

Devon Gardens Virtual PAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022

Meeting location: Virtual via Zoom

In Attendance:

PAC - Azeem Mohammed, Carolyn Stanley, Varinder Khaira, , Cleo Nomm, Adrian Wild, Herminder Mahay, Doug Tanner, Jennifer Iachetta, Katrina Smyth and Jana Methvan

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

Parent Community – Amber Bogner, Janelle Lindahl, Sheetal Prakash and Surjit Singh

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

Adoption of meeting agenda

Moved by: Varinder Khaira	Seconded by: Cleo Nomm
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Approval of last minutes (January 17, 2022)

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

- French funds spending – Week of March 7th – Francophone week – Virtual workshops booked for classes – music and song based.
- Thanked parents for COPS for cancer chocolate fundraiser – a couple more fundraisers are planned for the balance of the school year.
- Snack day COBS was a success. No issues.
- Parent teacher conferences upcoming with early dismissal on March 2.
- Science fair – intermediate classes participating
- Delta School District – redoing 9 elementary school gym floors – includes Devon Gardens gym floor – scheduled for this spring – work is being contracted out
- Farmer Mike – works for district and visits school to teach students about planting/gardening – very weather dependent
- Indigenous Learning – Tiles mosaic permanent art installation. Connecting with a residential school survivor to visit the school.
- Rapid tests were to be sent home with students (Thurs, March 3) but the district has advised they need to be handed directly to parents, more info to come on a pick-up date/time/schedule.
- Class photos scheduled for Friday, April 1st
- Virtual assemblies have been ongoing – Most recently English authors – link to writing and sharing info and French students received a talk from a French author. Upcoming - a special presentation for the eco team.
- Monthly goals circulating around the school, March will be for sharing Vision 2030.
- Emergency container, quotes received from Adrian Wild. Sent to the district coordinator and waiting on a reply.
- Family Fun Night 2022 – no decision yet – wait and see pattern.

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)

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

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Winter conference – CPF national organization to promote French (funded provincially and federally, total of 95K), advocacy group and put on events – graduating elementary and high school students. Concern that there is no Delta area French Advisory Council for use/allocation of \$250,000 French funding received. Presentations on fundraising/development and where to target activities. Asking about appetite to run French summer camp in Delta and CPF could help fund but will require parent volunteers and teachers (Sandra and Elaine asked to inquire if a teacher is interested) and camp space – gauging interest from the parent and school community. Doug Tanner suggested sending out a survey.

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

- No report

Reports from Committee Members

Emergency Preparedness: Adrian Wild

- Adrian – Obtained 3 quotes and shared with school Admin – shared with (see above)
- Spring re-organising and clean-up

Special Lunch Coordinators: Cleo Nomm & Jana Methven

- Feb 25 Cobs cinnamon bun snack day was a success. Subway hot lunch is on March 11.
- Last set of hot lunch/Snack days for April to June 2022 are being finalized. Hot lunch proposed dates – April 29, May 27 and June 17 (Subway, Panago) and another COBS snack day. To confirm with school admin.

Unfinished Business

- PAC fundraiser Pub Night – Azeem and Doug to explore further.
- Internet Safety Session for Parents
NOTE: Safechild Coalition (Ryan LaForge) will not be considered for any school presentations or activities.
Adrian Wild presented other viable options:
 - White Hatter, Victoria, BC - \$450 per session
 - Federal Government Communications Security Establishment – series of volunteers that do free presentations for schools (more geared towards older students and parents/caregivers)
- Family Fun Night (June 16, 2022) – As noted above in the admin report - Family Fun Night 2022 – no decision yet – wait and see pattern. PAC will need to know by mid-April in order to start coordinating this event or move deposit to June 2023.

New Business

- Neufeld fundraiser in Spring - Katrina and Carolyn to explore possible dates and coordinate.

Round Table

- Varinder - Yearbook – Matt and Amber, Grade 7 parents organizing
 - Book cover submitted
 - Class/Division portrait pages populated
 - Staff page in progress
 - Grad write-ups requested and due March 4
 - On-track for final submission deadline of May 2
- Varinder - Nordel Crossing Guard Vacancy – What is being done? – School posted internally in the district, advertised in Surrey Leader & North Delta Reporter (posted for full month at a cost) and asked other neighbouring schools. The school has also offered position to school EAs. School is definitely making a full effort. Next steps based on suggestions – poster/flyer at George Mackie, reach out to local secondary schools and post on social media (community pages). Note that the school has a vested interest to fill this position – District and the municipality jointly discuss (where to place) and fund crossing guard positions. Having this Nordel and 112st location remain vacant could pose a question on the need in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:30pm

Minutes Prepared by Varinder Khaira