

## DPAC Monthly Meeting: 11 April 2023

Nicole Woods called the meeting to order at 6:48pm.

In attendance: 16 people

Nicole Woods	Cyndi Whaley	Adrienne White	Chris Wright
Warren Weicker	Laura Mercer	Brendan Berbenuik	Alanna Kellar
Katie Bullen	Mikyla Zolpys	James Robertson	Nic Green
Jodi Green			

Staff: Cindy Harte, Jennifer Cox, Stephanie Mills

Minutes:

Cindy H. did the territory acknowledgement.

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

Old business:

1. Doncaster cookbook: Only ~5 recipes submitted so far, not including Cyndi W., Nicole's, Jodi's, etc. Are the kids aware of the pizza incentive. We gave an April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Cindy H. will let the staff know to remind their classes. Might get pushed into next fall if not enough recipes submitted.
2. Next parent education session is coming up on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Located at Doncaster library. Dietician talking about sugar.
3. Movie night: set for May 4<sup>th</sup>, movie recommendations welcome (Detective Pikachu)
4. Spring plant sale: about to be cancelled but Stephanie stepped in to volunteer to accept the delivery of the plants.
5. Yard sale: Adrienne organising for May 27<sup>th</sup>. Two food trucks are coming (Candy Time concession and Softie's ice cream truck – with the latter giving a kickback to the school).
6. Monk Office school supplies: Laura is waiting for the school supply list from Cindy H & Jennifer. Nic checked out other, cheaper, bulk providers for school supplies, but they could not be as customizable or name-brand as Monk's can provide (though they could sort the supply kits). Agreed that school supply delivery for September (rather than June) is fine, though parents would still order before end of June.
7. PAC recruitment and engagement efforts: secretary and co-treasurer leaving after this school year. Laura and Nicole set up at dropoff time with balloons, and flyers. Will do again at the last 3 events (movie night, yard sale, and end-of-year BBQ) if 2 PAC volunteers can be there. Lots of interested kids, but only a few parents came up to talk. Suggestions: Email is good communication for those who aren't at drop off/pick up; Social media: Nicole says that our facebook page has no organizer and no one knows the password. Brendan will help out for that. Suggestion to start a fresh facebook page for the DPAC – the video messages could be posted there too. Holding meetings on zoom for parents to stay at home – in practice the number of attendees were similar to that in person, but discussions were better in person. Having kids able to attend helps, though still with young kids it can still be hard because of bedtime. Lack of mission statement for the PAC for families early on. Video emails have more engagement than text emails. E.g., PAC president could create video messages. The PAC (Nicole) is at

the kindergarten orientation. Communicating the amount of money that the fundraiser events raise for the school/kids. Volunteer of the year award. Emphasizing the roles can be shared.

New business:

1. Election of the 2023/24 PAC executive – the new people below were unanimously voted in:
  - a. Fun lunch coordinator: Lindsey Stead will take over for Mari, with 3-4 people to help.
  - b. Parent ed coordinator: vacant for past year. Low time commitment role, as we've teamed up with Braefoot, splitting the \$500 grant with them. Schedule a speaker and promote it.
  - c. Social media: Brendan B.
  - d. Newsletter: Sandra Robertson and Jen Grant have been doing it, and at least Sandra will continue.
  - e. Members at large: Just Laura this year and happy to continue. For next year, volunteers are: Warren, Nic, and Jodi.
  - f. Secretary: Was Cyndi this year. Stephanie Mills agreed for next year.
  - g. Treasurer: Cindy L. and Adrienne this year. Adrienne leaving and Cindy L. only here for one more year. Volunteer: Dan to replace Adrienne, and Nic willing to also support.
  - h. Vice President: Chris happy to continue.
  - i. President: Nicole happy to continue. Jodi willing to take over the following year.
2. Next month is the budget vote meeting.
  - a. Warren proposed installing permanent bollards on the yellow zone of the drop-off lane. Plastic cones have been used there before inconsistently. Not sure if the bollards are allowed given that fire trucks may need to get in there. Nicole asks if we can do the plastic cones again in the meantime since the district would need to approve the bollards – yes.

Principal and Vice principal reports:

- Lowering the existing outdoor basketball hoops: Cindy H. emailed her district contact last week and hasn't heard back yet. Nicole suggests that they meet with Marni, or her counterpart. Cindy H. will contact her. Note: the one set of nets in front of the school – those would be lowered. The ones that are across the driveway won't be lowered, but nor are the kids allowed to use them during recess (just gym class and before and after school). The lowering would be from 10 feet to 8 feet (if we go with that option instead of the adjustable ones).
- Thank you for sponsoring the motivational magic show. Focus on kindness and gratitude. Weaving project for families to be shared soon.
- 3 rainbow flags hanging at Doncaster window. First two went missing, and even the 3<sup>rd</sup> one now has gone missing – even though it was hung super high with super strong magnets. If anyone has info about these thefts, please let Cindy H. know.
- Staffing packages came out today. Doncaster is holding steady at approximately 425 children and a bit of a waitlist as we are full currently in most grade and most grades for next year at this point too. We will have basically the same structure as this with 11 FRIM Divisions and 8 English Divisions.

April newsletter – things to include:

- Movie Night at Doncaster, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm – save the date!
- Yard sale, May 27<sup>th</sup> – save the date!
- 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.
  - Need good turn out for the May meeting (the budget vote).
- Volunteers for remaining PAC events this year:
  - April 20<sup>th</sup>: volunteers to set up chairs for Parent Ed night
  - Spring plant sale info...?
  - School supply orders coming soon – those who need help affording them should reach out to Cindy H

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, 2 May 2023, 6:45pm, in-person with children in next room over, but maybe hybrid (with laptop and speaker in middle of room).

Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm.