

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2024

Annual General Meeting

Attendance: Regina Vosahlo (Principal), Kevin Vines (Vice Principal )Nicole Stoltz and Melissa Burns (co chairs), Anney Ha (Treasurer), Kelly Simmons (Secretary), Angela Leung, Smita Gailbraith, Ben Dodman, Kathleen Stevens

Meeting called to order at: 6:35pm

Nominations for PAC Executive:

First Call: Anney nominates Kathleen for treasurer.

Kathleen nominates Anney for Member at Large

**Admin report:**

Thank you for your fantastic work and support of our school this school year. You organize so many events for us that support our school resources but above all boost our Diefenbaker community spirit!

**Parent Volunteer Appreciation event**

We could not do this without our amazing parent volunteers!

On Wednesday, June 12th morning from 8:15 - 9 am

At the front of the school drop off

**Teacher Appreciation**

- Thank you!!!! Staff are very much looking forward to the proposed Luncheon on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Grade 7 June activities**

Thank you to the parent committees for their work all this year in organizing Yearbook, June 25<sup>th</sup> morning ceremony decorations and lunch.

**Fun Day**

- Bike parade will be on the paved path on the field for primary students
- Grade 7 student leaders are looking forward to leading the stations on the field
- Tug-of-war will be for students only
- Thank you to PAC for providing snacks and for organizing hot lunch on this day

### **Outdoor learning**

Students have planted fruits and vegetables in the garden beds and are learning more about the plant life cycle and growth.

Summer gardening schedule will be emailed to interested parents. So far we have enough volunteer families to water our plants in the summer.

### **Technology**

18 new ipads were purchased, thank you to PAC for \$5000 towards this purchase

10 used laptops were purchased at discounted \$440 each for next year

### **Staffing update for next school year**

Kindergarten registrations are low as last year but had to surplus one teaching staff once again

We say good byes to:

Mr. Vines – Congratulations on his promotion to Principal at Thompson Elementary

Ms. Mah – Congratulations on her retirement

Ms. Wong – Congratulations on her newborn baby

Ms. Bennett – Leaving to take care of family responsibilities

Ms. Peralta – ending her temporary contract

Mr. Zhang – surplussed

Ms. Aguilar - surplussed

We welcome:

Mme Carrie Bourne – Grade 7 LFI teacher

Mme Sarah Yick – Grade 7 LFI teacher

Mrs. Shawna Hedges – resource and prep teacher

### **Term 3 Upcoming events:**

June 7<sup>th</sup> Fun Day, dismissal at 1:45 pm

June 14<sup>th</sup> Grade 7s to Playland

June 25<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

June 27<sup>th</sup> Last day of school, Year-end Assembly and good byes

Agenda items:

Second call for nominations: Kelly nominates Angela for Secretary (Kelly can remain on as back up as needed)

Anney nominates Melissa and Nicole to continue as co chairs.

PAC Year at a Glance:

2024 Walkathon: Due to new information PAC is unable to provide individual prizes therefore the class with the biggest dollars raised and the classe(s) with the most contributors will receive prizes. Three divisions will receive a pizza lunch. Divisions 11,13,7 are the big winners!

Teacher appreciation lunch – Angela has chocolates she has prepared and will provide. Catered lunch from McNair includes sandwiches, salad, fruit and dessert. Kelly will purchase drinks.

Picnic in the Park dates – September 27 is proposed date. New information has been presented to admin r/t historically racially negative connotations with cake walks and dunk tanks.

Last call for nominations: none at this time

Vote on executive committee for the 2024/2025 school year: Please note that voting members present at this AGM was 8 persons.

Co Chairs: 7 voted yes for both Melissa Burns and Nicole Stoltz as co Chairs

Treasurer: 7 voted yes for Kathleen Stevens

Secretary: 7 voted yes for Angela Leung

Hot lunch Coordinator: 8 voted yes for Stephanie Crossley

Member at Large (note that this is a one year term and the members at large voted in last year will not carry the same position for the coming 24/25 school year): 7 voted yes for Anney Ha as the sole Member at Large for the 24/25 school year only

An executive meeting took place on May 22 and Stephanie Crossley was nominated as the sole Hot Lunch Coordinator

Looking ahead to 2023/2024 school year:

Fresh to You Fundraiser – last fall this fundraiser was successful and plan is to proceed with it again. Also plan to hold the apple fundraiser through the same organization.

Rainbow crosswalk application has been approved and will be installed this summer. We can choose a traditional pride rainbow or the intersectional pride rainbow.

Seismic upgrades possible for September 2024

Variety: Grant application due in the fall. Variety matches 50 percent of funds raised.  
Discussion r/t areas at Diefenbaker that could benefit from some inclusivity upgrades.

Gym equipment: discussion r/t fundraising for same. Discussion will occur at September meeting re. motion for PAC funds/fundraising commitment.

Meeting ended 20.02

Next meeting: September 2024 TBD