

**DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 6 OCTOBER 2020**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

*Katia Dilkina called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.*

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In attendance:

Katia Dilkina	Nicole Woods	Robin Grazley
Erin Prescott	Anne Smith	Cindy Luchka
Florence Vorobyev	Rudy Sung	Warren Weicker
Adrienne White	Ben Kolisnyk	Kecia Hosein
Cyndi Whaley	Chris Wright	Katie Shaw
Andre Blanchard	Fiona Ely	Laura Mercer

Staff: Mrs. Cindy Harte, Mr. Tim McCreesh, Mrs. Abigail Bigam

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1. September 2020 Minutes to Approve: motion to approve by Nicole Woods, seconded by Cyndi Whaley

2. Annual General Meeting: PAC executive elections

- Quorum (12 parents) at 7:03 pm, but elections were postponed until 7:19 to allow for more parents to take part
- Core exec: Katia briefly outlined the roles and responsibilities of the President; Erin did the same for Treasurer, Robin for Secretary, and Nicole for Vice-President. Erin and Robin both noted that they intend to step down at the next AGM, and are happy to mentor/support a new Treasurer and Secretary this year or next. Katia must move into the position of Past President this year regardless, as she has held the position as long as she is allowed to. This year is the best time to get into the executive, become part of the team, because there's less to do -- great time to learn.
- 3 other available positions:
  - Parent Education Coordinator (previously Fiona) -- this position is not well-defined, so has lots of scope/potential. If you are interested in organizing parent ed events, getting speakers to come in (topics on parenting, education), PAC will generally pay for that -- the more education, the better!
  - VCPAC liaison (currently Elena, who is willing to stand for this position again) -- represents Doncaster by attending Victoria PAC meetings, reports back to DPAC
  - Members at large -- multiple seats, no specific responsibility -- basically, members at large commit to showing up, being available when volunteers are needed, and generally taking a more active role in PAC
- **Nominations for the 2020-21 DPAC Executive:**
  - **President: Nicole Woods**

- **Vice-President: Chris Wright**
  - **Treasurer: Erin Prescott**
  - **Secretary: Robin Grazley**
  - **Parent Education Coordinator: unfilled**
  - **VCPAC Liaison: Elena Schultz**
  - **Members at Large: Cyndi Whaley; Mercedes Schmidt; Anne Smith; Cindy Luchka; Laura Mercer; Adrienne White**
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- No one sought nomination as Parent Ed Coordinator. The White Hatter presentation will probably be the one parent ed talk this year -- Katia will continue to liaise with other PACs about shared opportunities. Adrienne noted that a lot of parent ed this year will be on zoom, so sharing may be more possible. Katia agreed that it would be good to network more, but wanted to make sure we as a PAC still sponsor opportunities. Question from Adrienne: do the PAC presidents meet? Could we work together? Katia will try to maintain contact with Donna at Braefoot.
  - Cyndi Whaley expressed interest in becoming Secretary next year. We will continue to look for a new Treasurer for 2021-2.
  - Voting took place. There were two abstentions. All votes cast were in favour of the nominated candidates. \*\*Jennie Bartosik was elected a Member at Large in June 2020 for the 2020-21 school year, and is continuing in her position.\*\*

**2020-21 DPAC Executive:**

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**Vice-President: Chris Wright**  
**Treasurer: Erin Prescott**  
**Secretary: Robin Grazley**  
**Parent Education Coordinator: open**  
**VCPAC Liaison: Elena Schultz**  
**Members at Large: Jennie Bartosik**  
**Cindy Luchka**  
**Laura Mercer**  
**Mercedes Schmidt**  
**Anne Smith**  
**Cyndi Whaley**  
**Adrienne White**

3. Magic Forest Cleanup

- Katia: Jen Grant is not here tonight, but has organized a forest cleanup for after school tomorrow (Weds. October 7) -- bring gloves, etc. Cindy H will get garbage bags and picker-uppers ready.

#### 4. Covered Outdoor Area Project

- Jennie not here tonight
- Cindy L: currently the committee is at a standstill due to technical communication difficulties -- email is not working effectively. It would be good to have a subcommittee zoom meeting so that everyone can be on the same page faster. There are many great ideas being thrown around, but cost and time to completion are factors -- 2-3 years for an ecofriendly structure, or one inclusive to all over a paved surface. What Jennie and I have in mind is to get a covered, gable-type structure to block sun, rain on primary side. We have been getting quotes for things like that, which could easily be around \$40K -- as a PAC, we'll need to decide how much money is available, and how much we want to spend/raise at a time when fundraising is difficult.
- So, the next suggestion is to meet on zoom as a subcommittee to decide on direction -- approval from SD61 will be needed from the get-go (building permits, etc).
- Katia asked Cindy H and Tim to weigh in. Tim: we have been thinking about what's needed from an educational standpoint -- one of the options might be something like the playground near the airport with the big sail -- might lower the cost? Cindy L: we have quotes from the company who did that playground -- looking at ballpark of \$40K across the board. Cindy L will talk with Erin, not sure if school could also contribute -- perhaps an outdoor meeting, rather than zoom, will be the next step.
- Katia gave a recap for parents joining the meeting in progress.
- Members of the subcommittee will receive an email to arrange the outdoor meeting.

#### 5. Garden Project

- Discussion was postponed until 7:47 pm, after elections, so Abigail Bigam could join us.
- Abigail: this has been a long journey -- Erin and I worked on this for two years before the fence finally went up in the spring, and then things came to a halt [pandemic]. As soon as possible, we'll turn over the sod, put mulch on top so it can sit until spring, then classes will start planting.
- LifeCycles was very involved but they can't be as involved now -- Erin and I think it's still very possible without them, however. On Saturday, October 17th, we'll hold a work party with parents -- get sod as loose as possible so older grades can flip, younger grades put cardboard on, then figure out who will put the mulch on top. We'll be sending out a notice to parents to volunteer, and to bring as much cardboard as possible to the school.
- Erin will make google doc to get parents to sign up -- ½ hr slots to see who's available and when. Katia will post on the PAC website and include a link to the google doc. Erin plans to send the doc to CH by Thursday.
- Bring shovel/pitchfork if possible

#### 6. Card Project

- Tim: Bags are set up in the staff room and teachers have their art projects underway. Things are going well!

#### 7. Doncaster Wear

- Cindy L: things are going well -- we're working on formatting the online order system for t-shirts/sweatshirts -- there will also be a special order for Grade 5s, where they each sign the big 20-21. The timeline is sometime this month for order form; 2 wk turnaround for wear.
- Tim: the signing sheet is working its way around (need to make sure the hybrid class gets it too) -- should be done by end of the week.

## 8. Parent Education

- Robin spoke with Darren Laur (the White Hatter) this afternoon -- shift to virtual sessions, which sounds like their preference.
  - Can present to 3 classrooms easily, and to any students in hybrid/attached but home schooling, simultaneously -- \$350 per presentation -- they can likely work with up to 5 classrooms without us necessarily having to pay for a second presentation. This may make the cost comparable or slightly lower than the in-person presentation in previous years.
  - They use CrowdCast platform, which is privacy protected (students can see them but they can't see the students/take screenshots) -- we would need to make sure this is compatible with technologies and district policy, however.
  - Q & A text-based -- teachers enter questions and they will respond
- Robin shared the info sheet with the core exec and Cindy earlier this afternoon. She also received a link to a sample parent webinar, which Darren invited us to share with parents:
- <https://youtu.be/30LiGjqQSZA>
- We would need to discuss with Darren further before booking anything-- pricing on parent presentation, as well as questions from/for Cindy H on compatibility/compliance/scheduling. Darren is happy to speak with Cindy H at her convenience.

## 9. Class Reps

- Update from Cindy H: we have 20 divisions, are currently missing reps for: Div. 4 (Rodier) -- Katie Shaw volunteered; Div. 9 (Alvernaz) -- Robin volunteered; Div. 11 (Bremaud) -- Nicole volunteered; Div. 12 (Roberts) -- Laura volunteered; Div. 14 (Prendergast); Div. 16 (Child); Div. 18 (Pereira/Harrison) -- Katie volunteered again; Div. 20 (McCreesh).
- Cindy H will send Robin a list of reps' emails -- Robin will send out some info/template for introductions.

## 10. School Updates

- Tim: we have finalized hiring: Pam Campbell will be teaching Div. 2, Grade 4/5 English; Linnea Rodier, who taught here last year, will be coming back to teach Div 4 (also Grade 4/5 English); we also have 2 new EAs, Marina Harte, and Connor Lynch (who was also with us part of last year)
- The District finalized federal funding last week -- they had asked us to list what we wanted to support our new learning environment. Doncaster was given \$26K to support a few different things -- health and safety, barriers, PPE; resources/supplies for outdoor learning; and tech (hard and software for remote learning). Safety is good now -- we have already spent some money on that -- so we talked today about where the rest will go (outdoor learning and tech).

- PISE was in today, and will be here for two days/week for next 8 weeks
- CRD biking instruction is here this week, again tomorrow -- Grades 3/4/5
- We started a conversation today at staff committee meeting re: what can celebrations of learning look like, assemblies -- how we can find a way to virtually celebrate, share all the learning that's going on in our building. We will talk more next week, but hope to invite families in virtually over the year so you can see.
- Strategic plan (SD61) completed -- has been in process for a year. This is a 5-yr plan -- really narrowed down from huge goals to 3 main areas -- Cindy and I will send it out to parents to have a look, would be happy to discuss further.
- Is there anything PAC would like to hear from us about? Budget allocations? District-wise, how decisions are made in the school?
  - Question from Katia: when is there a critical mass of students absent due to illness that might revert to students not being in school? At what level are those decisions made?  
Tim: the health authority makes that decision -- above the level of the school, or even the district. Tim and Cindy observed that parents are keeping kids home [as requested] in large part because of the common cold. Tim reviewed the decision tree for responses to student illness, with contributions from some of the parents present [see [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID\\_public\\_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf), pp.15-16]
  - Nicole noted that it's the biggest thing on many parents' minds: how do we keep up with education when our kids get the inevitable three-month cold ...

**Next Meeting: TUESDAY, 3 November 2020, via Zoom**

*Katia Dilkina adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm*