

# JG Diefenbaker Elementary School

## PAC Meeting Minutes

Feb. 4, 2026

Attendance: Regina Vosahlo(Principal), Brian Pantaleo ( Vice Principal), Emily Thompson (Chair), Angela Leung (Secretary), Stephanie Crossley (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Kerri Zaine, Anney Ha, Nicole Stoltz (Members at large), Ben Dodman.

Meeting started at 6:03pm.

Motion to approve the proposed Agenda:

First by Annie, Seconded by Nicole.

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes (November 2025):

First by Annie. Seconded by Nicole.

### **Admin Report:**

*We appreciate all your incredible work that you do for our school! Our school community has enjoyed all the special events such as the Family Skate Night, inaugural Bingo night, Hot lunches and many others.*

1. We are well back to our routines after the Winter Break:
  - Basketball practices and games are well on the way with a great student turn out.
  - Olympics support within the school with “Team Canada” Spirit Day, olympic sports activities in the gym
  - School story: Literacy – reading comprehension continues to be our focus
  - Student leadership is working on spirit days, kindness initiatives (Kindness Coins) & Family Teams that bring us together as a community.
2. Seismic Project update

- Pillar installation and ground preparation, possibly lasting about another month
  - Construction has not started yet (possibly 4-6 months)
  - Staff classroom visit at Talmey last Monday, discussions and input from staff regarding the build
  - Planning for the playground
    - the existing playground will not be able to be relocated/moved as previously hoped
    - School will be receiving \$220, 000 to build a new playground
3. Universal Hot Lunch (school district received large amount for supporting food security, piloted in December by a few schools, now offered to Diefenbaker)
- For all students who register and opt in
  - Twice a month until June 2026
  - One meal choice for everyone (with gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian or halal options)
4. Staffing update
- Band teacher: Mr. Naso, experienced band teacher will teach our intermediate students until Mr. Bredenholler returns(possibly Spring). We thank John Parker, retired music and French teacher, for his work in teaching our classes this term.
5. Term 2 Upcoming events:
- February/March: Basketball games for Grade 6 and 7 students
  - February 25th: 9:30 am Pink Shirt Day Assembly
  - February 25<sup>th</sup>: Term 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences 11:45 am Early dismissal.
  - March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Family Teams (Kindness)
  - April 28th: Written Learning Update #2 published for parents to see on MyEdBC

## **Treasurer's Report**

As of February 3, 2026, our bank balances were:

General Account \$49, 587.61

Gaming Account \$13,798.48

## **Old Business - Updates**

- Family Skate Night (December) ~Kerri and Emily
  - Was a success! There were a lot of pizzas leftover, thus tried new system for next fundraiser(Bingo)
- Bingo Night (January) ~Kerri and Emily
  - Pre-Paid pizza orders was successful
  - All around successful
- Valentine's Bake Sale (February) ~Nicole
  - Baked goodies to be dropped off on table by main office
  - Sale in Multi-Purpose room
  - Loonies, toonies, \$5 bills to be accepted as there was some misunderstanding regarding bills and exact change last bake sale
- Mother's Day Flower Baskets (Feb/Mar) ~Annie
  - Deposit \$300 PAID already
  - \$30/basket, 2/\$55
  - March 31, 2026 Order Deadline
  - Orders will go home after Family Day
  - Delivery Date: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Parent Pub Night (TBD) ~Kerri and Emily
  - Weekend in April?
  - Silent Auction
- Walk-A-Thon (May)
  - Tues. May 26, 2026
- Babysitting Course ~Angela, Nicole
  - May 15 at Diefenbaker Elementary School
  - We will likely run it as we did last year:
  - Invitation to the families of Grades 6&7s,

- Munch A Lunch or E-Transfer payment, order and payments mid-late February
- Cobs Bread Fundraiser
  - Orders will go out in February, to close March 17(?)
  - Wed. April 1 (before Easter) 6packs Hot Cross Buns Raisin/Current or Cranberry/Orange

### **Hot Lunch**

- Smokehouse is closing down, Sushi Lovers agreed to take on date

### **Fruit and Veggie Program Coordinator**

- Going well! Abundance of healthy food options provided

### **New Business**

- Purdy's reached out for Spring, we will defer to next year

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08pm

Next Meeting: April 8th, 2026