

Devon Gardens PAC Meeting Minutes Monday, October 26, 2020

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, Jana Methven, Carolyn Stanley, Katrina Smyth, Cleo Nomm, Sandra Tee, Janelle Lindahl, Luke Johnson, James Williams, Amber Bogner, Jennifer Iachetta, Lauren Schellen, Rizwana Choud, Ibrahim O.

-Approval of Agenda 1st by Katrina Smyth 2nd by Carolyn Stanley

-Approval of Minutes 1st by Varinder Khaira 2nd by Carolyn Stanley

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

Thank You- Parent/Teacher Conferences worked well over Zoom. It was easier for parents.

New Staff

CYCW Ms. Kube, Ms. Kim in Div. 2, Ms. Burr Kg., Ms. Tseng for Band, Ms. Khanna, Mr. Fernandez, Ms. Cesari, Ms. Gill are new EA's and Ms. Sarai and Ms. Villaltade Barra are Custodians.

Events

- All classes are doing Halloween dancing with Ms. Leveque. There is a pumpkin event on the 28th in the afternoon for primary classes with pumpkin patch area and pumpkins from Westham Island. Parents need to make sure OK's are marked off for pictures on Parent Connect so the costume parade can be shown.
- Nov. 2 picture orders are due and retakes are on Nov. 18.
- Immunization shots for Grade 6 will be on November 9 in the portable. There is a sink that has been placed in the portable.
- We are working on virtual assemblies and have tried virtual morning announcements. Remembrance Day and Diwali will also be virtual assemblies.
- Nov. 17 will be a hold and secure drill with Delta Police. In the afternoon there will be a Social Media presentation with Grade 6 and 7 classes.

Reports from Executive Officers

1. Chair: Varinder Khaira

- Exec met to figure out fundraising and how to distribute funds this year.
- Babysitting Course and Stay Safe courses will be offered on November 30. They will both be virtual classes. You can sign up through the hot lunch on line ordering system.
- Neufeld Farms orders will be going out in November and distribution will be on December 4. You can have multiple cheques but try to have everything on one order form.
- Hot Lunch is being organized but there will not be as many options as in previous years.
- Express Return It has been set up and Cob's Dough Raiser will run all year.

- Not sure how fundraising will go this year.
 - \$7349 for this year's gaming grant, \$15000 is in the Gaming Fund but it is limited in what it can be used for as it needs to be something used for the whole school.
 - Life Touch will be doing the yearbooks this year.
2. **Vice Chair: Jennifer Iachetta**
 - The school photos worked well this year and the quality was very good.
 3. **Treasurer: Carolyn Stanley**
 - Income Statement we are operating at a net loss of \$8 in banking fees and PAC dues and what is available is a carry over from last year.
 - There are \$1500 in fixed costs (Grade 7 and Teacher Lunch and Scholarships).
 - The balance sheet will be a month behind since our meeting is at the end of the month.
 4. **Secretary: Janelle Lindahl**
 - See minutes.
 5. **Gaming Representative: Cleo Yeh**
 - We can carry over the funds up to 3 years. The gaming grant is set based on last years student numbers.
 6. **District Parent Advisory Council: Varinder Khaira**
 - Elections will be held on November 16. Brad Bauman (Assistant Superintendent) will be attending that meeting and he is responsible for North Delta.
 - Resources available for schooling (Homequest and Homequest Light) with the take away to reach out to the school for a situation you are comfortable with. District Safety Plan is on Delta website and staff has done training but parents can contact the school if they have concerns.
 - DPAC meetings were recorded and can be accessed from Delta School District website. <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/delta-parent-advisory-council-dpac/>
 7. **Canadian Parents for French:** No update
 8. **Members at Large: BJ Dhaliwal, Jana Methven**

Reports from Committee Members

1. **Emergency Preparedness: Manjeet Sidhu**
 - Need lanterns and glow sticks to light paths which will be funded through funds collected this year.
2. **Special Lunch Coordinators: Bahar Child, Jana Methven**
 - December 18 we are working on Fresh Slice pizza day. All ordering will be on line.

Unfinished Business

- Working on the Constitution still and will be shared with PAC when finished.

New Business

- Wondering about a playground for primary classes, which can come out of gaming funds. Gaming funds can be requested to roll over more years if it is for a major project. Delta and the district will do matching funds but there is an audit which shows that we are not up for about 5 years. The district will need to be a part of the planning process for site preparation. There is also a procurement team that will help with the bid process. Could think about wheelchair accessibility for a new playground. Gaming funds can be used for virtual all school events.
- Annieville did a fundraiser with reusable masks with the school logo. The school was wondering about doing a spirit wear fundraiser.

Round Table

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Prepared by Janelle Lindahl