

Devon Gardens Virtual PAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 1, 2021

Meeting location: Virtual via Zoom

In Attendance:

PAC - Azeem Mohammed, Varinder Khaira, Carolyn Stanley, Katrina Smyth, Cleo Nomm, Jana Methvan, Jennifer Iachetta, Manjeet Sidhu, Stevie Wild, Adrian Wild and Herminder Mahay.

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

Parent Community –

Alana Beaumont, Amber Bogner, Janelle Lindahl, Misha Yoshida, Joy Lapierre and Amelia

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

Adoption of meeting agenda

Moved by: Carolyn Stanley	Seconded by: Jennifer Iachetta
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Approval of last minutes (June 21, 2021)

Moved by: Varinder Khaira	Seconded by: Jennifer Iachetta
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Approval of last minutes (October 4, 2021)

Moved by: Jennifer Iachetta	Seconded by: Adrian Wild
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Principal's and Vice Principal's Report by Elaine Greenhalgh and Sandra Tee

- Nov 1st Musqueam day.
- Emergency Bin – Manjeet and Adrian went through supplies, made suggestions. Almost at the point to print student labels – waiting on a few parents/guardians to provide emergency release information via parent connect . Note the difference between emergency contact (who to call if child is injured or sick at school) and emergency release (person or persons to whom child can be released in the event of school closure or earthquake – someone within walking distance of school preferred)
- Parent connect – call out for parents to complete and update information as needed. School's fruit and veggie program is a part of the forms to authorize.
- Cops for Cancer guessing jars fundraiser complete. There will be additional fundraisers throughout the year. Funds raised will go to Camp Good Times - [Camp Goodtimes](#)
- Hold and secure drill will take place on Wednesday, December 1. Hold and secure protocol is for a danger/threat happening outside of the school building (for example, cougar on school grounds).
- Two upcoming virtual assemblies (for students only) – Diwali on Thursday, November 4 and Remembrance Day on Wednesday, November 10.
- Delta School district unveiled Vision 2030 - [VISION 2030 - Delta School District \(deltasd.bc.ca\)](#)
- School inquiry position – Focus will be on writing for both French and English (based on student surveys conducted). Speaker, Andrea Greer, was invited to speak.
- Reminder that professional development days for school staff will continue to focus on indigenous learning. Project of the heart – school-wide project with wooden tiles, to be visual representation for the work that is done. Sandra and Elaine are taking a course at UBC on Indigenous Learning, presented a short video - [TRC Mini Documentary - Senator Murray Sinclair on Reconciliation - YouTube](#).

Reports from Executive Officers

Chair: Azeem Mohammed

- No report

Vice Chair: Jennifer Iachetta

- No report

Treasurer: Carolyn Stanley

- Gaming grant received for current school year
- Requesting the 4 ongoing fundraiser be added to the week at a glance on a weekly basis

Secretary: Varinder Khaira

- No report

Gaming Representative: Cleo Yeh

- Year end gaming summary report submitted

District Parent Advisory Council: Stevie Wild – October 18th Meeting

- Doug Shepard provided overview on international student assessment on education
- District strategic plan and goals discussed
- District budget is \$200M
- Oct 5 – Q&A for COVID
- BC Leaders summit Nov 19&20
- PAC grants available and will create knowledge sharing hub for fundraising support
- Discussions on tennis courts and hot lunches
- Playgrounds – one built per year, but there are 25 schools in the district

Canadian Parents for French: Katrina Smyth

- Four new member forms collected from school
- Poetry Club – Prizes for poems submissions for Remembrance Day – Katrina will provide details to Sandra/Elaine to share with the French Immersion teachers.

Members at Large: Jana Methven & Doug Tanner & Herminder Mahay

- no report

Reports from Committee Members

Emergency Preparedness: Manjeet Sidhu & Adrian Wild

- Walk through Emergency bin conducted on October 19
- Donation request (\$5/child) distributed. Funds collected will go towards purchasing 1st aid kits for each class, spare blankets, socks, etc
- Future steps – Paving around the emergency supply container/bin, aging state of the container (looking for replacement quotes/info). Spring cleaning with parent volunteers for the emergency bin to be coordinated. Bin is well stocked, but still looking for items without batteries to entertain children. Donations welcome.

Special Lunch Coordinators: Jana Methven & Bahar Child

- Jana – Question on guidelines to follow – Elaine replied with prepackaged foods, single serve, limiting number of parent volunteers in the building to distribute & food safe certificates required (follow COVID safety protocols).
- Preparing for having hot lunch in November and December (figuring out the details). Azeem looking for a hot lunch lead/coordinator.
- Food safe – Nordel Save-on is offering – Azeem will send out details or an on-line course is an option.
- Requesting a thorough cleaning of the PAC kitchen – Sandra/Elaine will coordinate with custodian staff.

Unfinished Business

- Hot Lunch proposed dates for fall November 26 and December 17.
- Neufeld farms fundraiser - Katrina requesting 3 volunteers on Thursday, Dec 7 at 4pm for Neufeld farms delivery distribution. Order information/details to parents/guardians to go out in the next Week at a Glance email.

New Business

- PAC Executive meeting – to be scheduled

Round Table

- Harminder – issue with school zone speeding – School to send out reminder to parents/guardians and will request the Delta Police Department's school liaison officer to send on-site volunteers to remind parents of school zone speeds/parking restrictions, etc. Speeding and parking issues are both on Russell Drive side and the 112 St side of the school. Jennifer suggested buying pylons/cones for marking the school zone area. Elaine mentioned that the DPD police liaison officer said that more parent complaints will translate to more action taken. Complaints can be made to the Mayor's office, city council member and the Delta Police Department)
- Harminder – What precautions will be taken for safety on Sheppard way with upcoming homes construction – Elaine to connect with the city as the road is very narrow.
- Jennifer – Requesting a paved walking path from 112st down to the school.
- Azeem – Mentioned street/school zone signage on 112st around to be updated next year
- Manjeet - Staggered start and end times discussed – won't be brought back.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:30pm

Minutes Prepared by Varinder Khaira