

JG Diefenbaker Elementary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2025

Attendance: Regina Vosahlo(Principal), Soledad Stevenson (Vice Principal), Melissa Burns & Nicole Stoltz (Co-Chairs), Angela Leung (Secretary), Kathleen Stevens (Treasurer), Stephanie Crossley (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Anney Ha (Member at large), Kerri Zaine, Emily Thompson, Ben Dodman

Meeting started at 6:05pm

Motion to approve April minutes: First by Anney, Seconded by Angela.

First Call for Executive Nominations:

Nomination for chair Emily Thompson, First by Kerri. Seconded by Stephanie.

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 and above all boost our Diefenbaker school community spirit! Yesterday's Walk-A-Thon, Today's Welcome to Kindergarten.

1. Seismic Rebuild update

- We had our Seismic project advisory meeting last month
- Items brought up were playground location and division into 2 playgrounds: primary and intermediate, with rubberized area. Requested addition of soccer and hockey courts, moving of existing playground equipment and adding new structures

Project Lead: Jonathan Ho (local, works for Richmond SD)

- We are awaiting the ground preparation on the back field, it would take four weeks to prepare the ground and then have it rest for few months
- Construction is planned to begin in 2026 (January to April) and finished by September 2028

2. Parent Volunteer Appreciation event

- We could not be a thriving school without our amazing parent volunteers!
- On Thursday, June 19th morning from 8:15 - 9 am
- At the front of the school drop off

3. Teacher Appreciation

- Thank you!!!! Staff are very much looking forward to the proposed Luncheon on June 18th

4. Grade 7 June activities

- Thank you to the parent committees for their work all this year in organizing Yearbook, June 24th morning ceremony decorations and lunch.
- Spanish Banks for Year End Grade 7 field trip
- Grade 7 teaching team is meeting to determine our two winners for Dani Cabana's 2025 scholarship

5. Fun Day

- Bike parade will be on the paved path on the field for primary students(same as last year)
- 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

6. 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.
- Diefenbaker received cheque for \$2000 Gardening Grant "Environmental Enhancement Grant" from the City of Richmond

6. Staffing update for next school year

- Kindergarten registrations are low as last year at about 20 students
- We had to surplus one classroom teaching staff once again, however since Mr. Kerby is moving, the classroom teacher surplused balanced. One resource teacher surplused.
- We are down from 16 divisions to 15 divisions, 11 in the English program and 4 in the Late French Immersion program

We say good byes to:

Mme Stevenson - will be moving on as vice-principal to Anderson Elementary School

Mr. Kerby - will be moving with his family to Sunshine Coast

Ms. Lucovic - on temporary contract ends June 30, 2025

Ms. Ngan - on temporary contract ends June 30, 2025

We welcome:

Mrs. Avendano (Mon, Tues) and Mrs. Chien (Wed, Th, Fr) - will be teaching intermediate (possibly Grade 4/5)

Term 3 Upcoming events:

June 6 th	Fun Day, dismissal at 1:45 pm
June 13 th	Grade 7s to Spanish Banks
June 24 th	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
June 27 th	Last day of school, Year-end Assembly and good byes

Second Call for Nominations:

Nomination for Member at Large for Kerri Zaine, First by Angela.
Seconded by Kathleen.

PAC Year at a Glance -Final Report & Treasurer's Report (Kathleen)
As of May 27, 2025:

- \$38, 357 Raised
- \$27, 966 Expensed

Current: +\$34, 000 in General, \$6948.00 in Gaming

Teacher Appreciation Lunch -Wed. June 18

Kelly Simmons organizing and McNair catering, PAC helping on day of

Picnic in the Park/Spring Fair -TBD once Executive Committee

confirmed and update closer to regarding construction (space availability)

Last Call for Nominations:

Member at Large: Nicole Stoltz First by Anney, Seconded by Angela.

Vote for Executive:

Chair Emily Thompson

Members at Large: Kerri Zaine, Nicole Stoltz

Hot Lunch (Stephanie)

-will stay on as coordinator for 2025-2026

-still looking for more Parent helpers to assist with Hot Lunch days

Other/Sharing: None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42pm

Next Meeting: September/October 2025 TBD

PAC Executives for Year 2025/2026

Chair- Emily Thompson

Treasurer - Kathleen Stevens

Secretary- Angela Leung

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Stephanie Crossley

Members at large – Anney Ha

Members at large - Nicole Stoltz

Members at large - Kerri Zaine