

J.G Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting

September 28, 2023

Attendance: Tressa Cabana, Stephanie Crossley, Nicole Stoltz (co chair), Melissa Burns(co chair), Carrie Wong, Kevin Vines (Vice Principal), Regina Vasahlo (Principal), Kelly Simmons (secretary), Anney Ha (treasurer), Kelvin Chu, Celine Tan, Ben Wong, Kathleen Stevens, Corrina Zhong, Owen Liu, Judy Zhu, Angela Leung, Smita Galbraith, Mimi Matsuo

Meeting started at 1835

Minutes from May AGM motioned to approve by Annie and seconded by Melissa

Admin. Report:

1. It's been a busy start up but a positive start up. We welcomed several new staff members:

Kalen Martyniuk – Grade 6 LFI

Ashley Wong - Resource/ELL teacher

Shay Lucovic - Grade 3/4 temporary teacher

Sally Bennett - Resource/Primary Relief teacher

Luke Zhang - Educational Assistant

Vanessa Crasto - Educational Assistant

2. School Story continues to be focused on building community and supporting social and emotional wellness; staff are planning on continuing building strong connections within our school community and with neighbouring secondary schools.

We are KIND to ourselves We are KIND to others We are KIND to our place

3. Upcoming events:

October 13th : Individual Photo Day

October 19th: Immunization Clinic for Grades 6/7

October 20th: Provincial Pro-D Day

October 25-27th: Camp Summit for Grade 6s

*Term 1 Conference date is scheduled for November 15th with a 12 pm dismissal. (This is still to be approved at Monday's staff meeting)

4. District News:

a. The Student and Family Affordability Fund provides funding to school districts to increase food security for students and their families, and to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns.

b. Feeding Futures Fund will be added for the next three years providing funds for students needing breakfast & lunch at school.

5. Young Actors Project – Fine Arts opportunity for every division

6. Technology update: District has gone to leasing rather than buying. We have lost 30 ipads and 15 laptops and some ipad minis. We have a new lease in place which will provide Diefenbaker with 30 ipads and 15 laptops but ipad minis won't be replaced. 30 ipad keyboards have also been replaced. Diefenbaker is in need of projectors (4 have stopped working this month alone leaving us with one working). Kevin has asked the district purchase 5 for ASAP and then an additional 6-10 for moving forward. Kevin is back and forth with the school district on how many the school can obtain and at what cost. Kevin has negotiated a price of approx. 150.00 each. The remaining 6-10 need to be purchased through the district.

7. Emergency Preparedness & Drills- school district has replaced the emergency storage unit with new food, tents and an updated water source (cans). Emergency unit is well stocked. First evacuation drill completed yesterday.

8. Gardening update: lots of planting happening! Garden bed frames have been replaced. Hay bales have been obtained.

9. Seismic upgrade: indoor building upgrade likely a year away. Architect still needs to be consulted.

Budget: see attached

Includes PAC proposal for a class field trip fund (approx. 10/student within the class). Up to the discretion of the teacher/school and is open to all divisions of Diefenbaker.

Includes PAC proposal for a Chinese New Year Lion Dance performance in January/February. Approx. 1000.00 budgeted for this and still in the early stages of planning.

Budget proposal motion to approve Angela and seconded Tressa.

Proposed budget for 2023/2024 school year approved

Fundraising Initiatives:

Mothers Day: hanging baskets can be ordered and made and picked up (proposed date May 9th). Mimi Matsuo will be contact person and same will be discussed at future meetings.

Purdy's: will run this fundraiser again this December. Anney is away this November and is happy to support whoever would like to take this on. Anney will create fundraiser and look for helpers with a possible hand out date being third week of December (18th)

Bake sale: possible date proposed as October 16th (Monday)

Fresh to You Fundraiser: Orders will be collected first two weeks of October and delivery will be (November 15-25) and will need to be separated and distributed to each student which will require lots of manpower. Will know the date they are sending by November 10. Delivery time will be 9-3 on a school day. **Driver will not be helping with unloading the veggies.** Needs a minimum of 40 bundles ordered. Suggestion that we offer this to Leadership classes to help.

Pumpkin patch: not happening this year due to unstable pumpkin market.

Walkathon: will happen April/May (May 29th or the 30th)

Ongoing fundraising activities throughout the year: **Cobs bread** (when purchasing give name of school), **Labels Labels** (online ordering; give name of school at checkout), **Bottle Depot Fundraiser** (give name of school when dropping off)

Community Building/Education:

Lion Dance (possible for February)

Babysitting course: we get a reduced rate to offer. Each child pays for themselves and may happen on pro d in November or January

School skate night at Minoru (possibly December 12) (PAC fundraiser)

Hip Hop Performance at Hugh Boyd (December 6) (school funded)

Sports day: PAC sponsored lunch (possibly June 7 and rainout is Monday June 10)

School field trip: other schools have a PAC subsidized program in which entire school is bussed to a play/musical/performance (one idea is that PAC would pay for busses) and then students would pay for themselves (approx. 10-14 dollars). Melissa will look into options/ideas and present back to admin/PAC.

Saleema Noon: PAC pays for this education every two years (will be occurring this school year) and same comes from gaming account. Still to be booked (likely May)

Hot lunch: new coordinators Carrie and Stephanie. So far several orders in place. A reminder to all parents: new students will need to be added to the system and students continuing from last year need to adjust their child's teacher/division. **Volunteers (on day of lunch; to help distribute) always wanted and needed!** Thanks to Carrie and Stephanie for all their hardwork!

Fruit and Veggie Program: Nicole Ilich will be taking over. First day of distribution likely in November. Possible changes may be happening ie a nominal fee. Smita will continue to be involved and mentor Nicole. Welcome Nicole!

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM

Next meeting November 30, 2023 at 6.30