

DPAC Monthly Meeting: 1 June 2023

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

In attendance: 14 people

Nicole Woods	Cyndi Whaley	Adrienne White	Warren Weicker
Chris Wright	Laura Mercer	Nic Green	Jodi Green
Brendan Berbenuk	Alanna Kellar	Oona Jean	

Staff: Cindy Harte, Stephanie Mills, Jennifer Cox

Minutes:

- Nicole did the territory acknowledgement.
- Adrienne & Stephanie approved the last month's minutes.

Old business:

1. Doncaster cookbook: Order deadline via the hotlunch website closed yesterday (31 May), and there are orders for 37 (+2 for Nicole) printed books and 2 ebooks. Distribution is for 13 June, Cyndi will be able to hand them out after school that day. 9 books were already sold at the Yard Sale bake-sale table (for \$20 each = \$180). Each printed book brings about \$7 in profit, and each ebook brings \$8 in profit. So we expect about \$352 net raised.
 - a. Q: would the office like the PAC to provide a cheque for the printing/binding costs (\$12.80/book)? Or would they prefer we replenish the paper and binding supplies? Nicole suggests that maybe via the PAC's sd61 account money could be used for this? Cindy H. will check
 - b. Discussed printing a few extras to sell later at other events, and even next year.
2. Spring plant sale (Stephanie): Went really well. Items that weren't picked up were left in the court yard and eventually they all got picked up.
3. Yard sale: 30 tables sold, which raised \$635. Jodi ran the bake sale and raised \$904 (which includes \$180 for the cookbooks). Laura ran the donation table, and has continued to sell the leftovers on fb marketplace. She's made close to \$500. Oona and Chris did the kid zone with lots of fun activities and a shade tent. Recommendations for next time:
 - a. Kids zone closer to the playground. Open the yard sale up to Doncaster, CHMS, and Reynolds to be able to buy tables.
 - b. Advertise the yard sale earlier, and sell more tables (we can get extra for free from the district).
 - c. Start planning at the March DPAC meeting.
 - d. Next year try holding it on the Sunday, May 26th.
 - e. More garbage cans outside.
 - f. Everyone liked the food trucks, and liked the debit/credit option at the bake table (apple tap), and the pizza table sold out.
 - g. Consider having tables set up in the gym as an option.
 - h. Yellow DPAC shirts were a huge help.

4. Monk Office school supplies: delivery in September. July 19th is the deadline for families to order school supplies for the fundraising. Will we need volunteers right away in September to help sort? Not sure the delivery date, but yes, probably need 3 volunteers in addition to Laura.
5. Social media/facebook: Discussion between style options:
 - a. Community-based facebook page for just Doncaster families, interactive communication, closed group that requires a moderator. Maybe some intro questions to help, like who is your child's teacher? OR
 - b. a public bulletin board style like the Braefoot fb page, where they advertise all of their events. Anyone on fb can like it, and it's open to anyone. Not as private or interactive.

Group discussion decides to go with option (a) above. Other ideas for the social media include doing Live posts at events, Surveys and polls. Plan for this to start actively in September. This is in addition to the newsletter (not in replacement of it). Print out flyer that goes home with kids is a good way to make sure the parents get the message. PAC papers could go with the beginning-of-year paper package. Next steps, Brendan and Alanna will set it up and execute it, emailing Nicole to consult.
6. Kindergarten orientation: Laura & Jodi had a table and gave a powerpoint presentation. There were only 8 families there who had older kids from prepandemic days, the rest were from pandemic or postpandemic (so they don't have experience with all of the PAC events).
7. PAC Tshirts: They debuted the new PAC shirts at kindergarten orientation. The shirts are \$15 each for any PAC parent who wants to own one. They will keep the rest as short-term loaners.
8. Teacher appreciation breakfast: Jodi & Nicole will organize the continental breakfast.
9. End of year BBQ: 5-7pm, Thursday June 22nd. Note: the bouncy castles are \$1160+tax. In addition to prepaying for the menu on the hotlunch site, also include a line item there as "optional bouncy castle donation" (suggested \$5, but amount would be optional too)? Discussion was yes, to do this. It's still free for the kids to use the bouncy castles, but this is a good opportunity to raise additional money. Last year our food sales covered the cost of the bouncy castles. Add a "donation jar" at the food tables too. Music at the event: Tony will reach out to Cindy H, who says that the school already has outdoor speakers that can easily be used to play a music playlist from a phone or CD.
 - a. The grilling options: rent a big grill for \$300 from Pedersen's, or bring in neighbour grills? (about 6 of them with their propane, and they could be spread out for shorter lines). Preheat the hotdogs in crockpots, and finish them on the grill? We have numbers from those sold last year to help decide. Victoria party rentals has a 4 foot grill for \$225 only (and they are on Quadra) – can they deliver? Nicole will check with them. Lambrick park has a huge grill that Cindy H has used before. Decided to ask around for families to bring in their BBQs.
 - b. Very large amount of volunteers (~39 people) will be needed to precook the food and grill on site as well as play other roles. Cooks should have a bunch of hotdogs grilled and ready to serve at 5pm (not just starting to cook at 5pm). Menu will be hotdogs (regular and veggie), pizza, and chips (Note: there are leftovers chips in the servery that can be used). On-site ice cream sales (not preordered). Two food trucks at this event (cotton candy and soft serve ice cream – Jodi will confirm with them both). No drinks being sold, so they will tell people to bring their own. Families who preorder will get an envelope of coloured tickets ahead of time and tables will have the list.

- c. Need team leads (with DPAC Tshirt) for monitoring the inflatables (Oona and Chris), for BBQs/crockpots (Nicole behind the scenes and shopping, but lead for getting volunteers and on-site management: Stephanie). Separate table for ice cream sales (lead: Adrienne). Leads needed for food distribution (plates, condiments, cash, chips, buns – Nicole can lead) and pizza (lead: no one as of yet) plus add a ticket seller role for the on-site buyers. Google doc to sign up volunteers. – this will go out on Monday.

New business:

1. Principal's report:
 - a. They have to resubmit our request in September with the district for the walk-about to discuss the woodchip paths, large interactive sandbox, lowering basketball hoops, etc. They have said that the chip trails are only for going to a location (like to a sandbox). The gaming money doesn't have an expiry since we have a defined project.
 - b. The school police liaison program is not being renewed (removed as of June 1). This is related to discomfort of marginalized communities with police presence. Review and replacement options will happen later on. Some events were cancelled because of it. Now have no one to call in any incidents. Asking Ministry of Education and Social Justice to fill community need. Was funded through municipal taxes. Some schools didn't have it because of municipal funding.
 - c. No major changes. Emails will keep coming. No retirements. 8 staff leaving on temporary positions.
2. Back to school BBQ (Sept): taking place in third week (Sept 21st), PAC meeting is second week (Sept 12th). Needs to be planned in August. Taco Justice and Burger Crush parents. Look to see if they can do it. Options for stacks of pizza. Do we do the band again?
3. "Thanks DPAC" pool party appreciation invite for those attendees who have come to majority of meetings and helped and volunteered at multiple events throughout the year. Party to be held on Friday, June 16th at 5:30pm, hosted by Nic & Jodi!

June newsletter – things to include:

- Volunteers for remaining PAC events this year:
 - LOTS of volunteers needed for the year-end BBQ.
 - School supply orders coming soon – those who need help affording them should reach out to Cindy H.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 12 September 2023, 6:45pm, in-person with children in next room over.

Nicole Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.