

Devon Gardens Virtual PAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2022

Meeting location: Virtual via Zoom

In Attendance:

PAC - Jennifer Iachetta, Carolyn Stanley, Varinder Khaira, Cleo Nomm, Stevie Wild and Jana Methvan

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

Parent Community – Amber Bogner and Janelle Lindahl

Call to order & welcome by PAC Vice Chair Jennifer Iachetta at 7:35 PM

Adoption of meeting agenda

Moved by: Varinder Khaira	Seconded by: Cleo Nomm
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Approval of last minutes (February 28, 2022)

Moved by: Janelle Lindahl	Seconded by: Jana Methvan
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Principal's and Vice Principal's Report by Elaine Greenhalgh and Sandra Tee

- As per the February 28, 2022 PAC meeting, school gym floor was fully replaced (new surface poured) over spring break.
- Track and field practices are underway. ND regional track day is Tuesday, May 10. Last day to submit track t-shirt orders is April 6.
- Camp Jubilee extended day trip for grades 6 & 7 on Monday, April 25 – Permission forms due back April 6.
- Grade 7 year end event – fundraising being sorted.
- Reading with Missy (Mme Greenhalgh's dog) for primary students – started second cycle. Supported by school learning assistants and big buddies. 10 minute appointments on Monday's and Wednesday's.
- Gearing up for Entrepreneurial Fair (Mme Ko, Mrs. Willcox and Ms. Arjun's classes participating) – Sales will be held on Friday, May 6. Working out logistics.
- Student Learning Survey – for Grade 4 and 7s (students and their parents/guardians/caregivers) – main focus on writing skills and to capture information on feeling around writing. E-survey site open until April 29.
- Farmer Mike is out visiting the school for spring gardening.
- Vision 2030 week – social media component underway – follow on twitter @DGElem
- Monday, April 11 – PAC Parent engagement event hosted by DPAC.
- Crossing guard vacancy notice posted at George Mackie Library. Position remains vacant.
- Check out the school event calendar - <https://dg.deltasd.bc.ca/events-calendar/>

Reports from Executive Officers

Chair: Azeem Mohammed

- No report

Vice Chair: Jennifer Iachetta

- No Report

Treasurer: Carolyn Stanley

- Financials provided (will be provided to meeting attendees along with draft minutes).
- \$1,700 remaining in general fund (taking into account earmarking funds).
- Expecting funds shortfall unless fundraising is ramped up.

Secretary: Varinder Khaira

- No report

Gaming Representative: Cleo Nomm

- Gaming grant for next school year – deadline to submit is June 30, 2022.
- To explore changing financial institution for banking with treasurer (Carolyn)

District Parent Advisory Council: Stevie Wild

- Discussed mental health prioritization for students.
- Hardship fund for underprivileged students discussed. Note - Devon Gardens has a hardship fund to which PAC contributes.

Canadian Parents for French: Katrina Smyth

- No report

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

- No report

Reports from Committee Members

Emergency Preparedness: Adrian Wild & Manjeet Sidhu

- No report

Special Lunch Coordinators: Cleo Nomm & Jana Methven

- March 11 Subway day went well. No issues.
- April 29 (Panago), May 27 (Cobs Bread) and June 17 (Subway) coming up for balance of the school year.
- Subscription renewal for hotlunches.net – June 30 is the early registration deadline to save \$25 for the annual subscription.
- School administration advised since restrictions are lifting, popcorn snack days can resume.

Other Fundraising

- Jennifer Iachetta looking into a Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser
- Neufeld Farms - launches April 21 with delivery/pick-up at 6pm on May 18.

Unfinished Business

- Family Fun Night (June 16, 2022)
 - School administration to confirm if can proceed asap
Starting point to prepare if event is approved to proceed
 - Work order for table and chairs
 - Reach out to North Delta Lions regarding cooking of food
 - Basket donations (send out information to classes in early May) and community donations for raffle

New Business

- Holding next PAC meeting in-person – Consensus of those present is to continue with zoom meetings for the balance of the school year. To re-evaluate next school year.

Round Table

- Varinder - Yearbook – Matt and Amber, Grade 7 parents organizing
 - On-track for final submission deadline of May 2
 - Pre-sales to start mid-April via online order system
- Teacher and grade 7 grad luncheon – PAC funds \$500 per event – looking for a parent to lead
 - Total of 47 grade 7 grad student this year
 - Graduating class teachers considering a private space rental at Central City Fun park (outside food and drink allowed) for grad event

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:30pm

Minutes Prepared by Varinder Khaira