

DPAC Monthly Meeting: 6 Dec 2022

Chris Wright called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

In attendance: 11 people

Chris Wright	Nic Green	Jodi Green	Adrienne White
Karl Radlein	Laura Mercer	Mari Imahori	Warren Weicker
Cyndi Whaley			

Staff: Cindy H., Jennifer

Minutes:

Chris did the territory acknowledgement
Adrienne and Cindy H. approved the last month's minutes

Old business:

1. Doncaster wear: (Adrienne) Delay in getting stock. Should be distributed next week. Unknown how much we've earned. Every grade 5 got at least a Tshirt since the school bought some for those who didn't order.
2. Craft fair: (Chris/Katie) It was successful and feedback was that it was really well organised. ~\$7345 raised (\$1500 from bake sale, \$4000 from the table fee, rest from the raffle). Organisers agreed to do it again next year.
3. Created by kids: (Chris/Nicole) Successful, products delivered. ~\$3600 raised from this fundraiser.
4. Growing smiles: (Chris/Nicole) Raised ~\$750. Pickup went smoothly.
5. Movie night: (Cyndi W.) Easy to put on. Well attended and very chill. ~\$80 raised. A second one is scheduled for some time in the new year. Will need a different organiser next year, but Cyndi W. happy to organise the 2nd one this year (might be Feb 23rd unless that's bingo night... TBD)
6. Purdy's fundraiser: (Laura) ~\$1000 Was raised. Went well. Next one will be for Easter.
7. Gaming grant/basketball hoops quote: No news, except that Cindy H. got in contact with them to remind them to send the quote. Still haven't heard back from them.

New business:

1. Road safety: (Laura) Working group met last week (6 people). There is a community building grant that they are interested in applying for. Maybe get a covered bike shelter for Doncaster (\$7000-\$10,000). Doesn't need to be decided now, but they need to be sponsored/apply through the PAC (as a non-profit). Deadline to apply is Feb 1, 2023. Cindy H. says that it might encourage people to ride their bikes if they knew it would be covered. Wondering if families are aware of the Shelbourne corridor project. ~p200 in the Saanich document, we can find that information. Chris says that the CRD has a ready, set, roll program. Laura says that the working group has contacted the church on Shelbourne to see if their parking lot could be officially a "drive to 5" lot. Adrienne warns that there was a time when Doncaster families parked in that church lot previously, but then they weren't allowed to anymore. Might be an issue, but not sure. Wondering if the cones/pilons could be set up in the no-stop zone

to help the flow of cars at dropoff, but sometimes cars drive over them. Nic says that adjustments to the corner of the dropoff drive zone would help alleviate the congestion (change the 90 degree angle to a 65 degree angle). Might cost only about \$5000. This could help with the jam-up of the dropoff zone. School district could be asked to do this.

2. Fun lunch: (Mari) We've had two fun lunches since October, but Pinto Express was very bad (late delivery, missing some orders, and really small portions). Mari complained to them, and they claimed that they don't usually give a refund for big orders like this. But they are willing to provide a smaller meal or drink bar instead. Mari could ask them again for a partial refund (they haven't cashed the cheque yet - Nic recommends voiding the cheque). If the partial refund (suggested to call it a discount instead) were to happen, Mari could give ~\$2 credit on each fun lunch account (~193 people) - unfortunately, this would be a manual task, so the group agreed not to do that. Maybe instead of the partial refund to *each family* we could consider a donation to the PAC of that refund. We agreed to not use Pinto Express again, and for Mari to ask for half of the money back (or just void the first cheque and send a new cheque for half). Cindy H., Adrienne, and Mari will work together on this.
3. Affordability fund: \$28,000 from the ministry for the affordability fund. Mari suggests using some of that money towards bus tickets for families in need. Cindy H. agrees to add that to the list. Other schools have been offering gift cards for gas to give to families, which is in line with the bus ticket idea too. Laura also suggests the school pays for a bike maintenance truck to come and work on families' bikes. That fund needs to be spent by May 2023.
4. Teachers lunch: (Cindy H.) Thank you to the volunteers who will be in the classrooms, while the teachers and staff get together for a holiday lunch.
5. January PAC meeting: To be held Tuesday, Jan 10th since the first Tuesday of the month is too close to the holiday.

Principal and Vice principal reports:

- Report cards going home Friday, Dec 9. Most will be a traditional paper copy. Three intermediate teachers are using the district created Student Digital Portfolio tool for reporting. This is Doncaster's second year with no letter grades, and using the proficiency scale that is still being piloted this year, but next year it will be required across the province.
- Several classes went to the Naden band concert today. We had up to 250 seats.
- They postponed the winter concert until January since December is too busy, and the music teachers started late this fall (need more time to work with the kids). They will let parents know the new date in early January.

December newsletter – things to include:

- Feb 4th casino night.
- Succession planning for movie night - any volunteer to work with Cyndi at the next movie night in Feb(?)

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10 January 2023, on zoom

Chris adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.