

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024

Attendance: Regina Vosahlo (Principal), Kevin Vines (Vice Principal) Nicole Stoltz and Melissa Burns (co chairs), Kelly Simmons (Secretary), Angela Leung, Stephanie Crossley, Anney Ha (Treasurer), Mimi Matsuo

Meeting called to order at: 6.32

Minutes: Angela first motion to pass minutes from last meeting. Nicole seconds.

Admin report:

1. We are well back to our routines after the Winter Break:

- Basketball practices and games are well on the way

- School story: Diversity, equity and inclusion is the topic for the staff learning on Pro-D days while inclusion – kindness continues to be the theme that all students are working on

- Student leadership is working on spirit days & kindness initiatives that bring us together.

2. Emergency Preparedness

- School Messenger communications began in December of 2023

- January 26th ICS “reunification” Drill at 1:30 pm on the field

- About ten parent volunteers have signed up to reunify with their children and test if our system is efficient and timely

3. Term 2 Upcoming events:

February/March: Basketball games: Boys, Girls and Co-Ed.

January 29th: Pro-D Day & Grade 6/7 Babysitting course

Jan 31st to Feb. 29th: Young Actors Project – each class 3 x 90 minute blocks

February 28th: Pink Shirt Day

March 6th: Term 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences with 12 pm early dismissal.

April 25th: Written Learning Update #2 will be published for parents to see on MyEdBC

## 5. Feeding Futures Fund

In addition to Family Affordability Fund, Feeding Futures provides funding to school districts to increase food security for students and their families. We will receive a glass door fridge with a variety of healthy snacks and wraps/sandwiches for lunches for students in need at recess and lunch. Students and teachers will be notified that they can access the fridge.

Family affordability fund continues to be used to support families in purchases such as school supplies, clothing/footwear for school and school activity fees.

New business:

Walk a thon: Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>

PAC AGM: Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 in the school gym

Bake sale: February 14<sup>th</sup>. Kelly is available to help until after lunch. Nicole will set up sign up genius for items to sell and for volunteering time

Chinese New Year Feb 10: having trouble securing Lion Dance dancers. May celebrate this in a different fashion (ie chocolate loonies in red envelopes)

Mothers Day hanging baskets: Will be available to order mid to late April. Order form will be sent home. And payment options will be cash or money transfer to PAC.

Fruit and veggie: running well so far in 2024. Will need a new coordinator for 2024/2025 school year and preferably now.

Babysitters course: happening Monday January 29 at Diefenbaker (pro d)

Staff wish list: some divisions have inquired re using field trip funds for a craft project. PAC decision to not use field trip funds for extra projects but we are willing to make funds available for special requests. Staff voted for \$5000 from PAC wish list to be used towards upgrading the ipad cart and the school will pay the difference.

Meeting adjourned: 7.42

Next meeting Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 in school library