

DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 13 September 2022

Nicole Woods called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

In attendance **on Zoom:**

Nicole Woods, Chris Wright, Stephanie Mills, Adrienne White, Marcus Hissen, Jen Pap, Sandra Robertson, Karl Radlein, Isabela Marques, Nic Green (and Jodi Green), Cindy Luchka, Ashley Leduc, Anabelle Williams, Christine Yang, Marika Glickman, Laura Mercer, Claxton, Felice Griffiths, Gwil Roberts, Dave Jozsa, Kim Stockdill, Rose Concepcion, Warren Weicker, Jen Grant, Sohee Yun, Nahee Youn, Jason C, Vincent Palmes, Mikyla Zolpys, Katia Dilkina, Erin Long, Lori Angelini

Staff: Cindy Harte, Jennifer Cox

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, 4 October 2022, in person at the Doncaster Elementary library

Old business

Welcome

June minutes approved. Adrienne first, seconded by Chris W

Introductions

PAC Executive introduced themselves, all others introduced through the chat.

New vice-principal Jennifer Cox introduced herself.

End of year BBQ - Great success, 648 hot dogs or smokies cooked. Nicole went to the grocery store twice. Plan to do again in 2023

Monk School Supplies - fundraiser using school supply purchases. Made approximately \$1100.00 that will arrive in early November. 50% of families ordered

New business

Class reps - conduit between parents and PAC. Great way to appreciate teachers and share messages, point person for gifts for teachers. Putting a request out in the newsletter for reps. Contact Nicole at DPAC email if interested.

Fun lunch program - Offered monthly. Lots of onsite volunteers to help with distribution of food. Working within the new food guidelines to find offerings. Nothing secured for September, next fun lunch October 17.

Doncaster wear - Email to supplier for Doncaster spirit wear sent today. Grade 5's will be signing sheet to go on to Grade 5 hoodie. Expecting it before Christmas break. Potentially mostly Gr 5 and K's as lots were purchased in previous years.

Created by Kids - Art cards and other products created by students. Last year was new supplier, but it went well. Teachers getting materials next week to begin the process of creating the art. Artwork coming home on October 7 to decide on materials to order (if any). Everything back in mid-November.

Back to school picnic/BBQ - Scheduled for September 22nd. Nicole been doing things ahead of time to get the ball rolling. Shifting away from bouncy castles, trying something different. Going to try a live band and get the kids to have a dance party. Viral Wave - 80's, 90's, current, really huge hit when performing in the park. Cost is \$500.00 - do parents support it? Hands up in Zoom and most people supporting it. Grilldorado was great but a lot of work. Contacted Mr. Tube Steak to cook the food (no charge to attend). Grade 5's could sell pizza or drinks for end of year fundraising. Challenge in June was line-ups, how do we mitigate that? Gym available if weather turns bad.

Questions from Gwil Roberts - selling ice creams would be a great way to fundraise. And pizza. Wristbands for the bouncy castles (in relation to June).

Objectives for end of year and back to school BBQ is to bring the community together, not to fundraise.

Library volunteers - constantly looking for people to reshelve books in the school. Contact Hilda at the school.

Thrifty Foods Kids Run - Takes place on Sunday October 9th. Largest school team will win \$1000.00. Ties in well to the cross-country season. Madame Harrison usually organises. Small but mighty team, more kids involved the better.

Halloween Dance - Not been able to do it for a few years. Costumes, DJ's etc. Lots of fun. Parents that were able to organise in the past are not able to do anymore. We need new volunteers for these fun evenings to take place (including Bingo nights etc). Contact Nicole if you have questions. Booked for October 28th.

Craft fair taking place - group of parents taking that on. Will take place on November 26th.

Crossing Guards - Notified just prior to opening that school will be given 10 hours of funding for crossing guards. Cedar Hill, Rowan and Shelbourne. EA's expected to fulfill this role, but they are already employed by school and Afterschool care. Morning both Cedar Hill and Rowan, afternoons just Rowan. Noone at Shelbourne which is concerning because of construction. Not enough people to fill the hours, but funding available. Not a perfect solution but trying to make it work.

Laura Mercer question - is this the long term solution after the two week buffer period? Cindy H - no, that hasn't been decided yet.

Laura Mercer - there were trained, experienced crossing guards that were made unemployed when things got dissolved. What happened to them? Cindy H - need 2 hour callout which crossing guards do not meet (30 minutes before and after = 1 hour)

Principal's walk / School Zone Safety - Road safety working group set up in previous school year. One student was hit on the crosswalk previously. Letter sent to Mayor and council highlighting road safety priorities from the perspective of Doncaster PAC but no response yet. Near misses occur when children are rushed. If you are interested in being involved please contact Laura Mercer.

Principals walk - Laura proposed bringing back a Principals' Walk event like had been done pre-pandemic at Doncaster. The event is a way to familiarize students with a safe & manageable walk to school, introduces them to others who walk their same route, and encourage more walk & wheel. Advertise to meet the Principal before school at a designated starting point along a commonly walked route, and all go together. (King's Pond was a previous starting point in 2018.) PAC could arrange for light refreshments in the schoolyard upon arrival for participants. Could consider doing two simultaneous walks with vice-principal or principal leaving from a starting point nearer Shelbourne, and the other at King's Pond. Perhaps something to consider at a later date once the crossing guard situation has hopefully stabilized.

Nic Green - find out who is doing the construction and you may get funding to help with safety elements.

School Updates

Cindy - 11 FRIM, 8 ENG classes. Relatively smooth.

Margo retiring, replacement secretary coming in Barb Sharpe.

Affordability fund - millions of dollars put into the school system. SD61 given funds to participate in activities that may be considered an 'ask' to participate in the school community (field trips, covering agenda, hot lunches etc). District has asked parents to participate in 'Thought Exchange' - anonymous survey. Will share the link with families.

Terry Fox run, September 22nd. Toonie for Terry from each family.

Orange shirt day - September 29th.

No school on Monday September 19th. Letter from district tomorrow.

Meet the teacher segways into BBQ. 4:30 to 5:00pm.

October PAC Meeting - will take place in the library at the school. October 4th at 7:00pm.

Zoom will continue for some meetings. Hybrid is an option but often hasn't worked well. Best way to share is with the minutes.

Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.