

DPAC Monthly Meeting: 10 Jan 2023

Nicole Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

In attendance: 10 people

Chris Wright	Nicole Woods	Adrienne White	Cindy Luchka
Nic Green	Warren Weicker	Cyndi Whaley	

Staff: Cindy Harte, Jen Cox, Helena Ewald

Minutes:

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

Old business:

1. Adjustable outdoor basketball hoops (Nicole): We have a quote back from the district now: ~\$3500 for labour. So the total for the project (product, delivery, taxes, etc) is about \$10,000, which is about twice as much as we'd allocated in our budget (with a plus or minus \$500 for a gold vs silver option in quality). The executive will review the budget at the end of Jan. At the Feb 7th meeting, we will put it to a final vote to go ahead. Unknown how long it will take after we decide to place the order; Chris can check with the company, and Cindy H. could check with the district.
2. Casino night (Nic): Coming up Feb 4th. Nic spoke to some classes today. The tickets are 40% sold. At 100% sold, they should be able to purchase a class's worth of computers/tablets from their projections. \$5 drinks. Free DJ. Dress up if you want. Roulette, black jack, poker, all lined up. Cindy H. emailed all Doncaster families today about it. Nicole will send another reminder on Monday next week. The cut off date to buy tickets is Feb 3rd. Can't buy a ticket at the door - which may be important to mention.

New business:

1. Parent education coordinator: Braefoot has been organising sessions. First one is Feb 8th (Allison Reese on childhood anxiety). 7-8pm at Braefoot elementary. On April 20th, another session (Christine Yanker on nutrition) - maybe at Doncaster.
2. Remaining PAC fundraisers - call for volunteers to lead:
 - a. Bingo night (Thursday, Feb 23rd) - takes similar effort to organising the halloween dance. If we don't get anyone to organise, then it won't happen.
 - b. Movie night (Thursday, Apr 27th) - Cyndi will lead
 - c. Family Yard Sale (Saturday, May 27) - Nicole can lead, but would need to change the date if so.
 - d. Year End BBQ (June 22) - Nicole can lead, but will need several more working with her this year.
 - e. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (June 30th)
 - f. Purdy's Easter chocolates fundraiser (March)
 - g. Growing Smiles Spring Plants (April)
 - h. Doncaster Cookbook (families submit recipes and we put together basic hard-copy books of it for sale) - a new fundraiser that Nicole would like to

lead. Cyndi can help. Nic suggests it include photos as well, kind of like a yearbook/keep-sake. Cindy H. has a coil machine in the office.

3. Budget ideas for 2023/2024: Now that both playgrounds have been renewed, we don't have any big ticket items to save for. The teachers have been polled for their ideas on where/how DPAC money could help. There is now a list that is 4 pages long, with a wide range of costs - many that are not very expensive. The PAC will also poll families for their ideas too. The budget for next year gets voted on in May. We don't yet know how the district budget is going to play out.

Principal and Vice principal reports:

- Staff have only been back for a week at this point, so not much new.
- Question about the new format report cards (digital portfolio): They are quite different - there are work samples posted with assessments in different subjects continually throughout the year that sort of replaces the longer format report cards. That's why the report card part posted in December was so short.

December newsletter – things to include:

- Feb 4th casino night: best to purchase tickets early, and they are not available at the door.
- Bingo night needs organizer(s)

Next meeting: Monday, 6 February 2023, in person

Nicole adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.