

DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 6 APRIL 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	Cindy Luchka	Adrienne White
Katie Ryan	Amy Verdun	Jen Grant
Warren Weicker	Jennie Bartosik	Cyndi Whaley
Laura Mercer	Elena Schultz	Joel Friesen

Staff: Mr. Tim McCreesh

1. March 2021 Minutes to Approve: motion to approve by Adrienne White, seconded by Jennie Bartosik & Warren Weicker.

2. Growing Smiles Spring Fundraiser

- Nicole: co-organizing with Katia, as with December fundraiser
- Email going out tomorrow -- fundraiser starts Thursday, runs for 2 weeks, with intention of May 6 pickup (in time for Mother's Day, May long weekend)
- Hanging baskets, patio planters, variety of 10-packs of succulents, herbs, veggies, flowers, also potting soil and fertilizer -- hopefully will be well received considering demand on garden centres last year
- Looking for extra help on May 6 -- request will go out for volunteers to help receive order, get them out to families who purchase -- more info coming

3. Garden Update

- Erin: Abigail has a list of items that we're looking for -- donations or reasonable-cost purchase -- list has been circulated to families who have volunteered in the garden already. If there are others who can approach businesses or look for donations, I have a letter to use -- we need wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes (adult and kid size)
- A couple of yards of manure/compost coming this week -- looking for more hands to help move that around
- Tim: some classes have been weeding out there, and on April 23 staff will go out on Pro-D Day -- Growing Young Farmers is coming to support staff learning as well
- Erin will send info to Adrienne for the newsletter; Tim also offered to send it to parents on Friday
- Jen dropped off the letter to Borden's, and to GardenWorks on Blenkinsop -- both asked if we went to thrift stores, checked Used Vic/garage sales. Erin: no reason not to? Nicole suggested that could PAC donate funds to purchase/reimburse purchase of resale items.

4. Magic Forest Cleanup

- Erin: ivy, possibly also daphne? No time to organize, but if someone else wants to take this on ... Tim and Cindy had been interested, Jen also? Work parties are more challenging given current circumstances, but garden has had success with signup lists.
- Tim: some of the teachers have taken it on themselves to pick up garbage when they are out there -- in good shape unless invasive species are spreading.
- We agreed to leave forest cleanup for now unless someone notices that it's needed and would like to organize.

5. Fundraising Opportunity -- Pizza Night

- Nicole: this came to our attention a couple of months ago -- Dominos has been contacting schools with family pizza night fundraising opportunity -- offering two options for meals, school would have to identify a 3-date range and then advertise -- place online order, choose the deal, and \$5 of each meal goes back to the school. It has been quite successful in the past -- some schools have made up to \$500. Orders would be delivered to families' homes -- works kind of like the Smile Cards, where individual action generates a kickback to the school.
- Joel volunteered to organize, will set it up for May (after plant fundraiser) or even June. Thank you, Joel!

6. Gaming Grant Application

- Nicole: it's that time of year ... we will be applying for the grant again, and then we just wait

7. Annual General Meeting -- Election of 2021-22 Executive

- quorum reached (15 parents present)
- Tonight we will be filling the usual positions: president, VP, treasurer, secretary, then members at large ... each member will give a blurb about their position, and people can express interest
- Nicole reminded us all of the power of talking to people about the Treasurer's role in particular -- this role must be filled, but it's often difficult to find volunteers. She also reminded people that the Treasurer can ask for support, others to take on specific tasks -- useful to have Treasurer as main signing authority, but it doesn't have to be a one-person job. Same goes for other executive positions -- these can be shared!
- **Nominations for the 2021-22 DPAC Executive:**
 - **President: Nicole Woods**
 - **Vice-President: Chris Wright**
 - **Treasurer: Adrienne White & Cindy Luchka**
 - **Secretary: Cyndi Whaley**
 - **Parent Education Coordinator: Jennie Bartosik**
 - **VCPAC Liaison: Elena Schultz**
 - **Members at Large: Joel Friesen, Robin Grazley, Laura Mercer, Erin Prescott**
- Joel and Jen volunteered to take on the newsletter as Adrienne shifts to co-Treasurer

- Voting took place; all nominated candidates were unanimously elected.

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8. Principal's & Vice-Principal's Reports: School Updates

- Tim met with Chris and Nicole a couple of weeks before spring break, walked playground and identified some things to work on
- We have ordered gaga ball pit, which will go in front of the school -- Tim spoke with Marni today, Facilities is behind the proposed schedule but hopefully we will receive it by the end of May
- Facilities is coming tomorrow to give us a quote for the basketball nets -- all the nets are 10 feet, which is too tall for grade 5s -- we will be placing a 6-foot high net on some of poles as well
- Grade 5 leadership group will be working on stencilling -- district will paint on hard surface in late spring/summer. Chris will lend his stencils -- activities where kids can choose, get creative -- Tim to connect with Chris later this week for suggestions.
- SD61 still waiting for permits for outdoor structure (between two playgrounds) -- this needs to go in by end of school year to use federal funding. Marni will put some pressure on Saanich so they can start construction ASAP. Question from Erin: do they need to do community consultation? Tim: don't think so -- haven't heard anything about that for this structure.
- We have ordered playground equipment, will be arriving soon -- thanks to Chris for advice
- New mural! News as of today: Bettina (EA, who did mural in undercover area) thought of putting a mural by the library inside the school -- she presented 15 ideas she had, and we also will consult with the students. We will try to do it as fast as possible -- Marni has let us know Facilities approves,, and there is paint left over. Bettina also did the beautiful murals inside Oaklands school.
- Tim shared that the kids all seem to be doing really well -- there is some anxiety in the building with case numbers, etc., but kids are doing really well. Having the fields open makes them happy, and teachers are doing their best to keep things normal. The kids are excited about celebrating Literacy Week -- everyone was lined up down the hall today for DEAR (Drop Everything And Read).

- Tim talked with Cindy H today -- she will be coming back April 26. She is doing well, has been able to support her mom a lot.
- New staff: Jenny Petropoulos (co-teaching Div. 6 in the afternoons), also Teya Sharir (EA supporting in K classes)
- Question from Amy about the Covid cluster at Cedar Hill: will we be going remote? If we do, are we required to use Google classroom? Katie clarified that this is now considered a cluster (more than one exposure, possible evidence of transmission among cases). Tim noted there was a high absentee rate today -- partly people feeling anxious, perhaps people isolating in connection. We would not move online following an exposure -- and we can't just switch to a hybrid model or send work home out of caution. That would be a ministry-level decision, and we're not sure what it would take for that to happen -- unclear at this stage.
- Nicole reminded everyone to please email dpac.doncaster@gmail.com with any questions, or reach out personally -- we are happy to add items to the agenda
- New roles will start in September -- we can start transitioning now

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, 4 May 2021, via Zoom

Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm