

## DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 5 April 2022

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

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In attendance:

Nicole Woods	Cyndi Whaley	Cindy Luchka	Adrienne White
Chris Wright	Mercedes Schmidt	Amy Verdun	Laura Mercer
Mari Imahori	Warren Weicker	Elena Schultz	

Staff: Cindy Harte, Tim McKreesh, and Helena Ewald

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### Old business

1. Mari did the territory acknowledgement.
2. March 2022 minutes: motion to approve by Laura Mercer, seconded by Adrienne White.
3. Purdy's Easter fundraiser (Laura): It went smoothly and is done now. We are expecting \$610 from this fundraiser. Laura has the delivery and it will be distributed at school on April 13th.
4. Parent education (Nicole): From Jennie: They've been unable to reach the speaker, so not sure if they need to cancel the session next week (which was to be The effects of stress on parenting on Wednesday, April 13th at 7pm on zoom)
5. Family garage sale (Nicole): Will occur at the end of May. Email communication will go out this week (google doc for signup for tables). Greek on the Street and Mr Toothpick(?) food trucks. Mercedes organizing a bake sale. Gr 5s selling pizza.
6. School zone safety (Nicole): three parents have volunteered to form a committee to work on improving safety outside the school. Still open for other parents to join the committee (they can let Nicole know).

### New business

1. Nominations and Elections of the PAC executive: Description of positions, followed by voting, which ended up being unanimous for the following people/positions:
  - a. No one other than Nicole has nominated themselves for president. Nicole is happy to continue.
  - b. No one other than Chris has nominated themselves for vice-president, but Chris is happy to continue.
  - c. Adrienne and Cindy L. able to be treasurer again next year, but a new one will be needed the year after that.
  - d. Secretary: Cyndi W is happy to continue. No one else nominated themselves for it.
  - e. Parent education coordinator: this is currently Jennie, but she can't do it next year. This is an open role, but not necessarily required. No one nominated themselves for it.
  - f. VCPAC liaison: Elena is happy to continue. No one else nominated themselves.
  - g. Members at large. Laura happy to continue. No one else nominated themselves.
  - h. Newsletter: Sandra Robertson and Jen Grant willing to continue next year.

- i. Fun lunch coordinator: Mari able to continue setting up the fun lunches through the online system and with the vendors. But she's not able to continue doing the at-the-school coordination on fun lunch day. Nicole may call people to ask for people to fill that role. Mercedes suggests putting a call out to all of the school families since there may be several new families who just don't know about it well. Mari notes that BC's new food rules might apply to fun lunches next year, making it more restrictive on what can be offered.
2. Dominos pizza fundraiser (Nicole and Jennie): April 26th - on that day, any families that order pizza online with the special code will raise money for Doncaster.
3. Growing smiles fundraiser (Nicole): Email sent out yesterday for the order form. Same company that does our winter greenery. Good quality and prices. Ordering open until April 18th. Plants delivered on April 28th. More info to follow.
4. Back to school supplies (Laura): Local monk office chosen again. Laura in touch with the coordinator there, and waiting on the school supply list. Delivery for 20th of June, but pickup at Monks locations throughout the summer. No second deliver in September. Better customization this year. Option to add an extra \$5 donation for the PAC.
5. End of year BBQ (Nicole): Food trucks, people bring picnic blankets, PAC provides treats. Discussion around whether to do it - several people say yes.
6. District budget cuts (Mari): The board has done the first and second readings of the proposed budget for next year. On May 2nd they do the 3rd reading and vote on it. In September they find out how much money they actually have, so they can make a new budget in Sept-Feb next year. This year, the budget is an amended version of "budget 4" from last year. It can be found here: [https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2022/04/Agenda-Package\\_Special-Budget\\_April-4-2022-2.pdf](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2022/04/Agenda-Package_Special-Budget_April-4-2022-2.pdf) - see page 515-516 for the proposed budget.
  - a. The cuts appear to affect students directly. Cindy H. says they have been more transparent this year, and they are required to cut several million dollars from this year and next year's budgets because they aren't allowed to carry a deficit.
  - b. Cindy H recommends the activism go beyond the school district because the budget needs to be increased to provide everything we want/need. The loss of the gr5 strings program impacts Doncaster is a big impact for us. In order to keep it, they need enough money to offer it at all schools. Activists should complain to the provincial ministry of education since it makes no sense that the budget hasn't increased despite inflation/costs/population/etc increasing every year.
  - c. What is the impact of cutting custodial to 50%? We currently have a daytime custodian and a nighttime custodian - this cut would remove the daytime custodian (so messes like kids throwing up during the day would need teachers/admin staff to clean it up instead of the daytime custodian).
  - d. What is the "district team"? They work under different umbrellas like technology, special education, etc. Before covid they were in the schools leading workshops, etc. It's been only online during the pandemic. Mari noticed that the salary for the district team is very high, and it could be used instead for strings at all schools. Apparently the district team are in some schools, but not all schools, so it's also unequal.

- e. Mari noticed the large cell phone bill for the district, asks how are these used. Cindy H says just the principal and vice-principal have cell phones because they are on call all the time.
  - f. What does it mean to not have “collaboration time”? Cindy H says it’s new in last 7 years. It’s ~\$10k for a half a day for a couple of teachers to collaborate together.
  - g. There was no DPAC letter to the board about the suspended trustees, because around that time the board released a letter explaining why they were suspended.
7. School updates (Cindy H and Tim):
- a. They thank the DPAC exec for continuing in their positions next year.
  - b. Confirmed retirements are Donna Montgomery and Karen Prendergast. Margo may be convinced to stay on longer.
  - c. To honor Josie Mallow (former Doncaster teacher who passed away), Rebecca Lampart has a restored wooden bench that was given to her by Josie in the past. Rebecca will donate this restored wooden bench to go in the Doncaster courtyard. There will also be a mural and a plaque. Might be a second bench at the front of the school.
  - d. Staff committee would like to organize a school beach day (which was done pre-pandemic). PAC approves this!
  - e. Also an on-site fun day, which will require parent volunteers. Approved.
  - f. Other updates will be communicated by email (e.g. track starting).
8. April newsletter (for Jen G. & Sandra). Things to include in April newsletter:
- a. Fun lunch: on-site coordinator needed for next year (but online coordinator will be staying on).
  - b. Any volunteers for these empty DPAC executive positions?: parent ed coordinator, other members at large
  - c. Sign up for tables at the Doncaster yard sale!
  - d. Additional parents volunteers are welcome to join the school zone safety committee (with aim to increase crossing guard time-coverage).
  - e. The May date for next meeting (Tuesday, May 3rd), and the proposed DPAC budget for next year will be presented/decided.

**Next Meeting: TUESDAY, 3 May 2022, via Zoom**

*Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.*