

## DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 3 March 2016

Erin Laird called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

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

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### Attendees:

Erin Laird	Katia Dilkina	Bob Campbell
Jill Nichol	Catherine Du Bois	Bonnie Davison
Ian Busby	Erin Prescott	
Wendy Huibers	Craig Hichie	

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### Approval - November 2015 Meeting Minutes

Catherine Du Bois motioned/Wendy Huibers seconded.

### Committee Reports

#### Fundraising Committee (Katia Dilkina)

- **Grant applications**
  - Applied to **TLC Funds for Kids** and did not receive.
  - Applied to **Kidsport**. Still waiting for cheque.
  - Applied to **Harbourside Rotary**. Waiting for outcome.
  - Applied to **Peninsula Co-op**.
  - Inquired with **Santa's Anonymous** however timing is off for applications. Perhaps next year.
- **Direct Asks:**
  - Meghan Fitzpatrick (\$500 still waiting for cheque);
  - DFH (\$500);
  - BMO is promising. Still waiting for response.

### Old Business

#### Bingo Night Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Update from Ian on profit (Ian Busby)

Approximately \$1200 made on bingo night. Great success.

#### Update Budget (Ian Busby)

Based on a no further income being generated this year, the end balance is approximately \$68,000. All remaining expenses will be paid from the gaming account (approx. \$8,000) and from the general account (approximately \$5000). A budget meeting will be held next month to finalize a new budget for the year, including dedicated amount towards the playground.

### New Business

#### Water Fountains (Bonnie)

A water bottle filtration system was proposed for the school to be installed beside water fountains. The filters would be changed on a monthly basis (by company). This would not replace water fountains in the school instead provide another option for clean drinking water.

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Its easy for kids to use by placing their water bottles under the filter and it automatically dispenses water. Similar systems are in use around the city (i.e. other schools, recreation centres, the airport etc). A representative from the company, Free Flow Water and Coffee, can be invited to present its products/options/costs at a future DPAC meeting.

**DECISION:** DPAC is interested in hearing more and would like to invite the representative to speak 10-15 minutes maximum at the beginning of a future DPAC meeting.

**ACTION:** Erin Laird will discuss with Alexis Osmond when best to schedule this guest presentation. Bonnie Davison will have the representative contact Alexis to arrange the best date to speak to the group. Mme Paris will contact Campus View and find out if the school installed these filtration systems as it was being considered in the past.

### **Doncaster Wear Fundraiser – April Launch** (Erin Laird for Alexis Osmond)

Four years since our last order. Proposed fundraiser will have youth and adult t-shirts and hoodies as well as cinch bags. Profit is approximately \$3.75-\$6 per item. Samples will be available in the front lobby of the school. Ordering will take place early April with distribution in May.

**DECISION:** DPAC agreed to move forward with this fundraiser.

**ACTION:** Erin Laird will ask Alexis Osmond to check with supplier on brand of sweatshirt and what the threshold is for ordering (cost vs quantity? If we order more does the cost go down per item?)

### **Principal's Report**

- **Library Learning Commons**
  - Mr. Hansen gave a brief tour of the space. Window to be replaced with newer window (as will the remaining windows along the same side of the school). Should be close to completion after Spring Break.
  - Still deciding on how to use the space that could feature crafts, circuit boards, lego, computers, etc.
  - With freed space up in the library it will allow for planning new layout of library.
  - School will be asking DPAC for future funding support for this space as well as accept donated items.
- **District Plans**
  - new strategic plan will be available on the SD61 website soon.
  - Hardware: plans to equalize minimum standard of basic hardware across all schools in the district. Doncaster is ahead of most schools in the amount of hardware already in place.
- **Update Playground Installation quote**
  - Mr. Hansen has provided the district with the quote of playground and should have an installation estimate back to the school by the April DPAC meeting.

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- **Grade 5 First Aid Instruction**
  - March 11 and March 31, 2016. \$16 per child.
- **Parent Satisfaction Surveys**
  - Parent satisfaction surveys for grade four families will be circulated soon. Return rates are usually 20% so hoping for more this year.

### Vice Principals' Report

- **Spring Concert:** Divisions 1-8; Matinee @130PM/Evening @ 630PM
- **Report Cards:** will be sent home March 10
- **Spring Break:** last day of class March 11; break March 14-28; includes Easter. Return to class March 29
- **Curriculum Development Day – April 4 (no school):** this is the second and final curriculum development day of the year for teachers to learn about the new curriculum implementation.
- **Emergency Preparedness (Grade 4s):** April 25 in the gym presented by the Saanich Emergency volunteers.
- **Sports**
  - Basketball: final game of the year against Campus View was held last week.
  - Floor Hockey Jamboree: huge success this week.
  - Cross Country: commences after Spring Break.

**Close Meeting at 7:52PM**

**Next Meeting: April 7, 2016**