



**PAC**  
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## **Devon Gardens PAC Agenda – Virtual via Zoom and In-Person**

**Monday, October 3, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Roll of members and guests:

Kristina Van Kamp, Patience, Jennifer Iachetta, Lauren Schellenberg, Manjeet Sidhu, Katrina Smyth, Cleo Nomm, Sarah Quiring, Alana Beaumibt, Manveet Kaur, Janelle Lindahl, Varinder Khaira, Brandy Grund, Elaine Greenhalgh, \*\*Attendance of online participants incomplete due to human error\*\*

Welcome and call to order by PAC Secretary Katrina Smyth – Treasurer Cleo Nomm

- Welcome and land acknowledgement

Approval of tonight's agenda- motion: Janelle Lindahl -2<sup>nd</sup>-Jenny Iachetta

Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting (September 2022).

1<sup>st</sup>- Katrina Smyth 2<sup>nd</sup> Janelle Lindahl

### **Administration Report: Mme Greenhalgh & Ms. Brandy Grund.**

Terri Fox – was successful, the sound system worked well thanks to the PAC for paying for it.

Working on the project of heart and the family is going to work on the mural

The open house was a success as well, it was well attended. People really liked the scavenger hunt.

Orange Shirt day activities were done in the classroom on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

Parent teacher conferences are now open for sign up: both virtual and in person options are available

Pro-D: Looked at ways to include all students and help them all be successful

Enrollment 383, up by about 10, very full

Hosting practicum students → shows how the school is a place of learning and a positive educational community

COI- Coordinator of Inquiry Projects: Guided Inquiry projects for teacher collaboration for literacy projects

Currently reminding parents not to park on Downs road, parents requested that future parking notices also address the double parking in the bottom lot.

Ongoing communication about that tree trimming and hedge trimming being negotiated between the city and the school board. ( Note: City does Trees, the school board does hedges)

### **Reports from Executive Officers**

- Vice Chair: Jennifer Iachetta
  - We like the drainage and the new groundwork
- Treasurer: Cleo Nomm
  - New volunteer update (open house, etc)
  - Gaming grant \$7,540
  - Funds moved to Vancity,
    - We have a google spreadsheet for volunteers, others who want to volunteer can be added.
- Secretary: Katrina Smyth -No Report
- Gaming Representative: Sundeep Sahota- No Report (gaming grants in \* report from Cleo)

- District Parent Advisory Council Representative: Stevie Wild  
DPAC update from Varinder Khaira: Funds available for events if the event meets the guidelines
- Canadian Parents for French Representative: *Vacant* (update by Katrina Smyth)  
Currently doing the membership drive, offering discounted memberships for \$10 again this year. Gave out 2 scholarships last year. Space for parents or staff to get involved and plan French Cultural events if interested.
- Members at Large: Carolyn Stanley, Manjeet Sidhu & Herminder Mahay – No report
  - Chair Adrian Wild and DPAC Rep Stevie Wild send regrets and will provide updates in November 2022
    - Redraft DG PAC constitution, call for input and improvements. deferred until next meeting

### Reports from Committee Members

- Emergency Preparedness PAC Reps: Lauren Schellenberg  
Waiting to hear from Adrian and Manjeet. Possible hand off from Manjeet to take place soon. Tags. A call may be put out to volunteers to get help with that.
- Special Lunch Coordinators: *Committee has been formed*  
Space for someone to come and take over running the committee we are looking for new leadership. One parent volunteered, Cleo to follow up.
  - Food Safe updates
    - One parent signed up for Oct 8. Waiting for further info seeking further volunteers.- Offering up to \$200 reimbursement for Jennifer Iachetta, Patience and one more , planning to do it, offering up to 5 parents to do this. Priority to parents who have availability.  
Asking for long term commitments and availability for events such as popcorn, pancake breakfast or school barbeques.
  - Special lunch days (discuss Cobbs, Subway, other ideas)
    - Allergy list to be confirmed.- Seafood allergies so sushi is out
  - Popcorn days
  - Behar Child is happy to help with popcorn days. No one currently has food safe so it's temporarily postponed. Dates to be confirmed with Behar and Patience on the what's app chat
  - Fruit and veggie program
    - Leader for the program: Janelle Lindahl to lead, looking for a trainee for future years , this year Manjeet will help.

### Unfinished Business

- 2022-23 Budget Update
  - Waiting for school requests to prioritize and set annual budget for voting. October 12<sup>th</sup> is deadline for teacher requests.
  - Previous Capital Items Discussed
    - Basketball court hoops
    - Stage curtains- can the old hardware be reused? Jen to touch base with Adrian and Stevie prior to any inquiry.

Any meetings about this to happen at the school so that the curtains can be viewed.

- Mural artwork of school property
- Other items
- Previous Events Discussed
  - Abby Road Rockers- booked
  - Professor Wow -booked
  - Just Dance- expensive and other options will be explored possibly looking at Hip Hop and or Zumba

### **New Business**

- Neufield Farm fundraiser (end of Nov 2022) (Katrina)  
Fundraiser to run through November and delivery date to be at the end of November. Katrina to liaise with Elaine about dates for parking lot access.
- Photo mini sessions (Sun)- to go ahead. Dates to be confirmed.
- Movie Nights (Sun)- Asked for the Admin to check in with the librarian about any possibilities for movies that can be shown for free ? maybe from “criterion on demand”
- Sexual Education (Sun)- Saleema Noon is very good, Brooke has had her before for several years. She can be graphic but matter of fact. She uses correct terms and avoids euphemisms. Her audience is all ages.  
How does this differ from what the school offers?  
Some Parents concerned about having someone in. Some parents would like to be the primary source of information for their children about sex. Parents were keen to have training for themselves to be able to have age appropriate discussions with their children instead of having presentations to the students. Or maybe a presentation to parents first before the one to the students.

### **Roundtable**

New primary playground replacement- potentially a grant from Vancity. Katrina to contact district for playground contractors. We want someone who will let the parents do the work to save money. Cleo to work on grant application .

### **Motion to adjourn Katrina Smyth 8:30pm 2nded Janelle Lindahl Adjournment**

### **Next meeting - Monday Nov 7, 2022**

*“No one can do everything but everyone can do something”*

#### *Scheduling reminders:*

- *PAC meetings scheduling proposal*
  - *First Monday of each month*  
*(Oct3, Nov7, Dec 5, Jan9, Feb6, Mar6, Apr3, May1, Jun5)*
- *Special Lunch days \*on hold pending food safe volunteer*

- *Popcorn days \*on hold pending food safe volunteer*
  - *Scheduling proposal (Oct19, Nov9, Nov30)*
- *Family Fun Night*
  - *Proposed for June 15, 2023 5pm to 9pm*
- *Sports Day Concession*
  - *Scheduled by school for June 16, 2023*