

## DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 4 May 2017

*Alexis Osmond called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.*

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In Attendance:

Alexis Osmond  
Katia Dilkina  
Cindy Luchka

Erin Prescott  
Wendy Huibers  
Katie Ryan

Natalie Buchmann

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

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1. Approval of the Agenda
2. April 2017 Minutes to Approve - motion to approve by Wendy Huibers, seconded by Erin Prescott
3. Fun Day – Alexis –
  - Confirmed for June 28th
  - Games2U Inflatables (Come with Employees, parent volunteers not needed)
4. Jump Rope for Heart – May 5, 2017 @ 2pm - Alexis
  - Save-on-Foods has donated 3 cases & bags
  - Alexis to pick up the oranges and drop them off by 8:00am
  - Volunteers needed to cut-them up and organize them per class between 8:30-9:00am in the morning
  - Call was put out for volunteers through the newsletter
  - Cutting boards and knives required
5. Custodial Changes in the district – Alexis/Natalie Buchmann
  - An email from a concerned parent was sent to the PAC
  - Mme Paris and Ms. O'Connor not aware of any confirmation for changes
  - Alexis spoke with Doncaster night Custodian – Mark – has been expecting a layoff for the last 3 months
  - Concern is that there would be no more evening custodians and all of the duties would be given to the daytime custodial staff
  - Concern for bathroom closures during school hours
  - Ms. O'Connor feels this is a rumour
  - Principals have no information or direction from the School District and Ms. O'Connor cautions us to give too much thought to an issue that has not been brought to the schools' attention
  - Natalie Buchmann has received information through GVTA and discussions through Custodial staff at Lambrick Park Secondary

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- New Director of SD61 Facilities is planning to cut 13 evening custodial positions and moving cleaning duties onto daytime staff
  - Concern about cleanliness and bathroom closures
  - In addition, the day custodians will be cleaning and not doing easy maintenance – like light bulb changes, etc. those tasks will have to be submitted as requisitions to facilities/maintenance
6. School Restructuring and Classroom Needs – Alexis/Ms. O’Connor
- DPAC received an email from the GVTA Community Liason looking to meet with concerned parents regarding the restructuring of school classrooms due to the Supreme Court ruling to address Classroom size and composition
  - Ms. O’Connor explained that she has been working very hard and very creatively to figure out where the additional space can come from
  - Doncaster is in a good situation compared to other school buildings
  - The issue of increased rent for other tenants of SD61 school property has been delayed for further consultation
  - Doncaster will gain one additional English Class, to take over the classroom that the preschool currently uses
  - Ms. O’Connor and the Manager of SD61 Facilities have met to discuss shared spaces and the possibility of halving the gym for multiple shared use
  - Ms. O’Connor consulting with staff and working creatively with Terry from the preschool and licensing
  - Long-term planning may include the possibility of a portable classroom
7. Bike to School Week – Erin
- May 29 – June 2
  - Chantal will do “bling your bike” on Friday, June 2
  - Leadership students to help out
  - Class tallies and prize draws everyday
  - Looking for ideas and prizes
  - Bike maintenance may also be an idea, looking for parent assistance
  - Ideas for tune-ups and air pump
8. Year End Dance – Alexis
- No response from Emily Berry
  - Wendy to look into talking to Emily
  - if she is not able to take this on, there will be no year-end dance
9. Mug Fundraising – Wendy - 32 mug orders - \$156.00
10. Donation Request “Ask” Letter – Wendy
- Approx. 45 forms \$1300-\$1400
  - It would good to check with Ian for Paypal for further payments

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

- No spring concert this year because the music teacher went on leave, but there will be an assembly on May 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>
- Update on outdoor Garry Oak area:
  - o Lots of meetings with Mark Walsh lately
  - o He has agreed to a school shared cost for arborist to come in to do an assessment.
  - o SD61 would be responsible for any trees that need to come down
- Question (from Erin Prescott): Does the school have any plans for greening?
  - o Ideas have been floated around, many teachers are keen and wanting to do some exciting things outside next year
  - o PAC has money allocated for School Greening in the budget
  - o Teachers are more excited to go ahead with PAC Support
  - o Plan to organize a joint PAC/Staff meeting for greening sometime next year
- 2 groups presented at GVPA Strings at Oak Bay, Dance at UVic
- Beginnings of Maker Space, keen teachers, partnership with UVic Science Venture and Frank Hobbs – May 24<sup>th</sup> – Grade 4 and 5 classes to go to UVic for a TECH STEM challenge
- Teachers excited to collaborate and teach applied skills
- Early Literacy pilot project – teams looking at supporting early reading
- Jump Rope – Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- Track Season underway – zone Meet Friday, May 26 10:30-1:45 134 Students participating
- City finals for qualifiers, Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm
- Student Vote – Intermediate Students will be voting on Election Day
- Assembly for Earth/Canada Celebrations on May 24
- Music Teacher and another teacher to organize a Talent Show – sometime in June
- Grade 5 transition on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to visit
- Kindergarten Orientation on May 16<sup>th</sup> – would be nice to have PAC representatives
  - Katia Dilkina (PAC VP) to attend 9:30-11:00
- Grade 5 students to be present and talk about the school
- 19 divisions for 2017-2018 school year with the addition of one English class
- building to complete capacity to ensure no one has to leave the school
- current year – 428, new capacity would be 407
- Mme Cohen is retiring

### 12. Book purchases/gifts for Retiring teachers and PAC Parents who are leaving – Alexis/Cindy

- Cindy to arrange book purchases with librarian
- Melodie Cohen
- Ian Busby
- Sheila Nixdorf
- Look for other parents leaving at end of Grade 5

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13. School Supplies order for the end of the year - ?
  - Alexis to send Byron and Sarah an email to find out if it will be done

Alexis Osmond adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.