

Devon Gardens Virtual PAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2021

Meeting location: Virtual via Zoom

In Attendance:

PAC - Azeem Mohammed, Varinder Khaira, Carolyn Stanley, , Katrina Smyth, Doug Tanner, Cleo Nomm, Jana Methvan and Manjeet Sidhu

School Administration - Elaine Greenhalgh (Principal) and Sandra Tee (Vice-Principal)

Parent Community - Alana Beaumont, Amber Bogner, Andrea Walker, David Donhou, Jasmeet Behl, Lauren Schellenberg, Prabjot Ralh, Qian Zhang, Sarah Quiring, Rashu Sood, Satish, Stevie Wild, Adrian Wild, Oleksandr Sergeyenko, Jessie Zhang, Herminder Mahay, Janelle Lindahl and Luke Johnson

Call to order & welcome by PAC chair Azeem Mohammed at 7:30 PM

Adoption of meeting agenda (not done)

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Approval of last minutes (June 21, 2021) – Deferred to next meeting

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

- Mask mandate from Gr 4-7 extended to all students, K-7, effective October 4.
- New school staff – Mr. States (Gr. 6/7 Eng), Ms. Richmond (Gr. 5/6 Eng), Mme Turner (K/Gr.1 French), Ms. Sale (Child Youth Care Worker) and Educational Assistants - Ms. Hanna, Ms. Furlong, Mrs. Cesarei and Ms. Kaur.
- Pumpkin patch will be set-up on school grounds for primary students on October 21.
- Cops for cancer school visit – 1st fundraiser starting this week starting - guessing jar of goodies.
- Gr 6/7 volleyball starting with no inter school play, only within school play.
- Gr 6/7 team building event of Rec Trek, last week, went well.
- Professional development day Sept 24 – DG staff focussed on Truth and Reconciliation.
- Parent Teacher conferences – Oct 13 & 14 via MS Teams – registration open on Parent Connect.

Reports from Executive Officers

Chair: Azeem Mohammed

- No report

Vice Chair: Jennifer Iachetta

- No report

Treasurer: Carolyn Stanley

- \$8,605 in gaming funds carried over available for use this year, note there are

restrictions on the use of funds.

- New year gaming funds for 2021-22 year pending receipt.
- General funds of \$7,957 available – requesting funding request wish list from school administration by end of October/early November for consideration in budget allocation for the year.

Secretary: Varinder Khaira

- No report

Gaming Representative: Cleo Yeh

- Submission of year end gaming summary report deadline to submit is October 31.

District Parent Advisory Council: Azeem Mohammed Attended

- Information shared on schools and transition into the new school year.

Canadian Parents for French: Katrina Smyth

- Collecting invitations to join forms until Oct 22. Forms were provided to Mme Jassal's Kindergarten class - discount for new K parents.
- Call out - if teachers need support from parents on any school French activities, please advise.
- CPF Meeting – Wanting to start fundraising for camps.

Members at Large: Jana Methven & Doug Tanner

- no report

Reports from Committee Members

Emergency Preparedness:

- Clarification of the role requested
 - Emergency bin on gravel field, equipped with supplies, food/water – 72 hour survival supplies.
 - PAC members role – help update student emergency name tags.
 - Sandra and Elaine to discuss specifics on role directly with the parent volunteers.

Special Lunch Coordinators: Jana Methven & Bahar Child

- no report

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Amendment to PAC constitution (to specify a minimum of 5 general PAC meetings needing to be held every school year) – Voted on by show of hands and carried.
- Hot Lunch proposed dates for fall October 29, November 26 and December 17.
- Neufeld farms fundraiser – date to be finalized – Katrina/Doug will take on coordination.
- Entrepreneur club – parents expressed interest – Sandra and Elaine to connect with Cleo to discuss further with parents requesting.
- Voting – PAC Vacant positions

DPAC Representative – Stevie Wild

Nominated by: Azeem Mohammed

Voted on by show of hands and carried/acclaimed

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Adrian Wild

Nominated by: Azeem Mohammed

Voted on by show of hands and carried/acclaimed

Member at Large – Herminder Mahay

Nominated by: Azeem Mohammed

Voted on by show of hands and carried/acclaimed

Round Table

Carolyn Stanley

- Question to school admin, Sandra and Elaine, regarding grade 6/7 band/instrument rental – General music will be taught using percussion instruments, followed by the Ukulele (more information to come in January). No additional band rental requirement.
- School liaison for district Stem Stretch Program –School liaison us Ms. Sandra Tee.

Azeem Mohammed

- Discussion on an incident regarding expanded mask mandate at school on October 4.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:30pm

Minutes Prepared by Varinder Khaira