

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2023

Called to order at: 6.34

Present: Melissa Burns, Nicole Stoltz, Anney Ha, Kelly Simmons, Regina Vosahlo, Kevin Vines, Stephanie Crossley, Kerri Zaine, Smita Galbraith, Angela Leung, Mimi Matsuo

Motion to approve minutes: Anney motions. Minutes from last meeting approved.

**Admin report:**

Ken Hamaguchi, Richmond School Board Trustee for our school, will visit our meeting to introduce himself.

We are excited to commence our last term of learning. The term has been very busy so far with many school-wide and class happenings such as track & field season, kindness Bulldog Teams and outdoor learning/gardening activities.

**New staff:**

Timothy Lin – resource teacher for Jenny Tahmiscic until June 30<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer Fraser – permanent Educational Assistant for Sofia Tang

**1. Seismic update**

- Diefenbaker School received the great news in March from Ministry of Education providing funding for our upgrade
- Topographic surveyors are onsite
- Construction slated to begin in January of 2024 however, architect still needs to be hired and plans for upgrade/rebuild still need to be submitted to the Ministry
- Projected start anytime one to two years from now

**2. School to home communications**

- Weekly Bulldog Bulletins are now posted on the Diefenbaker School website to be viewed at your leisure.
- Emails still go home on Friday mornings

**3. Grade 6 camp 2023**

- Camp Summit (near Squamish) is booked for October 25-27<sup>th</sup>
- Ferry ride is replaced by the bus ride
- Time for all our new Grade 6 students to connect with each other
- Consent form asking for \$100 deposit will go out the last week of August
- Camp staff will present information to students/staff/parents mid October

**4. Grade 7 trip to Playland**

- On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Consent form will go home tomorrow morning.
- Thank you for \$1000 gift to pay for bus transportation.
- \$28 playland fee: \$10 for families to pay (affordability fund to help with this is an option), \$18 per student paid by the school.

## 5. Grade 7 June activities

- Grade 7 teaching staff has met to plan
- We will need parent volunteers to help with organization of yearbook, June 27<sup>th</sup> morning ceremony decorations and lunch
- We will email Grade 7 parents with the details
- McMath leadership students have planned for 3 sessions with our Grade 6/7 students on transition to high school & ways of showing kindness impacts others for life.

## 6. Outdoor learning

- Gardening activities are in full swing
- Garden beds have been repaired and we are asking all students, adults and parents who are waiting not to sit nor stand on the wood
- Mason bee houses were purchased and added to our grounds

## 7. Friendship Garden

- Gift from Diefenbaker staff for Dani and her family for lasting memory

## 8. Track & Field meet

- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, all day at Minoru
- Thank you for getting the forms back to us on time!!
- Will need help with parent drivers & cheering for our amazing athletes. Parking will be very limited. Consider parking in surrounding neighbourhoods

## 9. Welcome to Kindergarten

- May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the gym
- Would love to have a PAC executive to attend and welcome our new parents. Mimi Matsuo can be back up if no exec can make it.

## 10. School technology refresh

- Is happening in the summer
- Will let you know in the fall how many ipads/laptops will need to be replaced

## 11. Registration for next school year

Kindergarten registrations are lower than last year

### Term 3 Upcoming events:

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Track & Field meet at Minoru
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	@ 1 pm Welcome to Kindergarten
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7s to Playland
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year-End Assembly
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school, Report Cards will be published

## **District News**

The Student and Family Affordability Fund is one-time funding to school districts to increase food security for students and their families, and to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns. This funding can be used to support: costs to purchase food, school supplies, clothing/footwear for school and school activity fees.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Here is the update as of April 25, 2023.

\$26,826.94 + \$1,505.72 (debit 112 + debit 114 yet to be deposited by customer) = \$28,332.66

PAC General Account: \$28,332.66

Numbers match the bank account as of April 25.

Gaming Account: \$7,456.68

### **New Items:**

Summer garden volunteers: there is a grant available (not sure where it comes from) to pay the summer student volunteers. Last year students were expecting the payment but no application for these funds was made. Action: Regina will look into it (and ask Michelle Hikida)

### **PAC Report:**

Walkathon – more volunteers would be great. McMath leadership students to lead the pre-walk stretch, and help with walk. Walkathon structure will be the same as last year with hopefully parent volunteers at the intersections for safety and encouragement. PAC will supply freezies for the day (at the end of the walk when everyone has returned). The freezies (377) will be in their classroom when they return and then the prizes be announced.

Bake sale: last bake sale made \$623. Pac will organize this years last bake sale for June 9

Outdoor movie night: PAC would like to hold this event (similar to last years picnic in the park event). Likely will be in the fall and dates/ideas will be suggested at next meeting (AGM).

Parent information night: Joining two schools for a talk on anxiety with Deb McNamara. Will be via zoom and link/invite will be sent out soon.

Meeting adjourned at 1940

Next meeting May 30, 2023 in the school library at 6 PM