

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022

Called to order at: 6.39

Attendance (in person): Nicole, Melissa, Jenny, Mimi, Huey, Regina, Bo Han, Alex, Celia, Tressa, Kelly, Smita, Anney

Attendance via Teams: Kathleen, Angela, Christine, Candy, Vicky, Eva, Betty, Gavin, Noelia

Motion to approve AGM minutes from May: Anney motioned and Nicole seconded. Minutes from AGM approved.

Admin report:

Thank you, thank you for an amazing Picnic in the Park and the Grand Opening of the Track! You made everything so extra special for this community! We are so grateful for your support!

1. It's been a busy start up as we all adjust to "normalized" routines! Exciting but a bit confusing and worrisome for some people.

· Welcomed several new staff members: Regina Vosahlo (VP),

Louise Mah/Sani Mursalim (ELL/Resource), Gabi Hur (Div. 6),

Emily Deasy covering Div. 2 and Alan Rambaldini covering Div. 15

· Health and Safety protocols have changed but we are encouraging everyone to continue to be vigilant; most important thing is to stay home when you're not feeling well

2. School Story continues to be focused on building community and supporting social and emotional wellness; staff are planning different strategies/activities

· We are KIND to ourselves

· We are KIND to others

· We are KIND to our place

3. Upcoming events: October 5-7th: Camp Elphinstone for Grades 6/7

October 21st: Provincial Pro-D Day

October 24th: Immunization Clinic for Grades 6/7

October 27th: Individual Photo Day

*Term 1 Conference date is scheduled for November 17th with a 12 pm dismissal. Still to be approved by Staff

4. District News:

a. New Reporting/Learning Updates Guidelines:

- 4 Learning Updates (2 conferences and 2 written) which focus on strength-based descriptive feedback and use of proficiency scales for ALL students

- 1 Summary of Learning at Year End

- Student's Digital Portfolio showing Core Competencies Self- Assessment/Goal setting (by June, students will have self-assessed and set goals for all 3 areas of Core Competencies – Communication, Thinking and Personal/Social

b. 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. Richmond District's allocation is \$1.96 million for this year. Huey is allocating these funds based on need/request.

Treasurers report:

See attached budget

Please note that current study enrollment sits at 380

Motion to approve proposed budget and spending for 2022-2023: Motioned by Angela and seconded by Frank. Proposed budget approved.

PAC Report:

-Volunteer needs:

1. We are looking for someone to work alongside Tressa for this year to take over coordinator role 23/24 year. Celia volunteers. Tressa will connect with Celia. Thank you Celia!

2. Fundraising coordinator: We are also looking for someone to help with fundraising and the parents volunteers associated with fundraising activities. Kathleen Stevens volunteers. Thank you Kathleen!

Purdy's order as a fundraiser (December usually): Noela, Smita and Kathleen willing to help.

-Allergy protocols: medical lists are generated after school is well underway (ie after pink forms returned) Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher as soon as possible including temporary classroom placements (ie first week of school). Huey will engage staff in conversation around this at next staff meeting (Monday October 3).

-Drones on school premises: there have been drones around the school and Huey has spoken to those involved to ask not to use at school.

Rainbow crosswalk: Hermitage crosswalk has recently been updated so it won't be there. Other crosswalk option is on Fortune. Large crosswalk at Minoru/Library was very pricey. PAC and admin will research options for this and propose at future meeting(s).

Community Art Grant: application usually due at beginning of the school year. Alex will ask his wife for input as she worked on the murals at McMath High School.

Fruit and Veggie is back! Starts tomorrow (Thursday September 29). Smita is the coordinator and is looking for volunteers to help to distribute. Future dates are: October 31, December 5, January 23, February 6, February 27, April 3, April 24, May 8th, May 29th

Fundraising goals for 2022-2023:

1. Crosswalk
2. Variety Club has a matching grant program. Usually around sensory inclusive equipment such as "Sensory Pathways" Smita has just contacted a Variety representative and they are willing to come to PAC meeting to discuss the program. Angela will put Smita in touch with Variety Club representative that is assisting her school PAC with completing application. Grant application expires October 31
3. Veggie bundles possibly more work than Purdys but does have a good return to the school. Kathleen is willing to coordinate this. BC Agricultural in the Classroom and Kathleen will start process. Suggestion to try this for the fall/pre Holiday season INSTEAD of Purdys and move Purdys to the Spring. Kathleen will check on the dates for ordering and delivery.
4. Movie night: do we want to bring this back? Maybe worth considering for next year when we have a new sound system. We possibly need a new projector as well.
5. Gift cards: the system works as collection of gift cards and then paying the company the charge ie. school keeps remaining. Collect orders by middle of November. Usually a week later company emails to say order is ready for pick up or delivery and then school is responsible for sorting and distributing. Mimi has been recruited to help Huey. Angela willing to help as well.
6. Babysitters course: an individual can come to school on November pro d to teach those interested. Huey believes school should be free to use. Timing 8.30 to 3.30. For ages 11-12

Meeting adjourned at 8.22

Next meeting November 2 at 6.30 in person in the library or via Teams.