

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

January 15th, 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 @ 6:32 pm

2. Attendance

- Tienne Schaub, Kevin Lim-Kong, Kathy Lien, Lisa Santos, Eva Poon, Brian, Jade Kwok, Poonam Kaler, Vivian Batalha, Theresa Wong, Cherie Lang, Lisa Schwartz

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion to approval November minutes by Kevin. Seconded by Kathy.

4. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

- **Seismic Upgrade**

- The office will be moving back into the school the first week of February.
- The washrooms in Block 3 (down by Mr. Hocking and Ms. Greenwell's room) are now open. One adult washroom and a girls' washroom with two stalls.

- **Our School Learning Story**

- Our school's learning story demonstrates how our school community is working to improve learning and well-being for students. This ongoing commitment is driven by a continuous focus on enhancing student achievement and enriching students' experiences at school.
- For the 2025–2026 school year, our school's learning focus will shift to literacy. Over the past few years, we have concentrated on numeracy, and this focused effort has resulted in measurable growth. In 2022–2023, 29% of our Grade 4 and 7 students were identified as Emerging in Math on the Foundation Skills Assessment. By 2024–2025, we reduced that number to 15%.
- Our question: How can we support students to deepen their reading comprehension, so they develop stronger reading proficiency and make meaningful connections to text and the world around them?
- Some Actions we are taking- Collaboration project with 6 teachers working with district staff. Time at our staff meetings. District reading assessments two times a year.

- **Term 2 Conferences**

- Early Dismissal dates on Feb. 11th and 12th (@ 1:45 PM) for Conferences.
- We will be using the Booking website again this time for ease of booking.

- There will be a Scholastic Book Fair during that week. All the money raised goes back into the library in the form of books, resources and materials.

- **Basketball**
 - Thank you to the coaches- Ms. Abrams and Mr. Mammon
 - Practices and games have been sent out on notices. Games are posted on our website and will be in the WAAG.
 - Palmer Jamboree will be on March 4th

- **Band Concert**
 - Ms. Abrams bank groups are working hard to prepare for our upcoming Band Concerts on February 4th at 1:30 pm to 6 pm.

- **Leadership and Family Teams**
 - Taking on more leadership roles within Family Teams activities.
 - Applying the competencies consistently when preparing for Family Teams.
 - Jan: Community Goal Setting; Building DeBeck Together
 - Feb: Pink Shirt / Empathy
 - Apr: Earth Day
 - May: Numeracy
 - Jun: Fun Day
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Community Candygram (Mar)
 - Craft Fair (May)
 - Community Freezies Fun Day (June)

- **Outdoor Education 2026**
 - Oct 13 – 14 (early departure and late return)
 - Camp Summit in Squamish
 - With 1 night, no water sports (no water safe) but would have a beach activity
 - Bus cost; can PAC support? around ~\$4000

- **Upcoming Events and Activities**
 - Dufflebag Theatre (Jan 21)
 - Band Concerts (Feb 4; 6pm)
 - K-Pop Dancing (March 2 – 6; sharing assembly 6th afternoon)
 - HUB Cycling (April 7, 8, 13, 14, 15)

5. Treasurer Update

- Gaming account balance is \$16,670.
- Operating account balance is \$26,057.
- Main changes over December and January is that term two MunchaLunch payments coming in and holiday treats in December over \$800.
- Disbursements over \$1000 to teachers and librarians.
- Pathway funds on school cash online website.
- Direct drive total \$4000 (\$3460 currently at school plus difference).

6. District PAC Update

- Maloy attended December's DPAC meeting. There was a presentation on Individual Education Plan from Izabela Piekut. IEPs are an effective approach for learners that require alternative learning approaches and are supported by Richmond school district. If this is something that parents are interested in, they should inquire more about it.
- An interesting discussion on the benefits of walking to school and how this has changed over the years, and heavy emphasis from Stakeholders on increase drug prevention education in Richmond school district. Letter was sent from RDPAC to confirm support for this.
- Eva attended January's DPAC meeting. The board wants more evidence of data regarding results of the drug prevention program in Richmond (e.g. DARE program).
- There were guest speaker for program options such French immersion (early and late entry), Montessori K-7, IB program (grade 11-12 advance intensive learning), Richmond Academy of Innovative Learning (RAIL) program at Palmer, career programs (grade 11-12) to explore trade options, and Station Stretch (four programs under this umbrella: Horizons, Outreach, Stretch, and Streetview).
- DPAC is requesting the school trustees to:
 - Improved district-wide reporting on Drug Use Prevention Education initiatives and outcomes; and
 - Adjustments to the structure of SD38's advisory committees to allow for the creation of a Drug Use Prevention Education Advisory Committee.

7. Upcoming Events

- Pub night is Friday January 23rd, 2026.
- Movie night planned for February 12th, 2026.
- Spring fair will be Friday June 5th, 2026. We need parents to help volunteer to organize the food (at least 2 food trucks or pizza, banh mi, snacks and drinks from Costco), games and vendors. From 5 pm to 8 pm.

8. Fundraising Updates

- We will be looking to fill out the application for the Richmond Grant Program for a community event, such Meet the Staff night or end of school year events.

9. New Business

- McNeil outdoor open house for all the grades 7.
- Jade is looking to step back from organizing Hot lunch by the end of this school year, so we will need a volunteer as the Hot Lunch Coordinator.

10. Q & A

- Jade had questions about the 3D printer and if all the kids use it. Currently, Division 5 using it for the Human Body project.
- Lisa had a question about the yearbook, but there was no timeline for when to start yet. The company sends all the questions and photos required and links for the grade 7s to type it in. We are still looking for volunteers for a photographer.
- Grade 7 fundraisers: candy grams beginning of February but won't need too many fundraisers because of the \$50 from PAC, and Krispy Kream and snack shop (each class gets to do it one day).

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.