

## DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 12 May 2016

Alexis Osmond called the meeting to order at 7:08PM.

*Thank you to Mme Paris, Mr. Hansen, and Mme DiGesio for attending the meeting.*

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### Attendees:

Cindy Luchka  
Wendy Huibers  
Jill Nichol  
Carrie de Boer

Ian Busby  
Dominique Sigg  
Alexis Osmond

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### Approval – April 2016 Meeting Minutes

Alexis Osmond motioned. Cindy Luchka seconded.

### Committee Reports

#### Playground Update (Cindy Luchka)

- **Primary Playground** The cheque will be written to the District in the next week. Still in the que for installation over the summer. No certainty of an exact date.
- **Intermediate Playground** Currently plans for this playground are at a standstill and will pick up again as we fundraise over the coming years. We are ready to move forward when appropriate now that we have a draft plan in place.
- **Buddy Bench:** Peppers Foods (Cadboro Bay) have offered to supply/pay for a Buddy Bench to Doncaster. DPAC would pay for the installation – approximately \$450. If approved the order would be added to the playground order. The words Buddy Bench will be displayed on the bench with a plaque on the bottom showing it was donated by Peppers. Colour choice would be green to match the new playground colour. Installed near the new playground.  
**DECISION:** DPAC and Mr. Hansen/Mme Paris approved the buddy bench purchase/installation. **ACTION:** Wendy to inform Peppers.

### Old Business

**Doncaster Clothing:** Clothing will be available in the next few weeks. Maximum discounts were still given from company given although we did not reach our target number of orders to receive discounts. DPAC raised \$400-\$500 profit.

### New Business

**Motion/Vote Budget 2016/17** tabled to June DPAC meeting. 10 people were required for quorum. Not enough in attendance.

**Fun Day – June 20:** Dawn has ordered all items required for this year's Fun Day. Alexis will take over Fun Day organizing for next year. Royal Bank will send six volunteers to assist with Fun Day. More parent volunteers are needed to assist with the afternoon event. Thank you to

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Carrie and Wendy for volunteering. A call will go out to classrooms via class reps to find more parent volunteers. If you are interested please contact Alexis at [dpacdoncaster@gmail.com](mailto:dpacdoncaster@gmail.com).

**UPC Program:** Campbell Soups Labels for Education program is ending as of December 31, 2016. A new program will be established but less product that qualifies for new incentives. Jill proposed to use current accumulated points (approximately 7000 points) to purchase a Bag of Beats (musical instruments) for the School, cease further collection of labels, and close the account.

**DECISION:** DPAC agreed Jill's recommendation.

**ACTION:** Jill to add to next newsletter the end of this program.

**School Supply Fundraiser** – no information provided (Byron/Sarah not in attendance). Email will be sent once information is confirmed.

**ACTION:** Mme Paris recommended having the order information ready for the Kindergarten Orientation on May 17, 2016 for parents to take home.

**Grade 5 BBQ:** PAC will make its annual donation of \$5 per grade 5 student to help purchase a gift. All details of BBQ have been arranged and no further action from DPAC is required.

**Internet Safety with Darren Laurer:** Darren only provides presentations on Internet Safety for Grade 4/5s and parents (separate presentations) at \$300/presentation. Tickets could be sold for parent presentation. Darren used to offer a Safe Kids presentation. This is now offered through Sheepdog Self Protection (company). Presentation is 60 minutes @ \$25/child or \$150 for group of 15 students, maximum. Appropriate for ages 5-9 years. Could offer this presentation twice/day over two days. If DPAC chose Safe Kids it would be a cost to the parents and would occur after school hours.

**DECISION:** DPAC recommended to look availability for Safe Kids presentations.

**ACTION:** Alexis to inquire with Sheepdog Self Protection on availability and will report back.

**First Aid Grade 5:** Mr. Hansen recommended that First Aid be available to grade 5s in September as this is valuable tool for the students to have.

**ACTION:** Mr. Hansen to inquire with first aid contact about September availability and will report back to DPAC.

**Bike to School Week:** May 28-June 3, 2016. Dominique assisting Erin Prescott with organization. Inquired with Saanich Municipality and Saanich Police if pylons could be placed along Cedar Hill Road to bring attention to the bike lane in front of the school during this week. Both agreed that it would be appropriate. Parents would be responsible for set up/take down before/after school drop off times both in morning/afternoon. A local company rents pylons at \$7 each/wk and 15 pylons would be required. Total cost approximately \$125 (with taxes)

**DECISION:** DPAC approved. School agreed this is a good idea; however the School can not provide staff assistance with the pylons.

Dominique requested funds for 'bling for bikes' during this week. Good for prizes and handouts for those participating. **DECISION:** DPAC approved.

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Also suggested was to have one of the children wear a GoPro Camera on the bike ride to school and put link on the School's website. This will give people a good sense of what it is like for students to ride bikes to School. **DECISION:** Approved. School is okay with adding this to the website.

**Metal Recycling:** Date changed to Sunday, May 28, 2016

**ACTION:** Erin to remind School, in advance, to unlock gate to parking lot on this day. Alexis to contact Erin to confirm this date is still confirmed and whether it would be better to postpone to a later date. Date change and call for volunteers to be added to May DPAC newsletter.

### **Principal's Report**

- **Placements for 2016/17:** Deadline to inform school of any special requests for your child is to the office email by May 13, 2016. Requests made after May 20 will likely not be considered.
- **Lunch Materials:** Margo estimated that the School spends approximately \$250 for food (i.e. granola bars, bread, etc) and forks/spoons to help those students who have no lunch or utensils on any given day. Mr. Hansen asked DPAC to consider contributing funds towards these materials.
- **Staff Changes** Mr. Hansen announced to DPAC that he has accepted a new position with the School District as of the end of the School year – coaching Vice-Principals/Principals. He will be leaving his principal position at Doncaster after six years of service. He will miss everyone at Doncaster. **Congratulations Mr. Hansen on a great career opportunity!** Over the next three weeks the School District will be hiring a new group of principals. More information on the new principal may be available by the end of May/early June.

### **Vice Principals' Report**

- **Track:** tryouts have started with practices the last two weeks. May 26 – track meet at UVic stadium all day. June 1 – city finals at UVic stadium for those qualified in A/B flights. Forms will be sent out next week.
- **School/Class Photos:** May 19, 2016
- **Grade 6 Orientation:** May 19, 2016 @ Cedar Hill or other schools if transferring out of pathway school.
- **Parent Appreciation:** June 15, 2016 morning (time TBA). This year will be a welcome in the front foyer of the School with coffee and treats. More details out in School newsletter.
- **Kindergarten Orientation:** May 17, 2016 – looking for a DPAC rep to speak to parents. Alexis offered as she will be in attendance.

**Close Meeting at 7:59PM**

**Next Meeting: June 2, 2016**