

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
Wed. Oct. 2, 2024

Attendance: Regina Vosahlo(Principal), Soledad Stevenson (Vice Principal), Melissa Burns & Nicole Stoltz (Co-Chairs), Angela Leung (Secretary), Stephanie Crossley (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Anney Ha (Treasurer substitute + Members at large), Nathan Parker, Mimi Matsuo, Kurt Zhang, Ka Wai Yip, Yammy Cheuk, Carrie Wong

Meeting started at 6:06pm

Welcome and Introductions

Motion to approve minutes from May AGM motion approved by Anney and seconded by Angela.

Motion to approve minutes approved by Stephanie and seconded by Mimi.

Admin Report:

Thank you, for an amazing Picnic in the Park! Once again, we are so grateful for all your hard work in bringing our school community together.

1. It's been a great start-up to to school year.

We welcomed several new staff members:

Soledad Stevenson - Vice-principal
Carrie Bourne - Grade 7 LFI
Sarah Yick - Grade 7 LFI
Shay Lucovic - Resource/ELL temporary teacher
Erica Ngan - Grade 3/4 temporary teacher
Shawna Hedges - Resource/Primary Relief teacher
Luke Zhang - Educational Assistant (temporary)
Wendy Torris - Administrative Assistant (temporary)
Ariel Afable - Afternoon custodian (permanent)

Seismic Replacement July 2024 update

- North side of field to begin Summer 2025
- Scheduled to open Summer 2028
- Seismic Committee includes PAC representative (Nicole Stoltz), Teacher Rep, Etc
- 2 levels, 10 classes per floor (20 classrooms)

2. School Story continues to be focused on building community and supporting social and emotional wellness; staff are planning on continuing to build strong connections within our school community and with neighbouring secondary schools.

- We are KIND to ourselves: Resilience
- We are KIND to others: Family Teams, McMath collaborations
- We are KIND to our place: Gardening

3. Upcoming events:

October 11th: Immunization Clinic for Grade 6 students

October 21-23rd: Camp Summit for Grade 6s

October 25th: Provincial Pro-D Day

October 29th : Individual Photo Day

October 29th: 12:05 Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Term 1 Parent-Teacher Conference date is scheduled for October 29th with a 12:05 pm dismissal. (This is still to be approved at Monday's staff meeting).

4. District News:

- a. The Student and Family Affordability Fund provides funding to school districts to increase food security for students and their families, and to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns.
- b. Feeding Futures Fund will be added for the next three years providing funds for students needing breakfast & lunch at school.
- c. New Personal Devices policy - recommends for students to keep their devices at home or turned off in their backpacks. Only to be used for learning and with staff supervision.

5. World of Dance - Latin dance residence for 5 days from December 2nd to 11th, 2024

6. PE equipment - inventory

Proposed Budget: see attached

Approval of budget proposal by Mimi and seconded by Angela.

Proposed budget for 2024-2025 school year approved.

Fundraising Initiatives:

Apple fundraiser (order deadline October 9th)

Fresh to You Fundraiser (order deadline October 18th)

Purdy's (November)

Bake Sales (October-Halloween and February-Valentine's Day)

Mother's Day flower Hanging Baskets (April/May)

-earlier start this year (last year sold 45), estimate projection of 60
this year

Walkathon (April/May)

Following 3 are ongoing -blurb in newsletter

1. Bottle Depot Fundraiser (all year)
2. Mabel's Labels (all year)
3. Cobs Bread (all year)

Community Building/Education: (Melissa/Nicole)

Picnic in the Park (September)

Babysitting course (January)

Family Skate Night (December)

Cultural Appreciation event/ Performance/ workshop (TBD)

Sports Day Snack (June)

Grad Events (amount carried over)

Re: Holiday Hampers District provides gift cards for families in need
(December and March)

Hot Lunch (Stephanie)

-about 2 hot lunches per month

-Volunteers needed!! (What it looks like: 1 hour to prep bins, organizing concession, clean up)

Fruit & Veggie Program Coordinator:

Regina: District changes...on hold not yet received any food yet....

Coordinator: Nathan Parker volunteered, will get his Food Safe and submit for reimbursement. Welcome Nathan!

Other/Sharing

Questions:

-Diefenbaker Online Store -coming next week! (Regina)

-Hot Lunch Volunteering (11:30am arrival)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 6pm