

DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 2 November 2021

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

In attendance:

Nicole Woods	Cyndi Whaley	Laura Mercer	Erin Prescott
Jodi Green	Sandra Robertson	Adrienne White	Jen Grant
Warren Weicker	Mari Imahori	Cindy Luchka	Linda Rehaume
Jennie Bartosik	Nic Green		

Staff: Cindy Harte, Tim McCreesh

Old business

1. Nicole did the territory acknowledgement
2. Oct 2021 minutes: motion to approve by Erin Prescott, seconded by Jodi Green.
3. Created by Kid's fundraiser (Nicole): students' artwork got picked up yesterday. The company said that we have raised \$4000! - it's the biggest fundraiser this company has ever seen (in the lower mainland). We will get feedback from teachers on how it went on their end.
4. Doncaster Wear (Cindy L): it started last Friday with the orders going through the hot lunch website (thanks to Mari for setting it up). Orders have started right away. There are samples in the front entrance of the school and parents are allowed to come in to check out the sizes. New hoodie, softer, fits a bit bigger. If we get enough interest, we can get zip-up hoodies for staff with a smaller logo on the side. There are 6 interested so far, and if there is at least 12, they can do a mini staff order.
5. Fun lunch (Mari): no new updates, except that the Oct 26 lunch went smoothly. The order deadline was tight for that one, but there is more time before the next one, which will be on Nov 23rd.
6. Growing smiles winter fundraiser (Nicole): just started, and orders are open for 2 weeks. Pick up will be Nov 30th. It's been posted on the DPAC facebook page, and she encourages us all to share it on facebook. It doesn't just have to be Doncaster families who order.
7. Community donor appreciation ideas (Nicole): a craft fair vendor has continued to donate \$50/month all last year and this year (we are up to \$650 from her already). We'd like to recognize and thank her, via a gift, hopefully with input from the children. Cindy & Tim will discuss this at their staff meeting next week, re: getting something from the kids. No timeline, but wanting it to be thoughtful. Holiday poinsettias suggested. Jodi suggests a quick video message from each class recorded via smartphone, where the kids yell "thank you".
8. Special donation (Nicole): Fred and Cathy Hayes (mayor of Saanich) donated a \$40 cheque and wrote a nice message to the DPAC, which Nicole read to the group. We may involve the kids in a thank you note back to them.

New business

1. Abandoned Doncaster Wear (Nicole & Cindy H): Cindy H. didn't want to donate it along with all of the other lost and found items, since they could either be re-sold or passed to families who can't afford to purchase Doncaster wear. There are 9 items. Several people are supportive of donating to families who can't afford them. Other ideas were to offer them as a prize, or to someone by donation, holiday boxes (via Hilda). Decided to redirect them to kids in the school. Jen Grant suggests keeping outgrown Doncaster wear in the school, either for reselling for a small price or donating as needed. Maybe a box exists in the office for clean Doncaster wear that isn't too worn out and then we can offer to families in need or sell if we have too much?
2. New Cedar Hill Middle School (Cindy L.): info session coming up next week. They are in a planning stage for the new building. Tuesday, Nov 9th on zoom. There will also be an online survey from Nov 10-23rd.
3. Purdy's fundraiser (Cindy L.): we might be a little too late for this. Alexis was the one to set it up in the past. Cindy L. will investigate if it can be done this year.
4. School Garden (Erin): volunteers needed to help this weekend to turn soil and move hog fuel. If there's someone who would be interested in being on the garden committee, then there is an open spot. After-school meetings. Would be good for a parent to be involved (mainly teachers at the moment). How often do they meet? Around once a month though probably not in the winter. Will likely meet again in the spring.
5. Newsletter (Nicole): be sure to include info on the school garden (volunteers and committee member), the growing smiles fundraiser, Doncaster Wear, Fun lunch, the link to the DPAC website (<https://doncasterpac.wordpress.com/>)... Plus: the Braefoot grade 5 bottle drive (the latter Nicole put up on the DPAC facebook page) No objections from the group about helping spread the word for Braefoot. Jen (and as backup Sandra) will start doing the newsletter this year (there hasn't been one yet this fall).
6. DPAC website and social media (Nicole): wondering if someone wants to volunteer to be the DPAC social media person. Cindy L. mentioned that it would cost ~\$3000 to upgrade/redo the DPAC website (it would also need to be maintained). Jodi volunteered her husband, Nic Green, to redo the DPAC website.
 - a. Cindy H. wondering about updating the big sign at Doncaster. They don't want to ask the guy who used to update it since his kids no longer attend Doncaster. Would need someone who would climb a 12-foot ladder. The sign could be lowered, but it would need a locking mechanism so that people don't steal the letters. Cindy H. will look into getting the sign lowered. The person would have to bring their own ladder.
7. School updates (Tim):
 - a. Tim shared the 2021-22 school budget. 80% of the money comes in May of the year prior (based on estimate of number of students; 406). We actually have 426 students, and in November the rest of the money comes (based on actual enrollment number). Money comes from the school board, the PAC, special grants (e.g. the whole foods grant for the garden) and gets spent on a variety of things depending on where it comes from. The school budget committee will be meeting soon to decide the amounts to spend in certain categories. Question asked about how the money gets spent for maker space (To purchase needed supplies and equipment). Mari asked if the budget document Tim is

showing is available somewhere. It could be! It's not finalized yet, but can be shared after next week's meeting.

- b. Cindy H. emphasized that they really appreciate the PAC financial support.
- c. Tim emphasized that they really appreciate Erin and others' (Darren, Tobin) work on the garden.
- d. Erin appreciates that the teachers have been running the cross country running program.
- e. Cindy H. mentioned that there are a lot of kids (70?) doing the knitting program. It's kept to grades 4 and 5 to keep numbers manageable.

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, 7 December 2021, via Zoom

Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm