

DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 2 March 2017

Katia Dilkina called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

In Attendance:

Katia Dilkina
Erin Prescott

Cindy Luchka

Wendy Huibers

Staff: Ms. Brenna O'Connor, Mme Josee Paris

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. February 2017 Minutes to Approve - motion to approve by Wendy Huibers, seconded by Katia Dilkina
3. Safe Routes Update – Erin
 - Pat Coppard and Erin Prescott attended the walkabout as well as Brenna O'Connor
 - Troy from Saanich Maintenance was on the walkabout, priority in Saanich because it is identified as a route to school
 - The sidewalk and lack of markings/curbs at Derby and Cedar Hill were identified as a problem area to be rectified in the coming months
 - Saanich will action requests from this project
 - School zone signs to be added very quickly (within the next couple months)
4. Colibri Fundraiser Opportunity
 - snackbags for purchase with a 50% return to PAC
 - Alexis sent out info packages, which have gone home with each student
5. Bingo Night Update – Katia for Mercedes
 - Good turn-out, made about \$900
 - AV trouble, next time projector and screen to be set-up, but worked out okay
 - Wade was the caller – would be great to have him again next year
6. Intermediate Playground Update – Cindy
 - Presented new plans presented by RecTec Industries with more rope-like structures, less traditional than the previously presented sign by SwingTime (Blue Imp) equipment
 - Equipment costs totally around \$50,000 before installation
 - Compared new-style plan to the more traditional plan by SwingTime
 - Discussion about engaging school parents in voting for a favourite, or putting two examples out there and asking parents to become involved on a playground committee if they feel passionate about one plan over another
 - Again, everyone wants to wait before starting any momentum, or at least until the equipment needs to be removed. However, a firm plan would need to be in place to apply for grants.
 - Ms. O'Connor suggested the possibility of climbing holds on walls of school – would safety surfacing be required?
 - There may be grants available for the surfacing (recycled tires)

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7. Calendar of Events 2017/2018 – Katia for Alexis

- Back to School BBQ – would be best for September 21st (Administration preferred)
- Craft Fair – Pro-D day is scheduled (but not confirmed) for November 24th
- Will table the discussion until SD61 sends out finalized calendar and until Ms. O'Connor finalizes the school calendar

8. Magnet reorder for 2017/2018 – Alexis

- To discuss at the next meeting, but the consensus was that it is not necessary, nor helpful and wasteful
- Perhaps a postcard that can be recycled/pinned to a board

9. Principal's Report – Ms. O'Connor and Mme Paris

- big news: an answer about the trees:
- David Leverage (Director of SD61 Facilities) came to discuss and walk through Garry Oak Meadow with Ms. O'Connor, he didn't think it was as big and "risky" area as initially thought
- Arborist to be arranged to come take a look, and it sounds like SD61 is paying for this maintenance – Ms. O'Connor will keep us updated
- Greening plan to remove invasive species – PAC to help out with Greening budget
- Staffing changes – music teacher until the end of the year to replace Ms. Johnson
- With additional funding the school was able to bump up ELL and Learning Support and 0.2 counselling (counsellor position took a while to fill)
- Names to be reported at the end of the week with Ms. O'Connor's week at a glance
- Able to take all in-catchment kindergarten registrants
- AquaVan coming to visit next week – connecting Canada to its' coastlines (free programming)
- SD61 Survey coming out shortly regarding transfer process and priority (sibling, in-catchment, etc) in registering in schools
- Jump Rope for Heart May 5th at 2pm – oranges to be arranged by PAC from Thrifty's, parents will be asked to cut them up and divide them for each class, will arrange at April PAC meeting
- Report Cards to come out on March 9th, PT Interviews March 16th (early 1:50pm dismissal)

Katia Dilkina adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.