

DeBeck PAC Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2026 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 @ 6:30 pm

2. Attendance

- Tienne Schaub, Kevin Lim-Kong, Edmund Szeto, Kathy Lien, Lisa Santos, Jade Kwok, Theresa Wong, Eva Poon, Cherie Lang, Lisa Schwartz

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion to approval February minutes by Edmund. Seconded by Kevin.

4. Updates from our Principal and Vice Principal

• Track & Field

- o Grade 4 through 7 students in the Richmond School District can participate in a Track and Field meet. The focus of this meet is to provide all students the opportunity to participate in running, throwing and jumping events alongside students from other schools. The Physical and Health Education curriculum emphasizes physical activity, learning about which activities students enjoy doing, and developing movement skills. This track and field experience aligns with these big ideas.
- o The date of our school's Track and Field Meet is Thursday, May 7th. The meet is hosted at Minoru Park (7191 Granville Ave) and will include other Richmond Elementary Schools (Kingswood, Brighthouse, Woodward, Grauer).
- o All schools will be participating in a revised Track and Field meet format this year. This format will provide opportunities for more students to be involved, and students will be able to participate in all events (not just one or two events as in past years). Students will be organized into grade groups and will rotate through four stations supervised by a staff member: jumping, throwing, running and a rest station.
- o At each station, students can participate in multiple events and can choose if they want to participate in a competitive or recreational group. Open competitive is for students wishing to achieve personal bests and/or reach a performance benchmark, whereas open recreational is more focused on fun, skill development and trying an event with low pressure. Consistent with other Elementary activities, the focus is on individual active participation. Families are encouraged to celebrate their child's effort and participation, regardless of the result or outcome.

• Seismic Upgrade

- o Last few items:

- New bike racks installed.
- Emergency C-Can moved closer to our evacuation area.
- Landscaping at the front of the school still to be completed.

- **School Learning Story**

- o Every school in the province is required to have a School Learning Story. A school learning story demonstrates how the school community is working to improve learning and well-being for students. At DeBeck, we are working on improving our students' reading comprehension, so they develop stronger reading proficiency and make meaningful connections to text and the world around them. You can [click here](#) to learn more about the evidence we are using and the actions we are taking.

- **Parking Lot and Neighbourhood Traffic**

- o After an increase in traffic in the DeBeck neighbourhood and concerns raised by neighbours, we requested support from By-law officers and RCMP Liaison Officers for our drop-off and pick-up. We hope this will encourage people to slow down at drop off and obey traffic rules and parking by-laws.

- **Term 2 Learning Update**

- o Report Cards will be posted to MyEd on Thursday April 30th this year.

- **Grade 7 Year End Activities Update**

- o Grade 7 Grad Ceremony- Friday, June 19th @ 10:30 for families and siblings.
- o Have sent an email to the Oval requesting June 15, 17 or 18th for grade 7 year end field trip.
- o Yearbook is in progress.

- **Badminton Club**

- o Mr. Rymar has started a Gr. 7 badminton club where kids play and learn badminton at the same time. They are organized in a mixed doubles format, we practice once a week at lunch (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) - 14 kids per day. The daily routine is as follows:
 - Kids warm up with a partner, learning new moves as they go.
 - Play doubles finish the practice with a big group game, crowning the weekly champion.

- **Student Leadership**

- o May Craft Fair – Week of May 25th at lunch time.
- o Students are making friendship bracelets, bookmarks, buttons, pipe cleaner flowers, and keychains. The theme is around community and DeBeck values that the Family Teams have discussed.
- o Purpose of craft fair: financial literacy and practicing all their core competencies.

- **School Events for 2026-2027**

- o Outdoor Ed – Initial notice have been sent out and we already have 1/3 of the students paid.
 - Orientation Meeting with Camp Summit leader on May 21st on Teams @ 6pm
- o Dance: Bollywood with Karima Essa. Introducing the students to a new culture and type of dance
 - Will end with a performance on Friday afternoon.
 - Cost around \$6000.
- o Pickleball in the Spring with Tennis XL.
 - Cost around \$11/student + gst
 - Run around 9-10 days to ensure each division gets at least 3 – 4 sessions.

- **Upcoming Dates**

April

27- PAC Hot Lunch- Pizza

April 27th-May 1st- Ringette in the gym

29- Universal Hot Lunch

30- Term 2 Report Cards posted to MyEd

May

1- Class Photo Day

4- PAC Hot Lunch- Curry

6- Universal Lunch

6- Music in our Schools- Gateway Theatre 5-8 PM (Grade 6/7 students)

7- Track and Field @ Minoru

8- Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Field Trip- Grade 4-7

11- PAC Hot Lunch- Taco

14- PAC Meeting @ 6:30 PM in the Library

15- Pro D Day- No School for Students

18- Victoria Day- No School

20- Welcome to Kindergarten

20- PAC Snack- Kernels

21- Outdoor Education Meeting @ 6:00 PM on Teams

25- PAC Hot Lunch- Pizza and Booster Juice

26- Year End Band Concert @ 6:00 PM

27- Universal Lunch

5. Treasurer Update

- Gaming account balance is \$10,708.
- Operating account balance is \$25,540 (pending \$500 e-transfers to approve).
- Four divisions haven't claimed anything for gaming accounts (teachers and support teams). Main transactions were MuchaLunch sales.
- Grade 7 fundraisers raised \$2525 in total. With parents' payment and PAC contributions, we have achieved our fundraising goal. We may be doing another fundraiser for lunch at the Richmond Oval.

6. District PAC Update

- Eva attended DPAC Meeting on April 7th. There was a special presentation about student well-being, physically and mentally and having the Active pass.
- They also discussed about the traffic committee, as there was a car accident in the district.
- The Chair presented a change to the constitution and requested a vote to pass the change. There were lots of discussions on this topic, and Eva emailed questions to the Chair. Will not be voting until next school year.
- Next meeting is on May 5th, which is also the AGM and there will be votes for changes in roles. Maloy will attend this meeting and will need PAC chair to sign some forms.
- There were discussions about a survey regarding school fundings. A survey was sent out to 25 schools, but they've only received 2 replies. Tienne emailed some questions and did not receive a reply.

7. Upcoming Events

- Movie night changed to Friday May 29th since May 28th is a school night. We have not decided what movie to watch yet.
- Spring fair will be Friday June 5th. We still need more parents and Palmer student volunteers to help with the event as signs up have been low. You can sign up to be a volunteer here: <https://volunteersignup.org/YHDQH>
- There will be two balloon artists only, so we may need volunteers to help pre-pump some of the balloons.
- Theresa will help with ordering and picking up Banh Mi's (around 150-200). We will also order pizza (around 20 large pizzas), and Edmund will help with buying snacks and drinks at Costco.
- Tienne and Lisa are organizing the games and posters. We will have punch cards (\$10 for 10 games), and wristbands (possibly \$25) for unlimited games. We will need to order more prizes for the games.

8. Fundraising Updates

- There is a direct drive fundraiser to raise money for wall mount projectors and Apple TVs for classrooms.
- It is currently at around \$500 (our goal is \$4020). Some parents had questions about how to donate online, so there are suggestions they can do cheques or e-transfers (but there is no tax receipt with this payment).

9. New Business

- Edmund went to a Board of Education meeting. They didn't really talk about budget, except maybe cutting some programs in the district.
- The School Trustees were there, and they would like to have an annual meeting (this is the first meeting since Covid). They want to get in touch with schools again and plan on sending out quarterly newsletters.
- They're also looking at buying out another school, because population in Richmond is growing. The City doesn't classify schools as an amenity, so developers are not required to build one.

10. Q & A

- We are still looking for a Hot Lunch Coordinator or two Coordinators, so responsibilities can be shared. Hot Lunch is at risk of getting cancelled if we do not any volunteers.
- Our PAC AGM is on June 11th and there are some positions coming up as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.