

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

March 7 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, Kevin Lim-Kong, Sandy Dhaliwal, Lisa Santos

3. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

- **Seismic Upgrade Update**

The Unitech crew continue to prep the portables for occupancy. The portables should be ready after spring break. Once permits are received, the phases will be looked at and the dates for each phase will be updated. More information to come after spring break.

- **Term 2 Learning Update (Report Cards)**

In past years, Term 2 report cards have been sent home just before Spring Break. This year, the Richmond School District will be sending home report cards later in April. This will help create a balanced year for reporting as it extends term 2, which has been quite short in the past. Report Cards will go home to DeBeck families on Friday, April 26th this year.

- **Parking Lot**

In order to ensure the safety of all our DeBeck families, Cori and I have begun patrolling our parking lot at drop off. We have decided that we will make changes, one thing at a time. So for now we are focusing on drop off.

Our focus:

- Cone off the staff only parking so vehicles can not speed through that area or block other cars.
- Patrol and guide cars in the drop off area. Please do not park in the drop off area. Please stay for no longer than 1 minute.
- Encourage walking and street parking.

We will work on pick up after spring break.

- **Band/Music Program**

Ms. Abrams says hello and wants to assure everyone that she is doing well after her knee replacement surgery. She hopes to be back in May to continue her gradual return to work. Mr. Smith (Tue/Thu) and Ms. Green (Mon/Wed) will continue to provide music and band to our students until further notice. We are so lucky to have them, especially because the district is short on band teachers. Div 5-8 gave an excellent performance of Oh Canada at the Pink Shirt Day assembly.

- **Student Learning Survey**

Next week, information about The Student Learning Survey will go home to families who have students in Grades 4 and 7. The survey is open to students, staff and parents. The survey asks questions about the school environment, safety and achievement. The

feedback is valuable and will be used for evaluating the strengths and areas of improvement for the school.

Lisa and Cori will be administering the survey to our grade 4 and 7 students in the first two weeks of April.

- **Sports Teams and Clubs**

- Basketball is wrapping up this week with the Palmer Feeder School tournament. Thank you to Ms. Chiu and Ms. Greenwell. Congratulations to the girls' team who placed second in the tournament tonight! Thank you to the PAC for the new jerseys!
- Student Leadership (Connection Crew) happens Tuesdays at Lunch led by Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Borthwick and Mrs. Schwartz
- Chess Club is every other Wednesday led by Mr. Juric. Mr. J thanks the PAC for the new chess sets!
- Book Club alternating Wednesdays led by Ms. Borthwick
- Band- Wednesdays at Lunch led by Mr. Smith/Ms. Green

- **Track Attack (grade 4-7)**

We do not know our Track Meet date yet. But we will likely have an early May date. So we are planning and organizing for Track Attack for the second and third week of April. Track Attack is a great way to have all students try all events that are at the track meet before we select students for events. Track attack will happen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the last block of the day. Students will rotate through stations to try and practice long distance running, 200 M, relays, softball throw, long jump and Shot Put/Discus (grade 6/7s only). High jump is more specialized and will happen at lunch.

- **Grade 7 Farewell**

Cori and Lisa will be meeting with the grade 7s this Friday to get their input on the three choices for a year end field trip/activity. The students will vote before spring break so we can begin to plan these year end events. Palmer gym has been booked for the ceremony; however, DeBeck gym may be available depending on the revised seismic update schedule.

4. Treasurer Update

- Operating account is about \$18,444.
- Gaming account is about \$17,055.
- Purchased magnetic chess sets for chess club.

5. District PAC Update

- Last DPAC meeting was canceled.

6. Support for the School

- Each division has a bin of sport equipment that can be used at recess or lunch. The equipment has dwindled down over the years. There are 16 divisions.
Motion to support \$100 per division for sports equipment (\$1600 total), like basketballs, gaga balls, etc. Motion passed by Audrey. Seconded by Kevin.
- No Spring Fair this year due to uncertainty around seismic upgrades and gym access.
- We propose to use the funds that would have been spent on a Spring Fair to support the school in other ways. There are specialty programs that could provide educational opportunities, such as purchasing butterfly habitats, etc.
Motion to support \$200 per division for specialty programs that are tied to some aspect of the curriculum (\$3200 total). Motion passed by Lisa. Seconded by Kevin.

We recognize that this support is available in lieu of the Spring Fair. This support may not be available every year.

- At a past meeting, we approved an increase in staff allocation to \$200 for classroom and support teachers and \$300 for band and library. These funds could be used for specialty programs as well, but have typically been used for classroom supplies like art supplies, books, board games, etc.

7. Grade 7 Committee

- Latest fundraisers were donut sales.

8. Q & A

- No questions or comments.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:52pm

Next meeting will be in May.