

## DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

October 5 at 6:30pm

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### 1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair: Poonam
- Treasurer: Kevin
- Secretaries: Leah and Lisa
- Call to order @6:32pm.

### 2. Attendance

- Poonam Kaler, Lisa Schwartz, Cori Anderson, Kevin Lim-Kong, Theresa Wong, Caylee, Christina Sequeria, Eva Poon, Audrey Lavers, Allison Lin, Kana Shorin, Sandy Dhaliwal, Kimara Ackerly, Jean, Carol, Lisa Santos

### 3. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

- **September Start Up:** We have had a smooth start up. We currently have 16 divisions and 381 students. We continue to be a full school with a small waitlist and a few classroom spots in K-2 only.
- **New Bell Schedule:** Start and end time is the same. There is a change to the time of our lunch hour- 11:50-12:42 (eat first, play second). The change in the bell schedule is due to the additional prep time (120 minutes).
- **Staffing Updates:** Heather Maclaren/Jessica Wong- Division 2 teachers. Prep position and Learning Enhancement teacher position is currently posted. Cori will be doing ELL/Learning Resource support this year.
- **Seismic Upgrade Update:** The district is waiting on building permits and occupancy permits. No official start date. Intermediate classes will be moving out to portables and primary classes will stay inside.
- **Grade 7 Farewell:** We may consider looking to book another space for the grade 7 farewell in case the gym is not available. Lisa and Cori plan to talk to other schools who have just finished the seismic upgrade to see what they did for their farewell.
- **Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA's):** Administered every year to grades 4 and 7 students and will happen, sometime between October 3 and November 6, 2023.
- **Early dismissal** will be on October 18 and 19 at 1:45 PM for Parent Teacher conferences.
- **Individual Photo Day** will be on October 25th and retakes on November 16th .
- **Breakfast Club** will begin this Friday, October 6 th 7:45-8:30 AM. Similar format to last year. We are so grateful to Ms. Clarke is coming back to volunteer in the kitchen. The theme will be "Unplug and Connect" so it will be a cell phone free zone.
- **Terry Fox Run:** We had a successful Terry Fox Run last week. We had grade 6/7 student leaders lead the warm-up and other student leaders lead the run. We raised \$730.
- **Orange Shirt and Truth and Reconciliation Day:** On Friday, we did a whole school nature walk to connect with this beautiful place where we live. After our walk, we stood in a large, whole school circle to hear about the importance of Orange Shirt Day and the meaning of the drumming. Ms. Abrams and some students were there to drum us out and into the school. Classes then created an artifact using orange fabric to reflect on the question, *What words, phrases, or emotions live inside your hearts when you think about*

*Orange Shirt Day, Every Child Matters, and our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation?* The ribbons are in the trees in front of the school.

- **Grade 6/7 Volleyball:** Practices have started. Games will begin at the end of October. Thank you to our coaches- Ms.A. Ms. Tseng, Ms. Kim and Mr. Rymer
- **Cross Country Fun Run:** Students in grade 1-7 who are interested in participating in the upcoming Garry Point Cross Country Fun Run are training on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15 AM. Students participating in the Fun Run will complete a field trip notice and meet Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Mammon and Mrs. Schwartz at Garry Point on Tuesday, October 17th .
- **Spirit Wear:** We will be selling spirit wear coming up soon. More details to come.

#### 4. **Treasurer Update**

- Gaming account balance is about \$23,000. This includes this year's gaming grant of \$7,600.
- Operating account balance is about \$21,000. This includes hot lunch revenue but expenses still need to be paid.
- The gaming account obtains revenue from the gaming department grant and Spring Fair raffles. There are restrictions on what we can spend these funds on. Funds can be spent on items that benefit the entire school (e.g., clubs).
- The operating account includes revenues from all other fundraising. The primary revenue source is from hot lunches.

#### 5. **District PAC Update**

- First meeting postponed to the week of October 9th.

#### 6. **Fundraising Activities to Support School Initiatives**

- **Hot Lunch** has started. First hot lunch was amazing! Thanks to Audrey, Vivian and volunteers! Orders can be placed at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/debeck/>.
- **Direct Drive** will start in October or November. We will ask families for donations to support iPad carts. A cart is about \$5000 to lease.
- **Purdys Fundraiser** will start in the beginning of November.
- **Raffle** will be considered for the new year. Last year was very successful.
- Teacher allocations have been \$100 for each teacher and \$200 for the librarian and band teacher for several years now. The PAC would like to increase this amount by having more hot lunches. **Lisa and Cori will let staff know that we would like to increase teacher allocations but need their support for a higher frequency of hot lunches.**
- **Donut sales** will be considered as a fundraiser. It was successful last year.

#### 7. **Community Building / Fun School Activities**

- The first **Movie Night is Friday Oct 13**. We will be showing "Hotel Transylvania: Transformania". Pizza and snacks for sale starting at 5pm.
- Our annual **Pumpkin Patch will be on Friday Oct 27th**. We are looking for volunteers to pick up pumpkins on the afternoon of Oct 26th and bring them to the school gym. We are also looking for volunteers to arrange the pumpkins in the field on the morning of Oct 27.
- We will distribute **Halloween loot bags** to each student on Halloween. Families are asked to donate candies. The PAC would like to purchase treat bags for about \$200. Motion to pass by Kevin first, second by Audrey.

- The PAC would like to support clubs and initiatives that benefit the entire school. We can use funds from the gaming account for such activities. This is separate from teacher allocations, which come from the operating account. **Lisa and Cori will ask the staff if there are any clubs or initiatives that they would like us to support.**
- Ms. Christine Abrams has started a Noisy club, Quiet club, band lessons, etc. These initiatives include the entire school. We may consider purchasing a speaker system.
- Ms. Borthwick would like to start a book club this year.
- Chess club will be starting again. Some chess sets were purchased by the PAC last year.
- **Lisa and Cori will discuss additional club or extracurricular support with staff.** Jerseys for sports teams may be one item. We would need a quote.
- Canada Scores will not be offered this school year due to the seismic upgrade and the requirement to have a staff on site.

#### 8. **Grade 7 Committee**

- **Grade 7 committee to be formed.** Grade 7 parents/guardians to choose a Chair.
- Lisa, Cori and some grade 7 teachers expressed interest to be involved
- Once the committee has an idea of what they would like to plan and develop a budget, then they will share with the PAC.

#### 9. **Q & A**

- No questions or comments.

Meeting adjourned: 7:08pm