

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024 at 6:30pm

In-Person @ DeBeck Library

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair: Poonam
- Treasurer: Kevin
- Secretaries: Leah and Lisa
- Call to order at 6:35pm
- Land Acknowledgment

Meeting Minutes - February and March 2024

Motion to approve: Lisa and Audrey

Approved: All

2. Attendance

- Poonam Kaler, Lisa Schwartz, Cori Anderson, Audrey Lavers, Kevin Lim-Kong, Lisa Santos, Vivian Bathala, Maloy Navarro-Ocampo, Tienne, Carol

3. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

Seismic Upgrade:

- There are four classes currently in portables with toilet trailers. All Grade 3 classes and up (2 / 3 splits exempt) will eventually take their turn and move into the portables. There is a buddy system in place for toilet trailers, as well each class in the portables are provided one fob to enter school.
- The gym and staffroom are closed until October 15, 2024.
 - Gym is being taught outside until then. May do Health Ed if the weather is not great, if light rain, it will still be outside.
 - How does this impact volleyball next year? They will play only away games and practice outside. Doesn't usually get started until the end of September, so may be only slightly impacted.
 - Parking lot will be done this summer and will be very different.
- Unitech have brought in extra people to try and make up the time on the original due date. It is still a two-year project in its entirety, projected completion is still at the end of Summer 2025. They are really helpful and safety focused

Enrollment & Placements:

- Capacity is set for 390 next year, and we are already registered with 385, we are anticipating a waitlist and that we will be full.

- We will need to be very strict on late returns notice. If the student is not back, they will lose their space and will need to re-register.
- Students with an extended absence for more than 20 consecutive school days, will be withdrawn and have to re-register. Will be placed in other schools until then.
- We have requested insights from parents for placements for next year. Things to consider are friendships, academics etc. Decisions are made as a team with their current teacher, Administor's and if applicable, resource teacher. These are accepted until May 31, 2024.
 - Consensus is staff will ask the kids again for their input as well about friends, academics etc. to also help inform their placements. It will be clear and consistent with wording.
- Looks like all but 2 classes will be split based on numbers.

Grade 7 Farewell:

Met with teachers after school today, farewell will be at Palmer at 10:30am due to gym being closed and giving time to walk over to Palmer. Teachers will also want to walk to see them as they have taught them.

LUncheon to follow at Dolphin park, students will have input. A&W, Sushi, Pizza etc are options. Year end activity will be June 25th at Richmond Oval - skating, rock climbing, volleyball and one other. In total raised over \$2000.00 on donut sales alone for this.

All parents ended up paying 52 x \$30 plus a little extra.

We will have to do parent drivers as last event ends at 2:00pm then will come back.

Welcome to Kindergarten:

Welcome to Kindergarten event today. A lot more kids today than last year. A lot of siblings but even more new families. Parents met with teachers and PAC. 40 new Ks. 1 K and 2 K/1

Camp Jubilee: Outdoor ed in September, first time in awhile for overnight. Grade 6/7s (108 students and 11 staff) Camp leaders will also be present. Cabin groups vs Activity groups. Sept 25/27 all at the same time. May 30th is virtual info night

Track Attack:

- Grade 4-7 students
- Track attack is done, staff are now placing students into the competitions - Goal is for all interested, eligible students to participate and share it evenly amongst all students.
- May 27th track meet - you will get the schedule soon with the events your student is in -
 - We will require parent drivers. Be mindful about parking.
 - Meeting area near parking lot in the shade on the grass.

- Gym teacher will do a mini track meet for the younger grades at the school on the same day.

Grade 2 swimming lessons:

- Are currently on going - 8 lessons total with 3 staff members going and 3 staying, they rotate who goes each session. We are limited to the number of kids that can go, that is why we couldn't send grade 3s this year.
- May not be able to do it next year as it is very disruptive and we lose a lot of academic time and resource time. Post Covid, we still really need to continue to focus on literacy and numeracy and it's hard to get them to focus after swim time.

Year end celebration:

- Year end celebration will be at South Arm Pool for the whole school (except for some 2/1 splits and down due to age restriction of 7). We will all walk there and will split it into two groups.

4. District PAC Update

- No meeting this month as the election happened, we did not send a representative to vote.
- Current president is stepping down, so a whole new executive committee next school year
- Committees: SOGI, DEI, Calendar Committee, Environmental, Traffic
 - Traffic, if you want more support, you can request for it, they have good success with a constable on site.
 - How can we work to improve our parking/drop offs? We could have the DPAC send a constable. PAC will send email.
- June 4th volunteer appreciation night.
- Insurance for sanctioned events is not required, unsanctioned events will require it.
- Scholarships cannot be paid from Gaming funds.

5. Treasurer Update

- Operating account is about \$29,000
- Gaming account is about \$16,000
- Last donut sale did sell out making \$2000- but it was hard to do it. Same as May last year, as saturated with sales.
- Direct drive fund paid for iPads
- Anticipating operating account by end of year to be about \$17,000 after budgeting and invoices

- Gaming by end of year \$10,000 to start next year. Can carry over and every Sept new allocation and max 3 years, raffle funds to be used within one year.
- Tentative budget for next year to come
- Applied for gaming funds \$6000-7000 for our school. Government, BC Lottery Corp, very specific usage, extra-curriculars only
- Can get a GST rebate on a lot of purchase items. Alexia does this for the school.
- All receipts/allocations required by June 15, 2024 - this money does not roll over

6. Support for the School

- Upgrade for sports equipment that can be replenished for lunch use etc. Will be here for next school year, approx \$100.00/class from PAC.
- Grade 7 farewell, minimum \$500 or \$15/student, whatever is greater. Grade 7s can fundraise on top of it. Approved by Maloy and Audrey
- New DeBeck Babies - Ms. Chang, Ms. Kilby, Mr. Brown - \$50 each Approved by Kevin and Lisa (Maloy will shop, Amazon)
- Delay hot lunch until November until the Seismic is done. 1 in Mid/end of Nov & Dec then will go forward next year.

7. PAC

- Nominees for all PAC volunteers, specifically extra help with the Hot Lunch Coordinator.
 - Student leaders could help with Hot Lunch delivery - would depend on what it is.

8. Grade 7 farewells

- What does it look like beyond this year? More collaboration with the teachers!
- Decorating the gym and behind the scenes.
- Signup genius will be used to manage all volunteers this year.
 - Can we send it out to all grade 5-7 parents, not just grade 7s.
 - Similar timeline typically as Spring Fair, so be cautious of asking too much and for too many volunteers. This year it is not an issue as we are not doing the Spring Fair as the gym is closed for seismic upgrades.
- It does not need to be too over the top, please keep time and expectations in mind.

9. Q & A

- No comments or questions outside of Agenda items

Meeting adjourned @ 7:57pm

Next meeting will be the AGM, June 12th, in person