

J.G Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting minutes

January 27, 2022

Meeting started at 1835

Attendance: Huey Wong, Andrew Livingston, Anney Ha, Kelly Simmons, Nicole Stoltz, Melissa Burns, Smita Galbraith, Angela Leung, Christine, Sanjay Bhandar, Kelvin Chiu, Ramandeep, Paul Berbano and IHW G.

November minutes: motion to approve Anney. Seconded by Sanjay

*The purpose and intention of this meeting was for an Administrative update r/t the ongoing COVID19 pandemic, the current state of the student body and to provide a platform in which those in attendance can have questions answered.*

Update from Admin:

delayed return to school for a week following winter break.

Some challenges include reminders re. no more than twelve on certain playground equip, no congregating in hallways, eating time supervision.

Exercising caution with how they are restarting the term balancing that with keeping kids engaged

Kids continue to enjoy and make the best of the situation

High stress time for everyone but admin feels positive about how Diefenbaker is adjusting and managing.

Diefenbaker is currently operating close to normal with some minor changes

Big focus is to maintain and enhance the community's kindness umbrella/positive learning experience.

Next steps include showing kindness to each other (student level)

ePortfolio: first post tomorrow for divisions using it (mid year summative)

March 1 and 3 early dismissal and parent teacher conferences (these will be virtual. Likely Teams)

Grade 5's applying for LFI (currently)

K registration is almost finished.

Questions:

Lunch process starts at 11.45 so that kids are ready to sit and eat at 11.55. A lot of classes have a "soft" start to the afternoon in which the students can continue to eat.

Once again if you have any concerns about your child and eating at the school please talk to teacher/admin

Grade 7 grad: we are at a different place than last year. Grade 7's will likely be able to have some sort of small celebrations. Admin and staff will start to plan and advise that the grade 7 parents also plan early. Will plan for a small group activities that could be made into a bigger group activity if allowed

Hot lunch drop off – not actively encouraged

Any parent have ability/capability/desire to host a field trip?!

Working towards what can be done within small groups (not cohorts) especially outside.

Meeting with maintenance manager on Tuesday and kindness rocks will be discussed

Paving of asphalt not likely happening until April. Also siding.

Bottle drive as fundraiser: this is continuous and anyone can donate. Ongoing all year. A reminder can go out to school population that they can drop off bottles, cans and now milk (and alternatives) containers!

Could city of Richmond donate the bags they use in community collection receptacles?

Could we do a drop off day at the school? Kids drop off recyclables and PAC volunteers collect, bag and drop off for sorting.

Ferris is doing a fundraiser on safety/first aid kits. Return is big (40%). Melissa will look into it and present to PAC and admin.

General account in very good shape. Teacher wishlists, fun day and end of year funds are accounted for so we shouldn't feel pressured to fundraise.

When do cheques to the high schools go out? May?

Seleema Noon is booked for early June but they are looking at possible earlier dates. Will come from gaming account.

Next meeting Feb 24 at 6.30

Meeting adjourned at 1926