

DeBeck PAC Meeting Agenda

May 15, 2025 at 6:30pm

In Person at the DeBeck Library

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair: Poonam Kaler
- Treasurer: Kevin Lim-Kong
- Call to order: 6:37PM

2. Attendance

- PAC: Poonam, Kevin, Eva, Edmund, Theresa, Tienne, Jade & Maloy
- Administration: Lisa Schwartz and Cori Anderson

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- Motion to approve: Kevin | Seconded by: Edmund

4. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

- Seismic Update
 - Ms. Emily's classroom is ready; move-in has started;
 - Ms. Romalis will stay in the portable until the end of the school year;
 - Library will be moving to Room 103 in mid-June, and is scheduled to be ready by mid-September;
 - All classrooms will be ready by September with final construction completion after winter break; and
 - New childcare facility (with potential for preschool) is still on track.
- Staffing Update:
 - Ms. Soo and Ms. Cheng are returning from parental leave;
 - Ms. Kilby will remain on parental leave;
 - Cori is moving to Tomsett Elementary;
 - Ms. Greenwell and Ms. Sherwin who were on a temporary contracts will be leaving; and
 - Ms. Lang from Tomsett Elementary will be our new Vice Principal.
- 2025-2026 Enrolment
 - 380 students enrolled and 16 divisions
- Band/Music Update
 - Band concerts for all band students on Tuesday, May 20th @ 1:45 PM & 6:30 PM.

- Dragon Band performing at Palmer year-end concert on May 27th @ 6:30 PM

- Track and Field Information (Grade 4-7)
 - Track Meet Day is May 21st for students in Grades 4-7. We will require drivers for transportation to and from Minoru Track, 7191 Granville Avenue.
 - All students must come to school for attendance and to pick up their event labels.
 - Once they arrive at the Track Meet, they must check in with Mr. Mammon and Ms. Romalis.
 - All students must stay on-site for the day until they are picked up by their caregivers (unless otherwise arranged) by 2:00 PM from the Track Meet.
 - Please pack snacks, lunch, water, clothing layers, runners, sunscreen, hat, etc.
 - Cell phones must remain in bags until the end of the day and please no other electronic devices.
 - Debeck meeting place is to the right of the grandstands, by the grass.
 - Although there are concession stands, packing food is encouraged to avoid potentially missing events.
 - Should there be a rainout and the Tack Meet is cancelled, communication from Lisa/Cori will be sent.

- Notice of Late Return and Extended Absences
 - Families travelling in the summer, must return to school by **September 12, 2025**.
 - A *Notice of Late Return* form must be completed and submitted to the office.
 - NO EXCEPTIONS. Anyone returning after this date, will be removed from DeBeck and will need to re-register upon return.

Placement at DeBeck is not guaranteed.

 - The district policy regarding extended absences from school state that when you are away for more than a four-week period of time or 20 consecutive school days, the student will be removed from the school register. The impact of this policy is that there may not be space in the school upon the student's return.

- Grade 7 Farewell and Year-end Activities
 - Year-end Activity for Grade 7s- June 19th at the Richmond Oval
 - Grade 7 Farewell Assembly on June 20th @ 10:30 AM
 - Grade 7 Luncheon to follow Assembly on June 20th at Dolphin Park

Upcoming Dates

May 16th – Professional Development Day – No School

May 19th – Victoria Day – No School

May 20th – Band Concert- 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM
 May 21st – Track Meet @ Minoru (Grades 4-7)
 May 23rd – Field Trip to Stable Harvest Farm (Div. 1 & 3)
 May 23rd – 1st Breakfast Club in the new gym - 7:45-8:25 AM
 May 30th – PAC Sponsored Breakfast Club - 7:45-8:25 AM
 June 4th – Field Trip to Stable Harvest Farm (Div. 2 & 4)
 June 11th – Firetruck Visit for Division 12 & 13
 June 13th – Fun Day
 June 19th – Grade 7 Year End Field Trip to Richmond Oval (9:15 AM-2:30 PM)
 June 20th – Grade 7 Farewell Assembly
 June 24th – Swimming at South Arm- Divisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7
 June 26th – Term 3 Report Cards (Learning Summary) posted to MyEd website
 June 26th – Recognition Assembly – Last day of school for students

5. Treasurer Update

- Operating Account balance = **\$23,900.00** approximately
- Gaming Account balance = **\$13,100.00** approximately
- Payables
 - Teachers have submitted reimbursements, but there are still some outstanding \$3,800 of \$4,800 has been submitted;
 - Curriculum Fund: \$1,200 out of \$3,200 has been submitted;
- Proposed change to PAC funding to teachers for 2025-2026
 - Current funding distribution is \$200+\$200+\$10 per child for field trips
 - Moving forward: Amalgamate funding to avoid confusion and additional administration for both Treasurer and teachers, and update the templated form.
- Invoice for **Ultimate Frisbee Program (Elevate)**: Final invoice = \$5,145.00 (\$4,645 + \$500 Deposit) is higher than the **original approval of \$3,080.00 in January 2025**. This is due to initial plan to supplement cost from students at \$5 per student. PAC can afford to pay the full amount, therefore an **additional \$2,065.00** must be approved.
 - **Motion to approve:** Jade | Seconded by: Eva
- Direct Drive for iPad lease buy-out = \$3,005.00. Actual cost is \$5,000.00; approval required to provide **additional \$1,995.00** to Lisa to pay for the full lease buy-out.
 - **Motion to approve:** Theresa | Seconded by: Edmund
- Grade 7 Committee Balance: \$1,410.00 parent contributions + \$1,800.00 from bake sales
 Jade raised that there may be credit available from a past vendor to use toward decorations for the Grade 7 assembly. Jade will verify and provide information back to the PAC.

6. Pathway Funds

- Current balance = \$3,460.00 (in an account at the school level) – funds were raised by PAC over seven years ago;

- Consultation and support has been sought from the City, MLAs, etc. to no avail and we are at risk of potentially losing the funds;
- Poonam suggested the money be put toward buying out the iPads since it will still benefit the school;
- Discussed transferring the pathway funds to the technology account at the school level. Instead of the previously approved \$1,995 from the PAC bank account, the remaining funds will come from these funds, with any extra funds allocated for future technology needs.
- Should support from the City be provided to greenlight this project, PAC can consider future fundraising initiatives to raise funds again.
 - **Motion to approve:** Theresa | Seconded by: Tienne

7. **2025 Raffle**

- Booklets will be printed over the next week and then distributed the last week of May
- Draw will be on June 20th
- Smaller prizes will be given to multiple students as opposed to just one large prize basket
- Ice cream party for highest number of tickets sold – primary and intermediate
- Draw prizes will remain as previously decided: \$500, \$250 & \$100

8. **PAC Community Event - Breakfast Club**

- May 30th @ 7:45AM
- Planned menu: cereal, Eggo waffles (for ease), eggs, fruit & yogurt
- Volunteers are needed for set-up, cooking and clean-up
- Edmund volunteered to do the Costco buy- \$500 budget

9. **District PAC Update**

- May 6th RDPA Election day, Eva attended in-person
Eva's meeting summary:
 - Meeting was intense and there was a lot of fighting among the attendees.
 - Main conflict: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) info appears to have been censored by President and Secretary. Most of the material catered to teenagers. Eva provided examples of events being promoted 'PAINT' event and Pride Walk
 - Connie Huang is RDPA President and Dean Billings is RDPA Secretary
- Motion to approve farewell gift for Cori - \$100
 - **Motion to approve:** Jade | Seconded by: Edmund
- Motion to approve year-end gift for custodians - 2 x \$25 gift cards
 - **Motion to approve:** Eva | Seconded by: Tienne
- Motion to approve farewell gift for departing PAC Chair, Poonam - \$50
 - **Motion to approve:** Theresa | Seconded by: Edmund

10. **Open Q&A and Discussion – NONE**

- Meeting adjourned: 7:39PM