

DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 12 JANUARY 2021
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nicole Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

In attendance:

Nicole Woods	Chris Wright	Robin Grazley
Erin Prescott	Katie Shaw	Adrienne White
Marika Glickman	Jennie Bartosik	Jen Grant
Joel Friesen	Katie Ryan	Kara Johnson

Staff: Mrs. Cindy Harte, Mr. Tim McCreesh

1. December 2020 Minutes to Approve: motion to approve by Adrienne White, seconded by Chris Wright.

2. Covered Outdoor Area Project

- Cindy H: we have received plans from the district, waiting for building permits, then first in the queue to get it up and running -- we may be waiting up to a couple of months for permits, but not sure. Tim and I walked the ground with them, made sure they had the right spots -- probably will not take much time to actually construct them, since the district has used this design before, no hookups etc.
- Other secondary spot was Dragon's Den -- Tim picked up artificial turf for the Den yesterday -- making this area more functional, cozy, inviting.

3. Parent Education (White Hatter Presentation)

- Jen: thanks to Cindy H for sending out the note to everyone -- it is a go for January 19 (Tuesday) at 7 pm -- the recording will be available for 24 hrs after the fact if people can't make that time -- Grade 4 and 5 classes will get something similar for their ages Monday at 9 am
- Hoping for reminder the day or week before -- Cindy H will send out a reminder on Friday
- Thanks for organizing, Jen!!
- Jen: join early to get your spot -- Rogers will be joining with us (and is paying \$150 toward costs) -- haven't asked people to register since in our last discussion, we weren't worried about space
- The recording will be up for less time than expected -- Darren had originally said a week? Might be worth following up with him to clarify

4. Hot Lunch Program

- Nicole: Leanne/Lynda/Kim not able to make it tonight -- from my understanding, everything is rolling along well -- Cindy H & Tim can let us know how it goes
- Popcorn will be the first run, at the end of next week

- Erin: big thanks to Leanne for behind the scenes work with setup, hot lunch system credits, etc. Nicole: Leanne will help transition this program to the new coordinators, Lynda and Kim -- again, thanks to Leanne! I am very pleased with the response that we got, when a couple of months ago we weren't sure we'd even be able to do this.

5. West Coast Seeds Fundraiser

- Erin will connect with Morgan, will start it soon so people can receive their seeds before spring break (mid-March) -- WCS has it all online now, so should be straightforward -- look for a note in the next couple of weeks
- Adrienne did put preview reminder in the December newsletter -- thanks!
- Cindy H: info is coming out from other schools who are doing this fundraiser -- heads up to Doncaster parents to buy from us! Nicole suggested that Adrienne could we put this front & centre in the newsletter so people know to buy from our fundraiser.

6. Cycling BC IRide Session

- Nicole: Katia forwarded information to me, but I wasn't involved last year -- have others heard anything, and/or is this something we want to do this year?
- Cindy H: we are booked -- we had a booking last year but it was postponed because of Covid -- happening in June (likely), it is for Grade 3-5s, ends up being 3 hrs of instruction over 3 days, \$6/child -- obstacle courses, safety, all on-site -- teachers know about it, and can encourage kids to get on their bikes so they can make the most of it when the time comes
- Nicole's info sounded like they were wondering if we were booking -- possibly a blanket email. Cindy H confirmed that this is a done deal, and PAC doesn't need to do any organizing. Parents will have to pay, but it works out to \$2/day, so well worth it.

7. Other Business

- Nicole opened the floor for questions, fundraising ideas, or other items of business. No other items raised.

8. School Updates

- Staffing Updates:
 - Tim: our previous school counsellor (Jacqueline McLennan) has been on leave -- we had another counsellor helping, but she was unable to continue and then Ms. McLennan retired. Tim has moved into that position for now. The position has been posted as 0.6.
 - Cindy H (picking up the thread when Tim experienced technical difficulties): our assignment is 3 days a week -- however, there was no one qualified to accept it, so Tim stepped in as part of VP role. The district has now let us know there is a counsellor who's available two of those days. He has applied and we are confident he'll be successful -- his name is Franco Celli. This frees Tim up to go back to hybrid -- the hybrid numbers shrank a little, with some students returning to in-class learning, so he'll do two days for hybrid and one for counselling. I want to commend Tim for his flexibility & adaptability, effectiveness with staff and students -- truly appreciate him (although he is not here to hear it).

- Tim is going through an evaluation process this year -- it's a good time for this, since he's had much more exposure to different families/kids -- please fill out the survey if you haven't already!
- Tim: Dragon's Den update -- was covered earlier.
- Also Family Literacy Day is coming up -- Cindy H: national event, Weds. January 27th -- theme this year is travel around the world. We will be sending out a notice, challenging families to do 7 different books to represent 7 different continents -- have fun with it! Tim & I are very big on Literacy Week later in the spring -- lots of great ideas, events, so look forward to that.
- Tim: as Cindy & I were putting our agenda together tonight, we wondered if there's anything parents would like to learn more about, have us present on -- topics? Could also tap staff to come in and present to PAC as well.
 - Erin: in the past, other principals have done updates on stuff that I have appreciated, but almost wouldn't even have known to ask about -- especially this year when we are not in the school so much, I am open to suggestions -- appreciate the offer!
 - Nicole: something similar came to mind for me as well -- with our lack of ability to interact, don't know if there's the opportunity for more pictures, or more of a snapshot of the day-to-day within the school
 - Tim: we could work around some of the restrictions to share pictures, videos, etc.
 - Nicole: classroom artwork in the halls -- we miss it! Would be nice to see what the classrooms are doing. Cindy H: that would be easy to do, because we could do it and send it out to the families from that classroom -- fun for the classes to do as well.
 - Kara: FreshGrade is also a great way to see what's going on, but not all teachers use it -- N: Google classroom seems to be more common.
 - Erin: interested too in hearing more about outdoor education, what Doncaster is doing in that area -- another possibility
- Chris: is there an update on the garden? Nicole: not much happening right now ... Cindy H: Abigail has the next step planned, and will let staff know at tomorrow's meeting. Then we will pass on an update to parents (probably getting started on the paths? Not cedar due to allergies). Question from Kara: why is the garden in its current space, and not the courtyard? Cindy H: another (additional) plan for the courtyard, including herb/pollinator beds. Erin: some of that decision also related to watering over the summer -- access to courtyard would be difficult for families when school is closed.

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, 2 February 2021, via Zoom

Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm