

## DPAC Monthly Meeting: 7 March 2023

Nicole Woods called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

In attendance: 11 people

Chris Wright	Nicole Woods	Cyndi Whaley	Adrienne White
Nic Green	Jodi Green	Cindy Luchka	Laura Mercer
Jen Grant	Sandra Robertson		

Staff: Cindy Harte

Minutes:

Cindy H. did the territory acknowledgement.

Nicole & Cindy H. approved the last month's minutes.

Old business:

1. Garden cleanup is delayed. No new date yet.
2. Purdy's Update (Laura): Orders are closed and they will arrive next week, and they will be distributed before spring break. Other than picking up at school, another option will be to pick up from Laura's house.
3. Parent Ed night: April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:40pm setup, and 7pm start. Kristin Yarker (nutritionist) – how to handle sugar. Location: in-person at Doncaster library. Expect 40-50 people, but there is no RSVP.
4. Budget review: Nicole and Cindy H. met yesterday. Cindy talked to the district about the lower basketball hoops to let them know that we have PAC money and are eager. Cindy also requested a quote for the chip trail and sandbox. Nic suggested we pursue discounts for items that we can pursue directly (and not via the district – but may still require district approval). Outdoor chalk board and dragon's den storage (used) fall in our budget for outdoor learning. Parachute will be purchased from what we already designated for playground toys. Pop up tents for emergency kiosk and other school events. Portable toilets for emergencies (\$49).
5. Next year's budget: will be presented at the May meeting for approval. In the meantime if you have questions or suggestions, email the PAC.
6. Summary of PAC events left this year:
  - a. No bingo night this year for sure
  - b. Doncaster cookbook – see what the response is like
  - c. Parent ed night will need parent volunteers to set up chairs
  - d. Movie night in April (Cyndi W. will talk to Cindy H. to set a new date – not April 27<sup>th</sup>)
  - e. May 9<sup>th</sup> delivery date for the spring plant sale – help receive the plants within a half-hour notice, and come back later that day to coordinate distribution to parents, and move the items that were not picked up, into the court year. Will need to be cancelled if 1-2 people don't volunteer by mid-March. It usually raises \$800-\$1000.
  - f. Yard sale (~May 27<sup>th</sup>): tables ordered through fun lunch online. Volunteer to bring the tables (and chairs) to the edge of the gym. Food vendor (grade 5s selling pizza) or food truck could be requested (there is a Doncaster family

connection to a taco truck). Someone to run the (optional) bake sale – Jodi agreed to do this. Schedule Women in Need to pick up the leftover donations. Adrienne willing to organize the bare bones event, and other volunteers could help with the additional add-ons. Suggestion to have a school-run table for people who want to donate items for sale (the grade 5s could run that table) – Laura willing to coordinate that. Jodi willing to coordinate the bake sale.

New business:

1. School supplies: The ministry affordability fund is available, and Cindy H. was considering bulk-ordering basic school supplies (like paper and duotangs) and distribute them to students, and families who can pay will, but the rest would be paid for by the affordability fund. But prices seem high at this point for the school to purchase supplies. Suggested to get wholesale from the manufacturers. Monks was cheaper and successful last year, and the ability to select from the list (rather than forced to get everything). Trying to combine the two systems would be complicated, so maybe just stick with Monks customizable method. Nic offering to investigate setting up a new class-room specific/customizable school supply vendor (Laura will give Nic last year's list). Deadline for Monks would be mid-May for end-of-June delivery so there is time to decide. Discussed that June pickup may not be necessary, and instead do September pickup.
2. Public hearing for the 6-story building on Shelbourne 3400 block. They will donate money for items like side walks, lights, improved access, curb and gutter. Donation from Rob Starke (project management). Official community plan. Community amenity contributions.
3. Recruitment for the PAC: How to generate interest to participate from other parents? Secretary, co-Treasurer (to do with Cindy L.), and Fun lunch online coordinator needed for next year. Laura will help Nicole do a campaign to advertise to families. Including info on what the PAC does. Suggestion for meetings not to be on Tuesdays all the time. But need a day that the exec is available. Perhaps a PAC booth with free snacks set up at the next events or even during kindergarten dropoff. First week back at school as well. Could offer free childcare at the meetings. Could hold meetings during the events (e.g. at the movie night). Hold hybrid meetings. Teachers can send a note home with the kids or an email to their families. Give the students the list of events to share with their parents. A social meeting in September with extra snacks, expecting extra people. Could meet in the staff room, and have kids in the multi-purpose room, right next door. Nicole write a testimonial to encourage a new president, but she has one more year, but should have a mentee next year.

Principal and Vice principal reports:

- The \$3 000 Casino night donation was given to the school, and they will spend it on some technology for the students.
- Jen and Cindy H. went to the district meeting recently and the district budget was discussed and schools were put on a spending freeze (meaning whatever hasn't been spent in the school budget can't be spent - \$33k). Some accounts are ear-marked for specific things and may be access. More information will be shared by the district soon. District is anticipating a \$4 million dollar deficit along with higher than anticipated TTOC

(cost to replace someone on leave), which has added another potential \$2 million expense. The School and Admin are very appreciative of the PAC support.

- Affordability fund was \$27k total, and by end of Dec \$4300 was spent. An Additional \$5200 was spent in term 2. There is \$17k left. They expect the breakfast bar will cost \$5000 more by the end of the year. That leaves ~\$12k, which they expect will be spent on more gift cards to support families as they transition to summer for clothes and shoes and food etc. As well as helping some Gr. 5s attend Camp Thunderbird for grade 5 trip – though they may not be staffed, and they'll let the school know by spring break. Camp Pringle is closed this year. Affordability funds approved for next year too. Extra rain coats, etc were purchased too. There isn't an anonymous method for someone to ask, though people can recommend a family.
- Barb is retiring at end of March. Her last day is Friday at Spring break.

March newsletter – things to include:

- Suggestions for PAC budget spending? Email the PAC with your ideas.
- Come to PAC monthly meetings! – children welcome to attend and will do activities while parents are in the meeting. Clear about meeting times.
  - Need good turn out for April (the AGM) and May (the budget vote).
- PAC executive roles needed for next year! Secretary, Treasurer, Fun lunch online coordinator.
- Volunteers for remaining PAC events this year:
  - April 20<sup>th</sup>: volunteers to set up chairs for Parent Ed night
  - Spring plant sales: volunteer(s) to receive and distribute plants.
  - Extra volunteers for the Yard Sale event's optional add-ons
  - School supply orders coming soon – those who need help affording them should reach out to Cindy H

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, 11 April 2023, 6:45pm, in-person

Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.