used for fundraising events.

8. Q&A

- No further questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.