

**Devon Gardens PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 25, 2021**

**Opening:**

- Welcome and call to order by PAC chair Varinder Khaira 7:30 PM
- Sign in sheet of members present passed around
- Reading of last minutes and agenda

**In Attendance:**

Varinder Khaira, Lauren Schellenburg, Elaine Greenhalgh, Janelle Lindahl, Cleo Nomm, Katrina Smyth, Anil Kumar, Jennifer Iachetta

- Approval of Agenda 1<sup>st</sup> by Katrina Smyth 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janelle Lindahl
- Approval of Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> by Varinder Khaira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katrina Smyth

**Principal's and Vice Principal's Report- Elaine Greenhalgh and Sandra Tee**

**Student Led Conferences-** With COVID, student led conferences will be different. Students will be bringing home a portfolio on Thursday and they are requested to be returned a week later.

**ROARS-** Staff has been working on behaviour descriptors last year and this year. They are in the planners. For the rest of the year, one letter will be worked on in a focussed way each month through the rest of the year.

**Jump Rope for Heart-** This will be happening in the PE classes. Fundraising is optional and online.

**Events-** PJ day on January 29. February 12 will be red day for Chinese New Year and Valentines. FSA's will be happening between February 15 and March 12 for the grade 4 and 7.

**Reports from Executive Officers**

1. **Chair: Varinder Khaira**

-No report.

2. **Vice Chair: Jennifer Iachetta**

-Update for Yearbook working with Corrie Ashton. The cover has been chosen and it's ready to go. Pictures will be need to be collected for HomeQuest and classes. There will be a tutorial to learn how to complete the book. There will be a preorder for the book.

3. **Treasurer: Carolyn Stanley**

-There isn't a lot of change as there hasn't been much fundraising.  
-Gaming has \$13,105.82 and General Funds has \$7,757.38.

4. **Secretary: Janelle Lindahl**

-See minutes.

## 5. Gaming Representative: Cleo Yeh

-There was no 50/50 since there was no concert.

## 6. District Parent Advisory Council: Varinder Khaira

Next meeting Feb 22 – with school trustees – any questions that parents have please, send email to PAC – looking for top 3 things happening in school – going well and not so well. Budget season is coming so need top concerns, where is the opportunity for improvement. Can comment in terms of what is working and not working in these times of COVID – school registration, personalized learning, more accommodations

Question for table – Any info/topics you would like to see presented at DPAC for dissemination – PAC 101 covered

Varinder to reach out to DPAC on if there is a questionnaire to share with school parents. If not, will create a google forms survey with a list of questions (coordinate with PAC and Elaine/Sandra) and send to all parents to gather input for Feb 22 DPAC meeting

*DPAC has funds for Parent Education events – \$200/pac \$300/2 PACs and \$600 for 3 plus PACs – don't include I forgot to convey this at the meeting.*

Framework for enhancing student learning (FESL)

- Now includes school/district operational goals (hr, finance, resources and info sharing) to enhance and align with student learning
- Develop school plans – vision & mission stmts
- Re-establish vision from 2021 to 2030 (vision to include creativity component), trying to get back on track with 3 to 5 year strategic plan – COVID and potential job action in 2019-20 has creating set back
- Gap in vision between where schools are and where we want them to be
- 2018 -2021: – 4 educational goals were established – aligning operational goals with school goals
- Parent fit in where – collaborate work with board and school, parent experiences, PACs will have opportunity to engage with school for input into FESL report due in Sept 2021
- Parent input into visioning process (to be completed by June 2021) – goal is to improve student learning

BCCPAC summit for all DPAC Nov 2020

- New Edu minister – Jennifer Whiteside
- All presentation on BCCPAC site

DPAC Board Mtg last week

Youth Programs

- Yo boy, yo girl program – at risk youth program – youth initiative – personalized and hands on approach, combines schools, law enforcement and social support services
- Take a hike – outdoor education blend for at risk students
- District counselor for both student and families – combo
-

Home Quest Ad hoc Committee Meeting - still flexible to come and go at elementary level

- Sept 2020 - 340 to 850 (Jan 2021) students – numbers fluctuate weekly
- Survey around spring break to collect info on who staying on, need to plan for sept 2021
- Hired a new staff member, EAs in past couple of weeks
- Evening parent programs for struggling parents coming
- Looking at ways to provide support after school hours for 9 to 5 working parents
- Parents looking to join HomeQuest need to first discuss with School on the transition

7. **Canadian Parents for French: Katrina Smyth**

-There's a movie event to sign up for that will be shared.

8. **Members at Large: BJ Dhaliwal, Jana Methven**

**Reports from Committee Members**

1. **Emergency Preparedness: Manjeet Sidhu**

-There are still a few things needed to add but it's organized and fairly well stocked.

2. **Special Lunch Coordinators: Bahar Child, Jana Methven**

**Unfinished Business**

-Met with facilities to talk about primary playground. It is currently up to code and considered good for about 10 years. They suggested looking at the basketball court area which should be addressed in a few years. They may be able to cover most of the cost through the district since it needs to be upgraded due to the roots.

**New Business**

-Request for a Chrome book cart and a mural to paint on the emergency bin. Looking for an artist to paint both of the bins.

-Neufeld Farms with delivery on May 7. Orders will go out about April 5.

-Looking for a PAC Secretary to shadow after spring break as Janelle cannot be a voting member of PAC as a district employee.

**Round Table**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Minutes Prepared by Janelle Lindahl**