

PAC Meeting (virtual via Zoom) – April 8th 2024

Called to order @ 7:05pm

Email: PACDevongardens@gmail.com

Roll of Members and Guests: Adrian Wild, Carlie Hubele, Jennifer Iachetta, Emily Klimchuk, Courtney Fitzpatrick, Stevie Wild, Cleo Nomm, Shannon Gee

Staff: Elaine Greenhalgh & Helene Hamilton

Land Acknowledgement

Agenda Approved: Stevie Wild

Minutes Approved: Stevie Wild/Jennifer Iachetta

Admin Report: Mme Greenhalgh

Track & field is underway for students in grades 4-7. Regional meet is May 9th at NDSS. We try and send as many kids as we can (limited by the number of kids we can put in each event & the max number of events each student can do: 3 plus a relay). Try and get as many grade 4s and 5s as possible - especially grade 4s as it's their first time doing it

Grade 6 & 7 – not all kids want to go. Try and include as many as possible

District meet is May 16th, also at NDSS – students need to qualify for this

We had fewer students order track t-shirts this time; maybe because the order forms were sent home before Spring Break, or maybe because many students still have their shirts from last year. It is a bit of a fundraiser and helps us purchase track & field related items we need to top up: stop watches, cones, etc....

Recent performance groups:

- Duffle Bag Theatre: bilingual version of Cinderella during semaine de la francophonie, right before Spring break

- Originz – hip hop/rap on Friday. A recommendation from one of our parents – they were excellent!

- Next Monday is Ruploops for Vaisakhi

Thank you to the PAC for budgeting for these

Some staff changes

Ms Lin – maternity leave. New teacher Ms Landry

Ms Richmond will be going on mat leave soon & Mme Porter in May. HR is working to find replacements for them

Some additional funding that the district requested from the Min of Ed was approved. This meant additional staffing for Elem Schools. We will have 2 people who will be able to provide some additional support to classrooms (these are teachers, not EAs, but not LST teachers). Just found out about this, so we're working out the details and scheduling

Additional activities for kids during recess/lunch

- Playground pals every day, for both recess and lunch – kids love the stuff there. Thank you to PAC for budgeting for this

- Just Dance videos in the gym Wed at recess: very popular

- Intermediate chess club lunchtime on Wed

- Pokemon club Friday at lunch

Money budgeted by PAC for wish list items & classroom funds:

- We revised the wish list as we were concerned that PAC had over allocated. We also held off on buying the xylophones & hoki stools but if things are looking ok, let us know & we'll get those
- We've asked teachers to ensure they spend their PAC money by May 15

Reports from Executive Officers:

Jennifer: nice to see speed bumps have been put in on Russell

Adrian: brought up concerns with the new house being built on the corner of Russell & Downs. Parking, kids safety, etc.

Cleo (Treasurer):

- made about \$2000 from the movie night

Stevie (DPAC Meeting):

- received an invite for BCCPAC AGM meeting - provincial level of PAC
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm>

General:

- Canadian Parents for French Representative & President - *vacant* – possibly go dormant

Hot Lunch/Fun Days

- Popcorn & Freezie days – April 24th, May 15th, June 19th

Family Fun Night – TBC – deposit has been taken

- good prizes, cut down number of themes on raffle baskets
- looking to get face painters
- cake musical chairs again?
- starting to ask businesses for prizes donations

Sports Day – details to be discussed

Yearbook

- need to do fundraising – need approx. \$927
- popcorn days (best return on investment) and family fun night
- concessions bring in good money
- 2 months notice for fundraising events

Teacher's Luncheon – May 24th

Grade 7 Grad party – Central City Fun Park & Playland & Assembly

- arrange a photographer
- will need parent volunteers for decorating for the assembly

New Business:

- class photos not good quality, Edge Imaging resending

Hanging Basket Fundraiser – DG gets \$10 a basket

Adjournment @ 7:48pm

Next Meeting – May 6th 2024

Future Meetings – June 3rd 2024

“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something”
~ Max Lucado