

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026 at 6:30pm

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 @ 6:32pm.

2. Attendance

- Tienne Schaub, Kevin Lim-Kong, Kathy Lien, Lisa Santos, Eva Poon, Maloy Navarro-Ocampo, Cherie Lang, Lisa Schwartz

3. Approval of previous minutes

- Motion to approve January minutes. Motion passed by Kevin. Seconded by Lisa.

4. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

● Seismic Update

- Seismic upgrades are mostly complete. Over the next two weeks, the Unitech team will be prepping to move materials and correcting deficiencies.

● School District #38 Universal Lunch Program

- As you may have already heard, through National School Food Program funding, the Richmond School District will be offering a Universal Hot Lunch program at all Richmond schools. Since January, the district has been piloting the program in several schools and is now ready to expand it across the district.
- This funding ensures that every student has access to a hot meal on a day that does not overlap with PAC lunch days at elementary schools. The selected vendor(s) will provide a comprehensive, full-service program. For DeBeck, our caterer is Simply Foods.
- For elementary schools, meals will be delivered directly to classrooms one to two days per month, and the MunchaLunch platform will be used for ordering under a separate tab from PAC hot lunches. No parent volunteers are needed to distribute lunches.
- To avoid conflicts with PAC Hot Lunch and Snack Days, we are proposing the first and last Wednesday of each month on the following dates:
 - April 1 and 29
 - May 6 and 27
 - June 3 and 24

We are currently confirming these dates with staff and plan to notify families the week of March 1 to ensure they have ample time to place orders.

● Reports Cards and Accessing MyEd

- Over the last three years, the district has gone paperless when issuing report cards/learning updates. At a recent meeting with Assistant Superintendent Rob Laing, we learned that 68% of families have logged onto MyEd to view Learning Updates/Report Cards. This is above the district average of 62%. It means that 32% of our families have not read report cards.

- **Year End Dates of Interest**

- Feb 25th - Pink Shirt Day and Pink Shirt Family Team Activity
- March 2nd-6th - K-pop lessons and performance (March 6 th @ 1:30 PM performance)
- March 4th - Palmer Feeder School Basketball Tournament (3:00 PM-6:00 PM)
- March 13th - Last day before Spring Break
- March 30th - First day back after Spring Break
- HUB Cycling- April 6th and 7th and 12th -14th (grade 6 and 7 students)
- April 27th -May 1st - Ringette in the gym for all classes
- April 30th - Term 2 Report Cards (Learning Updates) posted to MyEd
- May 6th - Music in our Schools (grade 6 and 7 band students at Gateway Theatre)
- May 16th - Pro D Day
- May 20th - Welcome to Kindergarten 1:00-2:00 PM
- June 12th - Fun Day
- June 19th - Grade 7 Farewell/Grad
- June 25th - Recognition Assembly and Last day of school for students
- June 25th - Term 3 Report Cards (Learning Summary) posted to MyEd

- **HUB Cycling**

- HUB Cycling offers courses on bike skills and safety to students in grades 4 to 7. They follow the curriculum from Bike Right standard.
- Courses are free to students and public schools across Metro Vancouver schools thanks to support from municipal, regional, provincial and private funders.
- Our grade 6/7 (Div 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) students will participate in the HUB program April 6th , 7th and 12th-14th. Kids can bring their own bikes and helmets. Alternatively, Hub Cycling will also bring bikes and helmets for kids who do not have bikes.

- **Ringette and other Sports**

- Richmond Ringette Association offers FREE in-school workshops for students to explore the sport. They will come to DeBeck from April 27th – May 1st . The goal is to have each division have 2 blocks of ringette.
- Pickleball in the Fall. The cost is about \$15 per student. Over 9 to 10 days, each division should expect about 2 blocks of pickleball. The PAC may consider supporting this activity next year.

- **Student Leadership**

- Family Teams – leaders had their first attempt at the last family team’s activity. Leaders reflected and will attempt again next week for Pink Shirt Day Family Teams Day. Main competency areas to work on: problem solving & communication.
- Leadership Project:
 - 1) K-pop Fundraiser; selling Freezies on March 5 & 6 after school. If there are leftovers, would sell again on the last day before Spring Break. Money raised would fund the craft supplies.
 - 2) Craft Fair: Both junior and senior leaders would make crafts to sell to the community. The goal of the craft is to promote community, unity, and teamwork. Fund raised would be used to buy something meaningful back to the school community.

5. Treasurer Update

- Gaming account is \$14,734.
- Operating account is \$26,824.
- Pub Night profit was about \$525, but we still need to deduct some expenses.

- Movie Night profit was about \$100, even with a lower turnout. The Grade 7 concession sales made \$307.
- Candy grams made about \$1000 but we still need to deduct some expenses.
- The PAC already approved \$2600 for k-pop lessons. The total cost for k-pop is about \$4k. **Motion to approve an additional \$1421 to cover total cost for k-pop lessons.** Motion passed by Eva. Seconded by Kevin.

6. District PAC Update

- Maloy attended the last DPAC meeting was on February 3rd.
- There was a guest speaker about inclusive learning. If your child needs an individual education plan then reach out to your teacher. Parents should understand what is available to them and be proactive. Funding is available for students on the autism spectrum, as well as other needs.
- If the school needs improvements in parking lot safety then the principal can ask the City if it is possible to enforce a right turn only to help streamline the flow of traffic. The school cannot put a right-turn sign on the street but can put a sign in the parking lot. We can also contact RCMP who could come support or observe the flow of traffic. Parents are encouraged to watch a video by Translink which shows how traffic impacts the City.
- The DPAC indicated a \$3.2 million deficit and an \$800k clawback but no further details were provided. A survey about the budget was sent to PACs. Our PAC completed the survey but some questions were unclear (e.g., elementary and high school programs were mixed, so answers would be skewed towards whether an elementary or high school PAC was completing the survey).
- The DPAC proposed that each school could nominate a volunteer from each PAC to be celebrated for their efforts. One of the nominees would be chosen to receive a small gift, like a mug. Alternatively, it was suggested to randomly choose a name at the annual PAC dinner.

7. Upcoming Events

- March 2nd-6th – **K-pop** lessons and performance (March 6 th @ 1:30 PM performance)
- May 28 – **Movie Night**
- **Snack shop** sale by Grade 7s on Thursday February 26th after school. Another one is also planned.
- **Spring Fair** – Friday June 5th
 - We have booked some games from Houle games. We will also make some games.
 - Kathy sent out a volunteer sign-up list. We will also post this sign-up list in the classroom windows. Cherie reached out to Palmer to see if they could help with the Fair. Some of the DeBeck senior leaders would also like to help with games.
 - We booked a balloon artist for the fair. Volunteers can do face painting.
 - Prizes are being organized by a parent volunteer.

8. Fundraising Updates

- We will hold a Direct Drive for projectors for two classrooms. Tienne has drafted the direct drive email. Lisa will help to send this email on behalf of the PAC. We can make a chart to show our progress in reaching our goal.

9. New Business

- We received an invitation to meet with the Board of Education on February 24. Edmund will attend on behalf of Tienne.

10. Q & A

- Do we need a Gaming license for the lollipop pull game at Spring Fair? In general, we would need a license if one needs to pay to play, chance is involved in winning, and a prize is involved. If everyone wins a lollipop then no chance is involved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

Next meeting: Thursday April 16th at 6:30pm.