

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2024 at 6:30pm

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair: Poonam
- Treasurer: Kevin
- Secretary: Brian

2. Attendance

- Poonam Kaler, Lisa Schwartz, Cori Anderson, Kevin Lim-Kong, Theresa Wong, Eva Poon, Brian Shaler, Audrey Lavers, Jade, Tienne Schuab, Sophia, Alan, Laura, Kevin Walsh, Caylee

3. Updates from our Principal

September Start Up:

- Debeck = 379 students, 16 divisions
- Category B school - at capacity, enrolment is carefully monitored and transfers are not accepted from out of catchment except siblings

Seismic Upgrade:

- Parking lot complete - a lot safer and smoother mornings
- Phase 1 nearing completion - first 3 classrooms expected to be finished beginning of November
- Phase 2 construction ongoing - Gym and Ms. Emily's classroom to be finished end of December
- Hot Lunch to be postponed until the gym is available
- Other intermediate classes will then move to portables so further classrooms can be upgraded
- A neighbour living in Ashby Place (cul de sac) has complained of traffic due to pick-up and drop-off by portables. His driveway has been blocked on various occasions

Staffing Update:

- Ms Kilby and Ms. Chang on Mat leave
- 2 new teachers and 1 EA
 - Taylor Sherwin (Ms. Kilby) Division 15 K/1
 - Anu Bhardwaj (Ms. Chang) Division 5 5 /6
 - Diana Dorantes new EA

Spirit Wear on sale end of October:

- T-shirts (cotton and dry fit), sweatpants and 3 kinds of sweatshirts (hooded, full zip and crew)
- Sold with no markup

Remembrance Day Assembly:

- Will be recorded and played in class due to gym upgrade

Learning Update:

- Math and numeracy was the focus of First Pro D Day (with Math and Numeracy consultant Janice Novakowski)
- Math = the subject or content / Numeracy = ability to apply these concepts to real life situations
- Teachers want to increase their comfort level teaching in a hands-on and interactive way and learn more about resources available through district resource page

4. Updates from our Vice Principal**Parent Teacher Conferences:**

- literacy and numeracy overview
- Early dismissal at 1:45 - Oct. 22 and 23

Grade 4 and 7 - FSA Testing:

- Written and online component

Individual Photo Day:

- October 23

Terry Fox Run:

- Successful run with Gr. 6 and 7 leading the warmup and others leading the run
- Raised \$730

Truth and Reconciliation:

- Held October 1st - Students gathered outside.
- Ms. Abrams planned the gathering and lead drumming while divisions gathered outside
- Emma Liu gave a speech about her journey through Truth and Reconciliation

Camp Jubilee:

- 98 students and 10 staff members
- Despite heavy rain Wednesday and Thursday students remained positive and enjoyed trying many new activities to build connections

Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities:

- Basketball
 - Will return after Winter Break
- Volleyball
 - Postponed until after spring break (when basketball season has concluded)
 - In house intramurals will be held

- May reach out to other schools if they want to join Debeck in intramural environment
- Student Leadership
 - Cori and Lisa will be leading student leadership
 - For Grade 6 and 7's
- Run Club and Cross Country Fun Run
 - Country Fun Run training - Tue/Thur mornings at 8:15
 - Country fun run for Grade 1-7 at Garry Point October 22
 - Mr. Lowen - run club Tue/ Thu at recess -> wristbands for how long students run
- Noisy Club
 - Hosted by Ms. Abrams in the Music Room - Thursdays at lunch
 - Opportunity for students to play percussion instruments / experiment with making music
- Quiet Club
 - Hosted by Ms. Abrams in the Music Room - Mondays at lunch
 - Students can read books, create art or play a quiet game of cards
- Dragons Band
 - For more advanced students - Tuesdays at lunch
 - Contact Ms. Abrams for info about auditioning
- Chess Club
 - Mr. J (school counselor) will host chess club on Wednesday's during rainy season

5. Treasurer Update

- Received \$7540 gaming grant
- Operating Balance = \$16,162
- Gaming Balance = \$17,899

6. Fundraising Activities to Support School Initiatives

- Hot Lunch
 - On hold until gym and staff rooms are again
- Frozen yogurt
 - moved from December to later in year due to seismic upgrade (less fridges)
- Pumpkin patch
 - Tuesday October 29
 - Volunteers required for pick up and distribution (wagons and wheelbarrows)
- Dance lessons
 - To be held later in the year
- Purdy's fundraiser
 - Lisa Santos, lead organizer
- Cobs Bread
 - They use a point system which can be used to buy buns for year end bbq's
- Raffle and Spring Fair

- Possible for end of year
- Spring Fair would be a community event and not a fundraising focus
- Teacher Allocation
 - \$200 per staff member, \$300 for library, \$300 for band, \$10/ student for field trips
- iPad Cart
 - 30 ipads for \$5,000 - 3 year commitment coming due in December

7. District PAC Update

- Eva Poon attended
- Superintendent Mr. Chris Usih explained policies and procedure:
 - If you have issue in school, flow of problem resolution (steps of escalation):
 - Classroom teacher → principal → assistant superintendents → superintendent
- Parents should be aware that dropping children off before 0830, there is no adult supervision outside of the school
- Moving from Zoom to Teams. RDPA will be communicating with each PAC to set up their Teams accounts. 1 account for each school
- School traffic problem during pick-up / drop-off.
 - If you have concerns with your school traffic, please email the RDPA president Connie Huang <richmonddpasd38@gmail.com> and cc the school principal. Connie meets monthly with the traffic committee
- PAC 101 - Nov 5 (6-8:30pm) at Burnett highschool
 - Please RSVP via google form. Please let the PAC Chair know, so s/he can register for you
 1. PAC chair and secretary workshop
 2. Fundraising workshop
 3. Treasurer workshop
 4. Dry after-grad workshop (for secondary schools)
- Plan to install Narcan nasal spray kits and AEDs (116) in the Richmond schools