

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

November 9 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, Audrey Lavers, Eva Poon, Jean Marcos, Theresa Wong, Trina F, Rei Chen, Eason Chen, Leah Penrose, Kevin Lim-Kong, Lisa Santos, Niloufar, Maloy Navarro-Ocampo, Catherine Moreno

3. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

- **Staffing update:**
 - Ms. Green and Mr. Smith will be supporting our band and music program until winter break.
 - Ms. Green (Nov. 15, 16, 21, 23, 30, Dec. 5, 7, 11, 13, 19, 21)
 - Mr. Smith (Nov. 14, 20, 22, 27, 28, 29, Dec. 4, 8, 12, 14, 18, 21)
 - Ms. Soo's last day is coming up, we welcome Tara Johnson, who will be teaching Ms. Soo's class until Winter Break.
- **Seismic Upgrade:**
 - Need occupancy and building permits. Still waiting for more updates and dates. Will look into if the path is still involved. Jose is the Project Manager.
- **New students:** 382 students
- **Breakfast Club:** Not tomorrow or December 21st as Pro D days.
- **Remembrance Day Ceremony:**
 - Only one assembly, and unfortunately parents will not be able to attend. Open to feedback to see if we will go back to two. Will record it and will share it early next week.
- **School Story:**
 - This is Requirement from the Ministry of Education to determine the focus and how to intentionally improve student learning with a sense of belonging. DeBeck is currently "Kindness Connects". Continue to bring it in the curriculum and have social, emotional well-being as a focus. Have Lisa and Cori back in the classrooms as well as supporting teachers more to support the kids.
- **Clubs:**
 - Chess club is every other Wednesday in the Library.
 - 6/7 volleyball with games, practices and a tournament coming up.
 - Student leadership is starting next week. Be more intentional to foster leadership with the older students.
 - Canada Scores program is not back this year, clarify that it is not due to our staff, they were not able to keep the program running on their side, and will be looking at options going forward.
- **Book Fair:**

- Students will be given an opportunity to browse and an opportunity to buy during class time. There will also be Family book fair times before and after school on November 28th , 29th and 30th .
- **Hip Hop Lessons:**
 - Coming in to teach all classes.
 - We have secured a location for our Hip Hop Presentation. We will be performing at 5:30 PM on Friday, December 8th at McRoberts Secondary in the big gym.
- **December / Winter Activities:**
 - Representing all the diversity with December and Winter activities. Are our values being represented in all of the activities at DeBeck?
 - There will be a group of teachers that come together to start planning - any feedback from parents, please let us know.
- **Term 1 Learning Updates:**
 - Report cards, this year no paper copies as the District has transitioned to online.
- **Spirit Wear:**
 - We will be selling leftover DeBeck Dragon spirit wear at our next Breakfast Club.
 - We have a small amount of hoodies in Youth sizes Large and X-Large and a variety of t-shirts in different colours and sizes. We can accept cash or cheques.
- **DARE program:** DARE graduation, Dec 6, afternoon. Constable Tammy Walker, offered to do an extra week focused on internet safety. Drugs, alcohol, decision making process. Final project is a variety of styles to highlight all of their learnings.
 - Thank you card for Constable Tammy, great reviews about her!

4. Treasurer Update

- Operating Account, just over \$20K
- Gaming Account, is just over \$22K (some funds can only be held for one year)
- First movie night of the year, PAC earned over \$300
- **iPads:**
 - Have not yet seen an invoice from the school district re: iPads.
 - Have asked District for verbiage on tax receipts for iPad fundraiser, and said they don't have standard language.
 - Anyone have a letter from playground fundraising? Poonam will check.
- **Requests:**
 - PA System - will revisit when Ms. Abrams is back.
 - Field Trips, buses are easier now and pricing has gone up a lot. Maybe a certain amount per student and then up to teachers to determine how they spend it (travel, they come in etc.) Proposals, connection to curriculum, safety, transportation, cost, funding etc before booking.
 - Hip Hop (gaming)
 - Saleema Noon May 2024 1 day for parents, two for students(will come from Gaming)
 - Swimming Buses (gaming)
 - Winter treats & Pumpkins (gaming)
 - Increasing number of lunch days to increase number of teacher allocations (2 days to 3 days per month 3 hot lunches and a snack)

Funds from PAC:

- \$10/kid = \$3800 toward transportation for fields trips Motioned: Maloy Seconded: Kevin - Approved

- \$2600 toward Hip Hop Motioned: Maloy Seconded: Theresa - Approved
- \$1700 toward Saleema Noon Motioned: Kevin Seconded: Maloy - Approved
- \$800 Winter Treats - Frozen Yogurt Motioned: Theresa Seconded: Kevin - Approved
- \$50 Mrs. Clarke Retirement gift Gift Card \$50 Motioned: Audrey Seconded: Maloy - Approved
- \$50 Ms. Soo parental leave gift card. Going forward, PAC to include dads, adoption etc. Also increasing from \$25 to \$50 to align with retirement gifts. Motioned: Maloy Seconded: Leah - Approved
- \$1535 Jerseys. We currently have two types of jerseys - Retro jersey, and newer jersey. Instead of retiring the newer jerseys, we will add to them, adding 35 new jerseys. Not all students can have the same jersey right now. The kids get one jersey per season to care for and then return. Motioned: Maloy Seconded: Nilafour - Approved

5. District PAC Update - October 10, 2023

- Assistant Superintendent - New funding "Feeding Futures" school food program for all schools across the province for 3 years.
- Food security for students and families, replacing affordability funds in a similar way.
 - Breakfast club, snack program, small fridge in the office is being looked at for DeBeck.
 - Met with Ian Lai who was hired to support this. schools already have funding. Partnership with Richmond Food Bank.
 - All students are fed. Families can reach out to the school for food purposes (K-12). Allocation based on school size, and a school in need can request more.
- President of the BC Teachers Federation. Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)
 - Can pay to remove students from taking the test in grade 4 and 7.
 - Principals and VPs are asked to speak to them (ESL level 1, 2, don't write, or learning difference or Autism) other than that most students write.
 - Protect data of the results so as not to rank schools. Not a fair way to rank. Does not tell the whole picture, done yearly for grades 4 and 7 in October, can take up to 6 hours.
 - School funding is not related to the data, so what is the data for?
 - Publicize the district marks, but not individual schools, however third parties can get a hold of it. How can we support teachers? Write to our MLA to legislate to protect the data.
 - 80% in Richmond take FSA. They want their kids to take it, it is a snapshot to see where their kids are at. Just want to protect the data for external bodies.
- PAC 101
 - Nov 7, 2023. - deferred to Nov 21, 2023
- Traffic Safety committee update
 - Any traffic issues let the school admin know and the traffic committee know.

6. Grade 7 Committee

- Quick meeting with Lisa, Cori, Sonia, Rhonda, Theresa
- Considering asking for a denomination from all Gr. 7 parents.
- Next meeting at the end of November, in-person with parents.
- Fundraiser: Cineplex Movie tickets, Recess and snack sales
- Found decorations in the storage room and staff kitchen

7. Q & A

- Feedback on Weekly Newsletter, it is a little hard to read. Could we have sections?
- Great feedback on the diversity and inclusion that the school is highlighting and participating with.

- Can Movie nights be moved up to once per month?
 - License just expired. Is there something with the district the PAC can also use? Lisa to check. If not then PAC will re-apply and go from there.
 - Once per term to be respectful of time.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40pm