

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2024

Attendance: Regina Vosahlo (Principal), Kevin Vines (Vice Principal)Nicole Stoltz and Melissa Burns (co chairs), Carrie Wong, Stephanie Crossley, Anney Ha, Mimi Matsuo, Kelly Simmons, Angela Leung

Meeting called to order at: 6:35pm

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting: Anney motions to approve. Carrie seconds. January meeting minutes approved.

Admin report:

We are excited to commence our last term of learning. The term has been filled with many school-wide and class happenings such as Track Attack, Bulldog Family Teams and outdoor gardening activities.

New staff: We welcome Mme Vivienne Law and Mme Val Pollock our new Grade 6 Late French Immersion teachers in Division 14.

1. Grade 7 June activities: Thank you to the amazing Grad Committee for planning all year for the June Leaving Ceremony and for trip to Playland. We have parent volunteer committees to help with organization of yearbook, June 25th ceremony decorations and lunch. McMath leadership class students have planned for two sessions with our Grade 6/7 students on ways that kindness impacts others for life, team building and transition to high school

2. Outdoor learning: Gardening activities are in full swing in our outdoor learning spaces

3. Track & Field meet: On May 9th, all day at Minoru. We will need help with parent drivers & cheering for our amazing athletes

4. Welcome to Kindergarten: On Wednesday, May 22nd at 1 pm in the gym. We would love to have a PAC executive member to attend and welcome our new parents

5. Community fridge and food delivery: Delivery is happening every two weeks by Richmond Firefighters and Richmond Food Bank. Community fridge is for all students. We are asking students to be considerate in its use.

6. Registration for next school year: Kindergarten registrations are at 25 students. Our enrollment is similar to last year at this time. Two Grade 6 LFI classes and two grade 7 LFI classes next year

Term 3 Upcoming events:

May 9th Track & Field meet at Minoru

May 6th Flight of the Hummingbird (Vancouver Opera group)

May 13th Speed Control Rock and Roll

May 17th Pro-D Day

May 22nd 1 pm Welcome to Kindergarten

May 29th 1 pm Walkathon

June 7th Fun Day

June 14th Grade 7s to Playland

June 25th Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

June 27th Year-End Assembly

June 27th Last day of school, Report Cards will be published on MyEdBC

Agenda items:

1. Walkathon: May 29th in the afternoon. Forms likely going home as early as Monday. PAC requesting for prize donations from school community. Parent volunteers will be requested through sign up genius. PAC will sponsor freebies for this event

2. Recruitment and PAC Executives 3 year plan: Nicole and Melissa would like to work with the incoming chair(s) for a smooth transition. Kelly is leaving her position as of the end of this school year therefore a new secretary will be needed start of the 2024/2025 school year. Nominations and voting to take place May 30th (AGM).

Can we include incoming K parents to the AGM? Regina does not foresee an issue. Ideas brainstormed around ways to encourage early recruitment to PAC (have snacks and babysitters present at AGM; hosting a parent social; reaching out to the parents that have volunteered in the past and thanking them for continued and ongoing support)

3. Community Grant: do we apply for the Neighbourhood Block Party funding for our Fall Celebration? Kelly and Melissa will look into process and eligibility.

4. Danielle Cabana Sportsmanship Scholarship: 3 grade 7 divisions and all three teachers will meet with Kevin and Regina to choose two students of the three classes. Regina will share the names of the two chosen students to PAC by early June.
5. Sports Day: 1. bike parade was mildly chaotic last year. What improvements can we support?

2. PAC would like to sponsor lunch. One possibility is to use our current hot lunch system but make prices 0.00 so there is no charge to parents. We may just sponsor snack/ treat on that day and run a regular hot lunch

6. Staff Appreciation Lunch: Likely June 3. Kelly will contact McNair (just as last year) re: ordering for approx. 45 and Nicole and Kelly will run the lunch
7. Admin request: for possible funding for 10 laptops purchased through the district. Admin will discuss with staff. Request for funds may come from/increase based on teachers expression of need.

Motion: Angela motions for PAC allocation of 12,000.00 towards purchase of new laptops. Number of laptops purchased will be determined. Note that 5000.00 of PAC funds has already been spent on technology as per regular PAC budgeting therefore additional requested funds will equal up to 7000.00. Seconded by Stephanie

8. Saleema Noon: will book two days for late May and early June. Cost includes a parent zoom session. PAC has approved and budgeted for 2000.00 for this guest. Regina will confirm dates.

Next meeting is AGM and last meeting of the year May 30th at 6.30 PM