

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023

Called to order at: 6.49

Attendance (in person): Nicole, Melissa, Mimi, Regina, Jaweel, Kevin, Tressa, Kelly, Smita, Anney

Attendance via Teams: Shalika, Angela, Kathleen, Stephanie

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting (November 2, 2022): Anney motions to approve. Smita seconds.

Admin report:

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

New Administration team:

Regina Vosahlo (Principal)

Kevin Vines (Vice-principal)

Welcomed several new staff members:

Kevin Vines (VP)

Linda Lin (Division 2, Grade 6/7, on leave)

Yumika Koyama (Educational Assistant, was on leave)

2. School Story continues to be focused on social responsibility.

The staff are planning Family Team activities focusing on kindness. They will be led by our Grade 6/7 students. Students will have the opportunity to connect and work with each other while learning about kindness.

We are hoping to connect with McMath Secondary to organize leadership mornings for our Grade 6/7 students to inspire our students with examples of Courageous Kindness that secondary students will share with them.

Term 2 Upcoming events:

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

February 17th: Pro-D Day

February 15th: Term 2 Parent-Teacher Conference with 12 pm early dismissal.

February 22nd: Pink Shirt Day

March 9th: Report Cards, Learning Update #2 will be published for parents to see on MyEdBC (date to be approved by staff)

4. Registration information

Online Kindergarten registration began Nov. 1st in the District

Applications for District Option Programs (French Immersion, LFI and

Montessori) were accepted from Nov. 1st – Jan. 20th.

LFI 6 presentations took place in late December/early January and went very well. Decision on LFI enrolment will be made on February 6th. Families will be contacted after this day.

5. District News:

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. This funding can be used to support: costs to purchase food, school supplies, clothing/footwear for school and school activity fees.

Treasurers report:

See attachment

PAC Report:

Proposal to fund grade 7 grad events from PAC (ongoing for future years). Request from PAC for \$1000 from Gaming. Tressa motions for same. Seconded by Anney. Approved.

7.15 – 7.50 Presentation from Anna Polden at Variety BC (Variety Schools) and is here to present on Sensory Path (Sensory Input and Self regulation)

See attachment to this email

Variety Schools will match funding for chosen Path if we are successful applications. Variety offers support and guidance with the application process including vendors.

Application closed until next school year. We can develop application and required documents ready for submission in September 2023. Note: Diefenbaker resource team is close to purchasing two sensory pathways!

Bake sales are back! First one since COVID closures is this February on the 14. Will be in multipurpose room with grade 7 helpers. Primary classes will have the opportunity to come in as a class prior to recess.

Purdys chocolates: do we want to fundraise for Easter? Would need to send out order information (online) prior to spring break with the ordering closing date being the 24th. Two weeks prior to Easter. Anney, Melissa, Nicole and Kelly can help.

Hot Lunch has returned with all dates open to order until end of May. Deadline to order is 8 days prior

Walkathon Tentatively scheduled May 17 (all afternoon)

Application for rainbow sidewalk submitted and Regina will keep us updated

Art mural – Regina will reach out to Carrie at McMath re bringing a mural to Diefenbaker.

Meeting adjourned at 8.17

Next meeting April 26, 2023 at 6.30 in the school library or online through Teams

Note AGM is May 31, 2023