

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022

Called to order at: 1836

Present: Andrew Livingston, Huey Wong, Melissa Burns, Nicole Stoltz, Anney Ha, Smita Galbraith, Chika, Kelly Simmons

Motion to approve minutes: Anney first Smita seconded. Minutes from last meeting approved.

Admin report:

By the end of April, all Grade 4 and 7 students will complete a Student Learning Survey which helps the school to know how students are feeling about their learning and school experience.

Parents are also welcome to share their thoughts with the survey. Emails were sent to Grades 4 and 7 families. Survey closes April 29th.

Track Attack for Grades 3 – 7 will start next week; Zone Track Meet is on May 25th; more information to come including how parents can help with transportation and track “stations”

Saleema Noon Parent session on Wed. April 27th (virtual) and grade level presentations will take place in-person in the Library on May 2/3.

Grade 7 Camp Elphinstone one day extended trip is planned for May 19th.

WTK is scheduled for May 31st (Tuesday at 1 PM) and we are expecting around 40 K students and their families.

Gr. 7 transitions will be happening next month with visits from counsellors and to the school

Equity audit (how diverse are our books; what sort of representation exists in our library) taking place in the Library this week

Return to assemblies in groups next week (sharing message will include kindness to place):

April 25th – Sharing Assembly for Div. 2, 6, 7, 11 and 16

April. 27th - Sharing Assembly for Div. 4, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 17

April 29th – Sharing Assembly for Div. 1, 3, 5, 9, 13 and 15

Treasurer’s Report:

TD account closed now all PAC accts with GandF Financial

General balance approximately 16, 527

Gaming balance approximately 22, 851

Hot lunch acct: 4,500 but balance will change as of June when vendors are paid out

Total of Teacher reimbursement is approx. 1,700

PAC items:

Smita: BC School Food Guidelines. Guidelines have been in place for a long time. Last update was 2013 and now Health BC have designed a survey for future guidelines. Would the results affect PAC and our fundraising abilities? Discussion around equity for hot lunch and who can afford. Suggestion for a monthly "random" draw where families win hot lunch that month. Bring forward to the fall. Chika has kindly offered to have his company match. Kathleen suggests putting an option on order forms to donate extra. This will be brought forward for first fall meeting.

Smita: PAC social media acceptance months: having a "wonder wall" around a potential monthly theme (ie autism, down syndrome). PAC has a "wall" that we can start to re-use. Theme should fit into kindness, acceptance. This can include feedback from the students. Maybe we can use the walkathon as a soft re-opening. Include hot lunch dates as a visual.

Walkathon: chairs have the grand prize (Hoverboard) and would like to display it as an incentive. Also with a "thermometer". Tara has already been collecting pledge forms. Several parents have volunteered to help. Route has been set up and is basically a loop (includes railway path). Different lengths depending on grade. Event will be at 1 PM (parents volunteers asked to be present by 12.45) and run until 2.30. Volunteers can sign up to help via link on pledge form. Link to donate online is on PAC website. Admin will attach links to weekly Bulldog Bulletin

Staff appreciation lunch:

Money has been allocated from PAC. Need to decide on a date (end of June). Maybe in the future we could incorporate parents and staff. This year we will stick with just staff.

School wish list: will be discussed at staff meeting this Monday. Technology committee is looking at what needs upgrades.

School Garden: half of the classes are directly involved in a bed. They are making their way through the garden account but are okay for this year. Staff may ask that this cost be added to the school wish list in the future.

Fun day food: June 17. Touch base with Tressa re vendor etc (are we changing the usual and or adding smoothie etc)

Kindness rock display: in the works!

Book fair: May 9-13. Ms Mohammed is looking for parent volunteers 0845-1040 and 1250-245 each day in the Library smohammed@sd38.bc.ca

Meeting adjourned at 1944

Next meeting is AGM and will be held in person on May 26 2022

