

DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 7 December 2021

Nicole Woods called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

In attendance:

Nicole Woods	Cyndi Whaley	Jodi Green	Warren Weicker
Mari Imahori	Cindy Luchka	Adrienne White	Jennie Bartosik
Chris Wright	Sandra Robertson		

Staff: Cindy Harte & Tim McCreesh

Old business

1. Jennie did the territory acknowledgement.
2. Nov 2021 minutes: motion to approve by Jodi Green, seconded by Sandra Robertson.
3. Created by Kids fundraiser (Nicole): One of our most successful fundraisers, making more than \$4000. Remaining items are shipping tomorrow. Post modern with the teachers will be done. A congrats to Nicole for taking the risk to switch companies this year. It really panned out!
4. Doncaster wear & Purdy's (Cindy L): Cindy picking up all of the clothing tomorrow. There were some shipping delays. Purdy's arrived today. Jodi and another parent will help Cindy organize the Purdy's orders. Michelle is going to help Cindy organize all of the clothing. Pick up for both will be this Friday for families. Purdy's raised ~\$1400. The clothing didn't raise as much as expected (expected around \$700) due to paypal fees and some extra orders that will likely sell later. Cindy needs some volunteers on Friday, starting around 2pm after school to help hand out the Purdys and spirit wear (2:20 to 3pm-ish). Discussion about what to do with items not picked up. Could be issues if the office staff has to hand them out.
5. Growing smiles (Nicole): raised \$1500. For a total of about \$7000 raised this year so far!
6. PAC donor thank you (Nicole): class cards were created for the craft fair lady and for the mayor - thanking them for their donations. The kids wrote messages in them. Cindy H will give them to Nicole to hand out. Nicole had also sent one to the mayor previously. There were free boxes of poinsettias (one white, one red) that Nicole will include with the thank you cards to each of these donors.

New business

1. School updates (Cindy H & Tim): She thanks the PAC and hopes that more events will occur in the new year in person, such as assemblies, etc. However, they are dealing with extremes of opinions. A few parents have been in the building to help out this fall (e.g., gingerbread house making, driving for field trips). This year, they are being more secular in their winter holiday celebrations. A Christmas tree is not in the hallway anymore. There is more diversity in holiday décor. Inviting families who celebrate different holidays in to the school to talk about them with the students.
 - a. Kristen Pearce will be leaving Doncaster to go to Gordon Head middle school. She was a teaching partner with two other teachers. The position will be advertised.

- b. Laura wondering if indoor activities with multiple classes be occurring. Cindy says a few classes are gathering in the gym for a sing-along. Starting in January, they will start hosting the celebration of learning assemblies (Jan one on zoom). They are allowed up to 50% capacity for seated assemblies in the gymnasium.
 - c. School photos: Tim reached out to their supplier today, who was unaware that they hadn't gotten them yet. They were shipped on Nov 16th and may have gone missing in the floods. The school did receive a half box that they handed out. The supplier will follow up and get the rest sorted and delivered soon.
2. Parent education sessions (Jennie): Parent ed grant applied for in conjunction with Braefoot. Approved for \$500. They are planning to use that for a workshop from Island Sexual Health, called "How to be an approachable parent" (for \$100, but since we're splitting with Braefoot, our share is \$50) on Jan 25th in the evening on zoom. ISH will also talk to the kids classes and the school pays for this. Later in the spring "How stress impacts your parenting and what to do about it" for \$250 (\$125 our share). They are considering a 3rd parent ed night about gardening for a lighter topic. People are welcome to email Jennie if they have any other ideas: jenniebartosik@gmail.com
3. Fun lunch update (Mari):
 - a. Mari has some notes on the topic online: [28 Sep Fun Lunch Notes - Google Docs](#)
 - b. Mari would like some volunteers to help hand out the pizza starting in January: these would include one person to receive the order and give the cheque to the vendor, and about 10 or more people to help sort the food in the building. Mari made [a signup sheet](#) for volunteers (which is on the fun lunch website and will be emailed out and will be in the doncaster newsletter). Jennie wondering if the grade 5s can still volunteer hand out the food. Tim says yes, but still would like parents there to help sort it, and having the gr5s deliver it. Mari says that people have been emailing her to ask to be volunteers.
 - c. There is a parent who can help organize a sushi lunch for February, but they can only make 100. Nicole said that it's ok to offer this as a first come first served food item. Songhees catering cannot be the vendor for March, so Mari wondering if it should be pizza again and which pizza vendor to use. Discussions settled on Oreganos, and on not skipping the March fun lunch, despite it having a 2-week break. Cyndi asked Mari if it's ok to start allowing pepperoni pizza as an option again, and Mari said yes since we will likely have volunteers (the cheese-only option was because of the lack of volunteers allowed in the building). Mari said that people have been ordering the gluten free and vegan options and that cucumber will become available again for subway orders next time.
4. West coast seeds (Nicole): Morgan organizing this. The email announcement to families has gone out. We're doing it earlier this year to avoid the backlog and delays that happened last year. Want the seeds to be delivered well before March break.
5. December newsletter: Jen and Sandra make it based on these meeting minutes, so it will be a line item in the agenda from now on. Things to include:
 - a. Parent education session Jan 25th.
 - b. Fun lunch volunteers (the need for them and this link to the signup: [Fun Lunch Volunteer Sign-Up - Google Sheets](#)).

- c. The upcoming west coast seeds fundraiser.
 - d. The Jan date for next meeting.
 - e. Summary of previous fundraisers results? Adrienne mentioned that final numbers and money transfers aren't complete yet.
6. Retiring staff members (Cindy L): Donna Montgomery is retiring in January. Margo and Karen Pendergast are retiring at the end of the year. These are all long-term staff. Cindy has ordered special hoodies for the staff, and thinking to give the 3 of them one of these hoodies each. Nicole suggesting for Karen a gift of a print of one of her student's artwork that she knows that she loves (she saw the Created by kids canvas of this work, and wanted to order her own). Nicole claimed that Karen can't order it herself, but has plans to order this for her as her retirement gift. Cindy H said she could ask other staff to see what else might make a good personalized gifts for Margo and Donna.
 7. Knitting club: Jodi asking if they got all of the donations that they needed. Cindy H said yes, it's going well.
 8. Doncaster twitter account: Tim and Cindy H started a twitter account. They plan on advertising it more.

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, 11 January 2022, via Zoom

Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.