

## DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 7 June 2022

*Nicole Woods called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.*

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In attendance:

Nicole Woods	Chris Wright	Laura Mercer	Cindy Luchka
Adrienne White	Fiona Ely	Warren Weicker	Mari Imahori
Alison Hamer	Jen Grant	Sandra Robertson	Elizabeth Corry
Heather McNally	Nic Green	Jodi Green	Cyndi Whaley

Staff: Cindy Harte, Tim McCreesh

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### Old business

1. Nicole did the territory acknowledgement.
2. May 2022 minutes: motion to approve by Adrienne, seconded by Chris.
3. Family yard sale - Rainy day but Nicole feels it was a positive and successful event. Incredible feedback from people. \$600.00 from gate sale. Thank you to Mercedes for spearheading that. Luv-a-Rug brought rugs and 100% of proceeds go to Red Cross to help Ukraine. \$1165.00 total raised.
4. Laura - Monk Office school supply fundraiser. Parents received email with instructions. Deadline is next Tuesday to order (14th). Need three adult volunteers to help with sorting and handing out supplies. Would like to deliver them to classrooms. Final date for volunteers to be decided.
5. Laura - Road Safety Working Group. Focused on creating letter to Saanich that highlights road safety initiatives in the past, present and future for our community. Letter being reviewed by PAC executive and will be sent out soon. The Greater Victoria Crossing Guard Association are ceasing their work so no adult crossing guards will be available in the future. Pressure to create sustainable option for the future.
6. True Earth - environmentally friendly laundry detergent that is becoming popular. Adrienne set up QR code that will be in newsletter that will give the school percentage if you purchase their product.
7. Doncaster Craft Fair - official confirmation that a group of parents will be taking over the organisation of the craft fair. Hasn't happened for a few years so it may not be the same as before. Will take place at the end of November. Exciting!
8. Retirement gifts - all in place and will be presented at the end of year assembly.
9. End of year BBQ - Thursday June 16th, 5-7pm. Need to come together to organise at short notice. No food trucks available. Has anyone heard of Grilldorado? Retrofitted pickup truck that has a bbq in the back. Available if we would like to but we would need to cook and feed people. Will require volunteers to pick up food, serving food, etc. Gym is open if weather is not good. Parents bring own picnic blankets. Camping tent over grill. Doable in bad weather if necessary. Selling smokies, veggie dogs and hotdogs, freezies etc to cover costs. Bottle filling station for drinks. There will be options to buy water. Perhaps an ice cream truck?

Fun-Time Inflatables - \$500.00 - Nic and Jodi Green to pay for it as a gift!!! Bouncy castle and obstacle course.

10. Teacher appreciation breakfast - hoping to get one or two people to take over. Nicole has been doing a lot of these events and would like to have someone else take one on. Friday 24th. Going back to pre-pandemic continental style breakfast with fruit, yogurt, pastries etc. Expecting 45 people, ready to go for 8:45am in the morning. Someone needs to do a Costco run to pick up food on the 23rd and drop it off at the school on the 24th. Any volunteers?

#### School updates (Cindy H and Tim):

1. Thank you to the PAC for everything this year. Support financially but also through other means. Nice to see families at the parent appreciation this morning.
2. Schedule for next year confirmed. Start at 8:45am across district, dismissal at 2:37pm. 15 minute recess, 45 minute lunch break. 15 minute supervision pre and post school. Lunch break discussion, eat first then play or play first then eat. Lunchtime regardless is 11:50am-12:35pm.
3. Lunch and learn versus traditional lunch. Sticking with traditional lunch. Kids need time to eat lunch, supervision during lunch and lots of outdoor play time.
4. Strings Program - one-time funding from community raised dollars. Funds spread across district. Not sure which schools will choose to take part so funds may be different per school. Unsure what the teachers time will look like for this reason. Would it be less time each week throughout the year or more time in one semester. Doncaster will offer a strings program next year, once the district knows more about the logistics we will let the PAC know. Will take place during the school day, rather than before or after school.
5. Abigail Bigam has asked if any families will tend the school garden over the summer. Watering is automated but picking fruit/veggies may need to be done.
6. Pro-D on the 20th was around Indigenous principles. Learnt songs and other cultural pieces, including spindles and their history. Ended the day with indigenous film festival. Very meaningful pro-d.
7. 3 classes have been working with indigenous man to learn and prep for a salmon roast. Lots of learning has happened and will continue to happen through this event.
8. Highest number of children identifying as having indigenous heritage within our family of schools, 3rd highest with SD61.
9. School Goals - Adopted outdoor education for the first year, happened to be the first year of COVID. Shifted to adopting social and emotional learning in an outdoor context in second year. Lots of pro-d around trauma informed practice. Now looking at indigenous education and tying it in to outdoor learning. Been great and led by teachers through the work in their classrooms and district indigenous representatives.  
Academic growth - focus on literacy, particularly reading. Area that can show more growth. Focus on early interventions with reading (K-2) to develop strong, passionate readers.
10. Constables Robinson & Omoding led bike rodeo for grades 3-5.
11. Beach day on Thursday. Will go ahead despite rain.
12. Goodbye to Mr McCreesh. Had a wonderful three years at Doncaster, parent and PAC support has been exceptional. Thank you.

13. Class placements for next year: 8 english classes, 11 french classes. A few shifts in staff that parents know about. Some combined classes. Student dynamics better with combined classes. Set for next year just tweaks being made.

#### New business

1. PAC Meetings in the new year: Keep them to Tuesdays? Zoom/in person or combination?  
Show of hands for first Tuesday of the month. Lots of hands raised.  
Combination of Zoom and in-person.  
13th September (second Tuesday) to be held on Zoom.  
October to be held in person.
2. Back to school picnic in September. Thursday 22nd. Following day is a pro-d day. Meet the teacher night on the same evening.
3. First year since COVID for regular events. Bingo night, Halloween dance, movie night and more. Families that used to organize these events are now not available to do so. Will need new volunteers. Nicole to plan out calendar for next year with Cindy & Tim.
4. Fun lunch needs someone to coordinate volunteers in order to continue happening. Parents have asked if there is an opportunity to change days for flex days (Monday or Friday for example) to increase volunteers.

#### June newsletter (for Jen G. & Sandra). Things to include:

1. Volunteers needed to sort school supplies orders later this month.
2. True Earth fundraising information - shop and use our school's code!
3. End of year BBQ - Thursday June 16th, 5-7pm! Volunteers still needed to help.
4. Volunteers needed for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, which will be held Friday June 24th

**Next Meeting: TUESDAY, 13 September 2022, on zoom**

*Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm.*