

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2022

Called to order at: 6.40

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

Attendance via Teams: Shalika, Tiffany, Christine, Angela, Pan

Motion to approve September minutes: Smita seconded by Anney. Minutes approved.

Admin report:

1. It's been a busy month, especially in the last 2 weeks!

-Halloween pumpkin patch and parade were very fun for everyone!

-Having student leaders in various roles have been a big help and have really engaged our senior students.

-Grade 7 Volleyball is up and going with several home and away games scheduled for this month.

-Spirit wear order sent out yesterday... limited supply from vendor

2. Kindness to Others Initiatives:

Candy Cares (leadership group) in conjunction with McMath is going on this week November 2-4th

Also focusing on Peace and Remembrance Day activities; **assembly on Nov, 10th will be recorded and sent out to families**

3. Classes continue to work hard; reminder that there is EARLY DISMISSAL for

Term 1 conferences on **Thurs. Nov. 17th @ 12 pm.**

Parents/guardians can also contact teachers with any concerns/questions at any time. Regular communication is helpful for student success and growth.

4. Online Kindergarten registration began Nov. 1st in the District.

Applications for District Option Programs (French Immersion, LFI and

Montessori) are accepted from Nov. 1st – Jan. 20th. LFI 6 presentations will hopefully take place in late December/early January and help increase our LFI numbers.

4. Staff Wishlist:

1. PA system has been ordered ~ \$5500 to be split with PAC? (See motion under treasurer report)

2. 10 iPads needed to fill current carts. Ipads are approximately 600 and to purchase laptops would likely be upwards of 25,000. Huey is waiting for guidance from school district re lease vs buy.

Funding for a Winter Dance program (school wide performance aka fine arts activity) if we can secure one. Anney will look up which company we paid for last event December 2019 (HipHop)

Treasurers report:

Huey will ask Tara re balance of “accounts” r/t online walkathon donations. These accounts live with school district since donations were made through online donation system.

Treasurer report available on request

PAC Report:

1. Food safe certification will expire this summer and Smita will be giving up role as Fruit and Veggie coordinator (after this school year). Bo has agreed to start to shadow Smita with the end result being new coordinator.
2. Variety/Sensory Path: application to receive funding from Variety has passed. This venture would be/should be addressed again next year. Variety has a liaison that can come to PAC meeting to provide information and clarification. Smita will arrange for this liaison to come to a PAC meeting in the winter/spring.
3. PA system and contribution from PAC: PAC contributing \$2000.00 to go to speaker system. There is a remaining \$3000.00 from original funds allocated (Motion approved last meeting) that may be put forward to iPads instead.
4. Skate night: December 6 at 6.30. Charge will be 2.00 per skater. Melissa will prepare notice to go home
5. Purpose of Fundraising: do we have a large purchase goal ie playground pieces? Do we focus on Diefenbaker based community events? Ideas discussed include bringing back bake sales (?February for valentines day), year end movie/carnival in June (note that timing might be tough because of longer days), walkathon in May. It can argued that the school year is busy enough at the school and returning to “normal”.
6. Rainbow painted crosswalk: Huey will approach the student leadership group for their thoughts as this process will require careful decision-making and evaluation.

7. Spirit wear due November 10
8. Rock wall: can we do this "in house" as in PAC buys a board and glues rocks on.
9. Gift card fundraiser: going well so far. Orders due November 18
10. November 21: pro d day and babysitting course being offered at the school for grades 6 and 7.
11. Please note that the concession is open (again) on hot lunch days! A small amount of food from that days hot lunch will be available as well as chips and juice. Cash only.

Meeting adjourned at 7.40

Next meeting February 1, 2023 at 6.30 on Teams and in the school library.