

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm

In Person at the DeBeck Library

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair: Tienne Schaub
- Treasurer: Kevin Lim-Kong and Edmund Szeto
- Secretaries: Kathy Lien and Lisa Santos
- Call to order @ 6:31 pm

2. Attendance

- Tienne Schaub, Kevin Lim-Kong, Edmund Szeto, Kathy Lien, Jade Kwok, Theresa Wong, Monique, Cindy, Tiana, Cherie Lang, Lisa Schwartz

3. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

Seismic Upgrade

- Our Library continues to be on schedule and is set to be completed by the end of October. When the Library upgrade is complete, there will be one last move. Ms. Romalis will move into the school into Room 106, and Ms. Adjei-Achampong will move into her original room (103).
- The traditional gender washrooms are scheduled to open this Friday.
- There is a Resource Room next to the library (old computer lab) that will be finished at the same time as the library, and this will be Ms. Leung and Mr. Rymar's teaching space.
- The office and staff washrooms are set to be completed by January.

Remembrance Day Assembly (November 10th @ 10:30 AM)

- We are in the process of planning our Remembrance Day Assembly.
- Parents are welcome to attend.

Term 1 Learning Updates (Report Cards)

- Term 1 Learning updates will be posted to MyEd on Thursday, December 18th, 2025
- We encourage families to log onto MyEd to make sure they can log on to their accounts and that their password has not expired.

Taking Care of our Spaces

- We have asked staff to review with our students the importance of taking care of our spaces and materials at DeBeck.
- Snack wrappers into garbage cans
 - o Use of washrooms (flushing toilets)
 - o Gym equipment

- o Use of technology such as iPads

Safer Spaces Presentation for grade 4-7 Students- Wed. Dec. 3rd, 2025

- Every year, Children of the Street provides workshops to grades 4-5 and 6-7 at all elementary schools in SD38 over 5 weeks during the Fall semester.
- Our date has been booked. Please Save the Date.
 - o Wednesday, December 3rd- 10:45-11:45- grade 4/5s
 - o Wednesday, December 3rd- 1:00-2:00 PM- grade 6/7s
- This year the program will be Safer Space. From the website:
 - o Safer Space is an interactive workshop designed specifically for youth to better understand how to stay safe when using apps and social media.
 - o Like our TCO² workshop, Safer Space defines sexual exploitation; however, we focus primarily on online exploitation.
 - o By using real life examples, we walk through online exploitation in a familiar and accessible way for our participants. This 60-minute interactive workshop is offered to grades 4-8.

Volleyball

- Volleyball practices are ongoing, and games start this week. We are waiting to hear more information about a volleyball jamboree being held at a nearby high school.

Band/Music Updates from Ms. Abrams

- **Tuesdays – Lunch – 12:05-12:40**
Dragon Band Rehearsals (students can audition throughout the year as they become ready)
- **Tuesdays – After School - 2:45-3:45**
Music Room is open for lessons or practicing. Mrs. Abrams will be supervising and available for help as needed.
- **Fridays – Creative Club – Lunch – 12:05-12:40**
Whatever your creative passions, come and be creative with other creative people! Space, time, and supplies as requested. An invitation to all like-minded people. Come! Let's be creative together!
- **Student Leadership/Connection Crew (Grade 5,6,7) Mrs. Lang and Mr. Loewen**
Every Wednesday at lunch in the gym. We have 70 students committed. So far, we have had two sessions introducing what student leadership means, entails, and the roles and responsibilities around the school. Upcoming plan: Leadership style quiz, sign up, leadership skills, planning and actions, and collaboration with our feeder high school.

4. Treasurer Update

- Gaming account balance is \$18,816 with gaming grant of \$7,560
 - Expenses were pumpkin patch, magic show and movie license.
- Operating account balance is \$29,661
 - Main expense were from Munch-A-Lunch.
- PAC safe is in the staff room (nothing in there for now) but will move back into the office.
- We have been using GFFG/Beem Financial as our banking and it's been good up until now. However, we're starting to look around other banks since it's no longer free (possibly Vancity, CIBC, Coast Capital, BMO).

5. District PAC Update

- New school on Odlin Road - ready for next Sept. Currently under renovation. School catchment boundaries will change in that area (in progress). Naming committee is working on the name of the school. Public can send in suggestions (go to sd38 website to submit).
- Again, if you have concerns regarding your child/class/school. First, discuss with teacher, if not resolved, then discuss with principal, if not resolved then discuss with the board.
- Career education: In K to GR 9, career education is imbedded into curriculum. It's not a stand-alone subject. However, in Gr 10 to 12, students must complete 2 career education courses for graduation (8 credits in order to graduate)
- **DARE Program Presentation:**
 - o The DARE BC director gave a brief presentation on DARE. It is for elementary students gr 5 and up.
 - o It is a proven effective program that builds relationship between law enforcement, school, students, and families.
- **Food safe course**
 - o Each school should have a least 1 parent holding a valid certificate. RDPA has budget to reimburse the course. Last year, only 3-4 parents requested to be reimbursed.
 - o Certificate is good for 5 years.
- **PAC 101**
 - o Next meeting happening on Nov 4th at Burnett
- **New RDPA Website:** <https://www.richmond-dpac.ca/resources>

6. Upcoming Events

- **Movie Night**
 - o Lilo & Stitch is chosen movie. Doors open at 5 pm and movie starts at 5:30 pm.

- o Ordering pizza from Fusion Feast – around 12x cheese, 8x pepperoni, 5x Hawaiian and maybe more if needed, price TBD
- o Also selling snacks like chips, juice boxes, and Welch candies; will purchase from Costco
- o Looking for around 5-10 parent volunteers; one person at the float and others selling/handing out pizza and snacks.

- **Pumpkin Patch - October 28th**

- o Eva arranged for Save On Foods to deliver pumpkins to the school. Will need to confirm if it will be delivered on the day of or day before so that we can make room for storage. Looking for volunteers to lay out the pumpkin (maybe Student leaders can help).

- **Pub Night**

- o Week of November 25th

7. Fundraising Updates

- No updates on fundraising

8. New Business

- Suggestion for future PAC updates on the WAAG to be on a separate section or another page.

9. Q & A

- Edmund asks if we have a Recycling/Environment Club to teach kids to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Teachers do try teaching it in class.
- Tienne asks about DeBeck Roar Program, which is the program that addresses bullying, kindness and taking care of each other, and has a reward system (but challenging to keep track of reward system).
- Jade suggests other vendors we can try - Opa, A&W, McDonalds - but they do not deliver, so we'll need parent volunteers that are willing to drive. We will ask for volunteers to can help pick up and deliver.
- Tiana asks if there are rules regarding mobile devices and what kind of education there are about online safety. The district policy is that cell phone and watches are not to be used at school (even recess/lunch or it's school related). Digital literacy will be the Children of the Street workshops, but we are also looking to set up workshops for parents regarding online safety and education.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.