

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025 at 6:30pm

In Person at the DeBeck Library

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair: Poonam
- Treasurer: Kevin
- Secretary: Lisa
- Call to order @ 6:31pm.

2. Attendance

- Poonam, Kevin, Lisa, Tiffany, Edmund, Eva, Brian, Theresa, Audrey, Cori Anderson, Lisa Schwartz

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- Motion to approve January minutes by Kevin. Seconded by Edmund.

4. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

● Seismic upgrade

- Phase 3 and the gym and staffroom to be completed by the end of March (After spring break). Gym kitchen is bigger.
- Gender neutral washrooms are being done, including 4 stalls and large sinks.
- Our current plan is first week of April will be a packing week and second week of April a moving week. Next classes to move (Ms. Lindsay, Mr. Hebron and Ms. K). They will move to completed classrooms.
- Ms. Emily's classroom at the end of April.

● 2025/26 school year

- Notices of intent to return have been distributed.
- We are expecting 51 Kindergarteners.
- DeBeck is a category A school – at or over physical capacity. No transfer students are being received at this time.

● New online booking system

- We are 1 of 5 schools piloting the Microsoft Online Booking System for our Term 2 conferences.
- You should have received a link from your child's teacher to book your conferences online.
- We like that at a quick glance we can see conference schedules for the whole school.
- The system puts the scheduled conferences directly into the teacher's Outlook. Calendars and sends a reminder notification one day before the conference.
- We welcome your feedback that we can share with our District Tech Department.

● Student learning updates and conferences

- Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences will be Feb 26th and Feb. 27th @ 1:45 PM.
- DeBeck teachers are doing a combination of Student-Led Conferences and Parent-Teacher Conferences.

- Term 2 Report Cards (Student Learning Updates) will be uploaded to MyEd on Tuesday, April 29th. No hardcopies will be sent home.
- The final update is a learning summary in June.
- **Year End Dates of Interest**
 - Feb 26th - Pink Shirt Day and Pink Shirt Assembly (recorded)
 - Week of Feb 24 – Book Fair
 - March 6th - Palmer Feeder School Basketball Tournament (3:00 PM-6:00 PM)
 - March 14th - Last day before Spring Break
 - March 31st - First day back after Spring Break
 - April - Break dancing lessons
 - April 22nd - Earth Day/Assembly
 - April 29th - Term 2 Report Cards (Learning Updates) posted to MyEd
 - Track date is pending.
 - May 14th - Welcome to Kindergarten 1:00 -2:00 PM
 - May 16th - Pro D Day
 - June 13th - Fun Day
 - June 20th - Grade 7 Farewell/Grad
 - June 26th - Recognition Assembly
 - June 26th - Term 3 Report Cards (Learning Summary) posted to MyEd
- **Leadership**
 - Hopefully you have seen in the WAAG our upcoming Spirit Days. We had our first one last week (wear pink/red for Valentines) and the rest will be coming up over the next few weeks:
 - Friday, Feb. 21- Backwards Day
 - Wednesday, February 26th - Pink Shirt Day
 - Friday, March 7th - Anything but the Backpack Day
 - Friday, March 14th - PJ Day
 - Our leadership team is also planning our upcoming Pink Shirt Day Assembly. This will be pre-recorded and shared with families on Pink Shirt Day.
 - This week, we also met with the admin team from Palmer on how we can foster connection between their student leadership team and our DeBeck leadership students. We have planned a series of days when our student leadership team will get to visit Palmer to begin to foster this connection. Our first day will be on April 1st and we will bring the leadership team to Palmer over the lunch hour. Palmer will be providing lunch for our students and will organize ice breaker games and share some of the leadership opportunities at Palmer. We will then be working on creating a plan of how the high school leadership students can support our DeBeck leadership team with their focus this year around language.
- **SD38 Offering On-Line Workshops for Parents and Caregivers**
Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression
Presented by Hannah Beach
February 25, 2025 | 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Children are becoming more anxious and aggressive. The common thread? A stark decline in free play. We are now seeing the emotional side effects of the loss of play in the lives of children as aggression and anxiety in young people is at an all-time

high. The research is clear: children learn and develop best through play. And yet, children are playing less than ever. In fact, this is the first generation of children that does not have a play-based childhood. The side effects? Children and youth are struggling. It has become harder than ever to lead and care for kids. Join Hannah for a powerful workshop that will help you discover practical ways to transform your family culture and support your children in becoming their best selves.

5. Treasurer Update

- Operating account is about \$21k.
- Gaming account is about \$17k.
- Munch a Lunch and Grade 7 fundraisers have brought in funds.
- Grade 7 egg tart sale raised about \$270 and bake sale raised about \$350. Thank you to Tiffany and the volunteers!

6. District PAC Update

- There was a district PAC meeting on February 4. Christopher Usih (superintendent) and Dona Sargent (trustee) talked about the strategic plan for 2025-2030. Parents, students, and the community can provide input to this plan. A survey was sent out via email to parents/guardians. The survey is open until February 23rd. There will be in-person planning sessions (likely in April) and a virtual session. Once the plan is formulated, it will be presented to the Board of Education around December 2025.
- Parking officers have been issuing traffic tickets at schools. We can request a parking officer if needed.
- We can send one parent/guardian per PAC for a food safe certificate. Certificates are valid for 5 years. Poonam's certification is valid until next year. We are looking for someone to get certified. Audrey and Chloe will discuss.

7. Grade 7 Committee Updates

- The egg tart and bake sale were successful. There may be a Krispy Kreme sale before spring break.
- The goal is to raise \$1200. There will be a Grade 7 parent meeting at the beginning of March.
- The DeBeck gym will be available for grad. This will make setting up for the graduation easier.

8. Other and Q & A

- **Boys basketball** is popular. On game days, some players get only 1 to 2 shifts. A consideration for next year is to have multiple teams or have players attend half of the games so that the shifts per player increases. These considerations also depend on the number of coaches and how coaches decide to split up time.
- **Contact debeckpac@gmail.com if interested in an Executive position** (Chair, treasurer, secretary). There has been some interest.
- There will be no spring fair this year. There was uncertainty about when the gym would be available.
- We will hold a **raffle** likely in May. Currently no space at the school to organize due to the staff room being unavailable.

- Can we do a movie night when the gym is complete? We would need to purchase a movie license. We would need to do 3-4 movie nights to break even.
- Other community building ideas: Freezies or frozen yogurt at the end of year. PAC sponsored breakfast. After school mix and mingle. Bingo night.
 - The school has many activities planned from April to June and any PAC events will need to be balanced with school events (eg. sports day/fun day, dance performance, ultimate frisbee, grade 7 grad, etc)

Meeting adjourned @7:22pm.