

DPAC Monthly Meeting: 4 Oct 2022

Nicole Woods called the meeting to order at 6:59pm.

In attendance: 18 people

Katie Rowe	Brittany Heath	Warren Weicker	Salve Subala	Chris Subala
Adrienne White	Brandy-Lynn Nott	Jodi Green	Nic Green	Erin Long
Sandra Robertson	Laura Mercer	Marley Riordan	Nicole Woods	Cyndi Whaley

Staff: Cindy H., Jennifer, and Helena Ewald

Minutes:

Cindy H. did the territory acknowledgement
Jody & Warren approved the last month's minutes
Round table introductions.

Old business:

1. Back to school family BBQ: grade 5s made \$900 selling pizza at the BBQ (for day trip to camp thunderbird – buses, archery – true cost is ~\$70/child, but the fundraising offsets that, and the PAC covers ~\$8/child. There's also an ongoing bottle drive for grade 5s). The music and tubesteak went well too. Note to have more vendors next year b/c the line ups with just the two (pizza and tube steak) were 45 min long. Pizza also sold out quite early. Nicole explains that the back-to-school BBQ is difficult to put on b/c it's the start of the year without a lot of volunteers. Suggestion to have people rsvp so that the right amount of food is ordered – this was done for the end of the year BBQ, but only 40% of people who showed up actually RSVPed. For the end of year BBQ, we'll get more vendors, more food, more volunteers.
2. Class reps: Not many classes left needing a class rep. Nicole will send all those reps an introductory email. Hilda puts together the email lists for the class reps. An email went out for reverse consent. Nicole will clarify with teachers that the lists will come from Hilda.
3. Fun lunch program: Nicole updating for Mari – Oct 24th is the next fun lunch day, and they will need parents to sign up to give assistance the day off.
4. Doncaster wear: Nicole updating for Cindy L. Teachers are circulating the 2023 template for signatures. Mari has put up doncaster wear orders online on the hot lunch website. Order deadline is last week of October, and email will go out about it soon.
5. Created by Kids: Kids coming home with their artwork in the next few days. They go back to school if you order, and teachers will ship to the company. When the items come in (the week of November 14th, Nicole will need help organizing the items when they come in). There were 50 extra forms that came, some families may need extras (e.g., Theo was away last week).
6. Thrifty Foods Kids Run: Adrienne: 27 kids signed up. Campusview will have 100 people there, so we're not likely to win. The run packages will come here at the school. The race starts at 11am, but warm up at 10:30. Families to meet up at 10am on the stairs of the legislature.
7. Halloween dance: Nicole and Cyndi W. It's on Friday, Oct 28th 6-8pm. Crista & Makyla & I will be meeting up when Crista is back in town to plan. Will prepare a communication and volunteer sign

up sheet shortly after that. Nicole's husband Tony will DJ for this event – afterschool care is in there until 5:30, but they can be relocated to the library for that evening so that we can start set up no later than 5pm (and maybe afterschool-care kids can help).

New business:

1. Parent education coordinator: still need someone to volunteer. Teaming up with Braefoot to share costs and organization duties. 2-3 events per year. Nicole has a grant application that is due by Nov 30th, she will apply if there is not volunteer by then. Suggestion to ask parents to give ideas for speakers or topics for parent education. Word of mouth for speakers would be helpful.
2. Website (wordpress)/social media (facebook) updates: Needs a volunteer to keep both sites current. Warren offered to do the website, but he's not on facebook to do that part. Laura offered to do the facebook updates.
3. Craft Fair: Katie organizing the craft fair. It's on Saturday, November 26th, 10am-3pm. There's a small team working on this. Mercedes organizing the bake sale again this year. Someone is organizing the concession, and Chris W. is organizing the kids room – a play/movement room this time, and not a kids craft room. A dance performance is organized for 2pm – where? There's very little space with all of the tables set up. There are 67 registered vendors, some with multiple tables. Registration is closed to vendors now. They will work on mapping. After the Halloween dance, they will put out requests for parent volunteers for different roles. Nicole and Cindy H. to meet with the team to discuss the lessons learned from last time. Several local business have helped sponsor the event. Question about the raffle items: every vendor will donate one item with something for the raffle. Depending how many gifts, they will decide how many raffle draws to do over the course of the event. Someone concerned about the lack of kids' craft tables. Katie would prefer not to since it's their first time organizing it, and they want to keep it simple. Perhaps the winter market would be a good substitute for the kids, and/or adding that back in next year.
4. Growing smiles winter fundraiser: Nicole signed us up for the winter greenery/poinsettias fundraiser. She will select a delivery date and whatnot, and will ask for volunteers around the November meeting to help with sorting, etc.
5. Proposed SD61 school trustee awareness rally: raise awareness on the candidates and the voting coming up – it's a very important election for our school district council. Nicole signed us up to attend that day (Oct 13th – location TBD). Communication will be prepared for the class reps to circulate to families. The VCPAC is putting on a facebook information session (Oct 12th).
6. Magic Forest cleanup: Cindy H. thinks the forest is in good condition for now. Warren helped clean up glass and cigarette butts recently. There was vandalism recently (blue spray paint). There is no surveillance on the outside of the school b/c it's not allowed. Heather alerts the school to when invasive species are a problem in there. Haven't heard from her recently. Cindy H. said they'd reach out if/when the forest needs a cleanup. Morning of Tuesday, November 1st we need to do a sweep of fireworks debris on school grounds post Halloween.
7. Principals walk: Laura – principals walk delayed until the spring b/c the current crossing guard situation is a bit precarious. Last one was in 2018. They will change the name to the "admin walk" as both Cindy H. and Jennifer (vice principal) can participate. Planning routes and coming up with dates (King's pond on Oct 12th and Browning park on Oct 17th). Some parents will come along for the walk, and can assist with crossings. About 8:15am start from Kings Pond and Browning park. Would the PAC provide a celebration station at the school? That can be tricky because of kids

already at the school. They may set it up at the beginning locations of the walks. Safe routes have been identified. Communication for this would come from Cindy H. PAC will provide funds for the tables.

8. Road safety working group: They will be meeting at 8pm on zoom on Oct 13th – all welcome to join. Objective is to liaise with the city to identify priorities and advocate for safety. The official community plan has come through for the Shelbourne development. There are funds that haven't been allocated yet. Suggested to speak to the Saanich development group directly. Nic is knowledgeable about this and may join the working group meeting.
9. New: "odd fellas" poker fundraiser event (Nic & Jodi Green): in order to raise money for ~30 tablets for the students. Held in November in a hall downtown on Douglas St. Old Fellows are a charity organization, raising money for various local charities.
10. Future DPAC meetings – in person or on zoom? Discussion. Unfortunately, we don't have the equipment to do hybrid meetings. Some people said they prefer in-person so that they're more "present". Decided that November's meeting will be in person, but December's meeting will be on zoom, as degreed by Nicole.

Principal and Vice principal reports:

1. Indigenous ways of knowing being incorporated in the school; the 7 teachings with different animals with different characteristics (e.g., respect). They won't rush through so it will take some time. They have asked to work with Gordie Bear an indigenous drumming expert to work with Doncaster staff. They want to do 24 drums on a ProD, which would cost ~\$2000. Can the PAC indoor/outdoor education line items be used towards this cost? Nicole says that our budget is pretty flexible. We could also decide about directing a specific fundraiser for this specific project.
2. Looking for parent help for a few things:
 - a. Ongoing help in the library, shelving books. Jodi explains that it's one day/week for 2-3 hours (suggested time slots given – Hilda can coordinate that), and it's an easy job since the books are ready to go on a cart.
 - b. They have bins & wood and other supplies that they need help sorting.
 - c. There is also historical stuff on the walls of the school that were taken down when they painted Doncaster last year. The stuff is located here, and they need help doing an inventory of it, and/or choosing stuff to display or archive. Suggestion that it be at least scanned for electronic archiving. Cindy H. would like just one wall to be selected to display the memorabilia.
 - d. Question about whether to consolidate communication to families. Suggested to not do that, since parents will select specific shorter emails to read if it's relevant to them.

October newsletter – things to include:

- Halloween dance and volunteer signup.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 1 November 2022, in-person at Doncaster library

Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:21pm.