

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2025 at 6:30pm
In Person at the DeBeck Library

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair: Poonam Kaler
- Treasurer: Kevin Lim-Kong
- Secretaries: Lisa Santos
- Call to order @ 6:32pm.

2. Attendance

- Poonam, Kevin, Lisa, Eva, Kathy, Tienne, Edmund, Theresa, Vivian, Cori Anderson, Lisa Schwartz

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- Motion to approve March minutes by Kevin. Seconded by Eva.

4. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

- **Seismic Upgrade Update**
 - Lisa and Cori gave a tour of the seismically upgraded areas of the school after the April PAC meeting.
 - Gym, Universal washrooms and staffroom are complete.
 - Ms. Emily's room to be completed by the end of April.
 - Mr. Hebron, Ms. Kuhnle and Ms. Lindsay's rooms currently under construction.
 - Next phase includes a resource room, library and office area.
 - Office will likely be in a trailer outside the front of the school for the beginning of the next school year.
 - All areas scheduled to be completed by December 2025.
- **2025-2026 Enrollment**
 - For next year, we currently have 385 students enrolled and 16 divisions.
 - Our capacity is 394.
- **Band/Music Updates**
 - We will be performing on the far North field at 10:30 am on May 5th. Everyone is welcome to attend; the more the better!
 - Band concerts for all band students on Tuesday May 20th @ 1:30 pm and 6:30 PM
- **Hip Hop Dance Program**
 - Lessons will take place from April 28th-May 2nd. There will be one lesson a day.
 - Lessons will be held for groups of 2 or 3 classes together
 - On Friday afternoon there will be a practice show and all students will watch other classes perform.
 - The evening show is 5:30 PM at McRoberts Secondary in the big gym
 - Our instructor is Tarisai. His bio is here:

<https://jessdance.com/faculty/tarisai-mbudzi>. He specializes in Afrobeats/Afro-fusion, House, and Hip-Hop.

- **Track and Field Information (grade 4-7)**

- Track Attack is well under way and takes place on most Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.
- Students rotate through 8 stations (long distance, sprints, relays, long jump, discus, shot put, softball throw, and a rest station).
- High jump practice is during lunch time for those interested. Students need to be able to clear a minimum height to participate.
- Our Track Meet Day is May 21st for students in Grades 4-7. We will require drivers for transportation to and from the meet.
- For Track Meet Day, students will be placed in about an equal number of events each. Assigned events are based on both student input and performance during practices.
- DeBeck's gathering spot will be next to the grand stands close to the drop off area.

- **Volleyball (grades 6-7)**

- Our volleyball coaches this year will be Ms. Adjei-Achampong, Mr. Rymar, and Ms. Bhardwaj.
- They had the first meeting with students today for a sign-up.
- Students will be playing intramurals at lunch.
- More information and schedules will be shared soon.

- **Earth day**

- Assembly will be on Tuesday April 22 at 9am. This will be our first in-person assembly in the new gym. Parents are welcome to come.
- Everyone is encouraged to wear blue and green.
- Walk to school Wednesday starting April 23 to May 14.

5. Treasurer Update

- Operating account is about \$29,213.
- Gaming account is about \$17,205.
- Balance increased because of hot lunches. There are some outstanding payments.
- Teacher receipts due by May 1st.
- The Grade 7 fund has about \$1500-\$1600, plus \$30 per student that school is holding and \$15 per student from PAC.

6. District PAC Update

- No updates. Waiting for DPAC minutes.

7. Raffle

- We need to check if printing of raffle tickets can be done through the school. The number of printer clicks is now being monitored. It takes time to print the raffle tickets.
- If printing cannot be done through the school, then we will use external printing. It may cost about \$600 to print raffle tickets. **Motion to approve \$600 in printing costs.** Motion passed by Theresa. Seconded by Tienne.

- In the past, our base cost for the raffle was about \$1k. About \$5k-\$8k was raised.
- This year, the raffle may launch in mid-May.
- Cash prizes for raffle winners are \$500, \$250, \$100. Students can win prizes and ice cream parties for their class.
- Our goal is to raise about \$5000 for the Ultimate frisbee school-wide activity in June.

8. Grade 7 Committee Updates

- Chloe and Tiffany are doing a great job of fundraising!

9. Q & A

- Popcorn day moved to May 20th, instead of May 21st so no conflict with Track Meet.
- Tentatively, Friday May 30th will be the PAC sponsored Breakfast Club.
- Path next to the gym will open up after drainage issues related to Family Place are resolved.
- At our last PAC meeting, we wondered about using hot lunch vendors associated with DeBeck families. Eva contacted the RDPA President. Their response was to treat all vendors like any business and to be transparent about the process. Some schools have an application and bidding process. All vendors need health and safety and business licenses. Vivian, our former hot lunch coordinator, has documented criteria to look for in vendors. This information was given to Jade, our current hot lunch coordinator. In the past, we have used larger vendors or businesses. These vendors have been able to offer vegetarian and gluten-free options, as well as handle large orders. It helps when vendors can label and sort each order!

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.