

Devon Gardens Virtual PAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 17, 2022

Meeting location: Virtual via Zoom

In Attendance:

PAC - Azeem Mohammed, Jennifer Iachetta, Varinder Khaira, Katrina Smyth, Cleo Nomm, Manjeet Sidhu and Adrian Wild

School Administration - Sandra Tee (Vice-Principal)

Parent Community – Amber Bogner, Janelle Lindahl, Sandeep Seikhon and Helen Liu (email not provided)

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

Adoption of meeting agenda

Moved by: Katrina Smyth	Seconded by: Adrian Wild
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Approval of last minutes (November 1, 2021)

Moved by: Katrina Smyth	Seconded by: Cleo Nomm
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Principal's and Vice Principal's Report by Sandra Tee

- Happy New Year! Thanked for generosity/donations towards hampers during week of giving - Dec 13 to 17.
- New health and safety guidelines with the new year – mask requirement for all students and staff (continuing) and staggered entry/exit and recess/lunch in order to limit congestion.
- Student-led conferences – Portfolio format (same as last year) with early dismissal on January 27.
- COPS for Cancer fundraiser – Information/order form sent home for chocolate fundraiser, due back to school on January 19.
- School application time
 - Early KG French immersion – Application deadline is January 22
 - Late French Immersion – Application deadline is February 12
 - Regular KG registration – February 14-20
 - Grade 7 Information Nights (High School)
 - BurnsvieW – January 25 (for French Immersion) and February 1 (for all grade 8s)
 - Delview – January 26

Reports from Executive Officers

Chair: Azeem Mohammed

- No report

Vice Chair: Jennifer Iachetta

- Delta PD was on location for traffic enforcement on the 112 St. side of the school monitoring for school zone speeding on Jan 17 after school.

- Will continue to follow-up on the traffic/speed/parking issues on 112 St.
- DPD recently launched an online incident reporting system for non-emergency concerns (includes traffic incidents or a general community concern) <https://report.deltapolice.ca:11443/>.

Treasurer: Carolyn Stanley

- Financials provided – Azeem provided overview

Secretary: Varinder Khaira

- No report

Gaming Representative: Cleo Yeh

- No report

District Parent Advisory Council: Stevie Wild

- No report

Canadian Parents for French: Katrina Smyth

- No report

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

- No report

Reports from Committee Members

Emergency Preparedness: Manjeet Sidhu & Adrian Wild

- Adrian - Collecting quote for replacement 40 ft shipping container which houses the schools emergency supplies. Next Step - To explore if the district will cover/replace – Ms. Tee will pass on pricing/quotes obtained to district for consideration.
- Cement pad under emergency bin discussed with district – will try to include with upgrades (pathways around school) to other areas in Summer of 2022.

Special Lunch Coordinators: Cleo Nomm & Jana Methven

- Pause for January, hope to resume for February to June – Sandra to confirm with district safety committee.
- Only vendors that will bag and label individual orders will be used (for example, Subway), for ease of distribution.
- Another option is to have a Snack day - Cobs cinnamon buns (just not on a Wednesday).

Unfinished Business

- PAC fundraiser Pub Night – Suggested by Doug Tanner – On hold
- Internet Safety Session for Parents - Azeem suggested proceeding with Safechild Coalition (Ryan LaForge). After discussion it was deemed other options would be pursued. Adrian Wild also looking into a potential resources to deliver a session.

New Business

- None

Round Table

- Yearbook – Matt and Amber, Grade 7 parents organizing
 - Lifetouch has provided online log-in credentials to start putting together.
 - Book cover due early February – in progress
 - Have started arranging the individual student pictures by class/division

- Parent monetary donations to PAC – Will be accepted but a tax receipt won't be provided.

- Katrina
 - Comment on Emergency Preparedness – Rebuild is more successful when there is social capital (shared value that allows individuals to work together in a group to effectively achieve a common purpose). For example, after the 2011 Earthquake in Japan, of two cities that rebuilt, one rebuilt faster than the other. It was determined that it was because people were helping their neighbours and friends more. We can build our “social capital” by intentionally getting to know other families at the school and being part of the school community.
 - Discussed the school district moving forward with mandatory vaccine status disclosing for all district staff.

- Family Fun Night (June 16, 2022) – Requested Sandra confirm whether or not it can/will proceed as planned, if not, to request rental deposit be moved to June 2023.

- Adrian Wild – Undercover area – ice/snow accumulation issue – Included in summer 2022 school upkeep/upgrade plan.

- PAC Executive Position Voting
 - Member at Large** – Adrian Wild
 - Nominated by: Azeem Mohammed
 - Voted on by show of hands and carried/acclaimed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:30pm
Minutes Prepared by Varinder Khaira