

DPAC Monthly Meeting: September 12, 2023

Nicole Woods called the meeting to order at 6:50pm

In attendance:

Nicole Woods	Alanna Kellar	Warren Weicker	Sona Nicholas
Chris Wright	Dayna Mottishaw	Erin Long	Dan Perrakis
Brendan Berbenuik	Leslie Rietveld	Kristy Beldeuré	Marcus Hissen
Shannon Collins	Brandy Nott	Jodi Green	Stephanie Mills
Laura Mercer			

Staff: Cindy Harte, Jennifer Cox, Abigail Bigam

Minutes:

Nicole did the territory acknowledgement.
Jodi & Warren approved the last month's minutes.

Old Business:

1. Introductions: Nicole introduced the DPAC executive.
President: Nicole Woods
Vice-President: Chris Wright
Member at Large: Laura Mercer, Warren Weicker, Jodi Green
Treasurer: Dan Perrakis/ Cindy Luchka
Secretary: Stephanie Mills

Nicole also mentioned:

PAC Newsletter: Sandra Robertson and Jennifer Grant
Fun lunch coordinator: Lindsay Stead
Social media coordinators: Alanna Kellar/ Brendan Berbenuik

2. End of Year Family BBQ:
 - a. Went smoothly. Less lineups as there were two food stations for everyone to collect from (Dragon's den and by the tetherballs)
 - b. Families pre-bought their food
 - c. For next year: dedicated bouncy castles for certain ages

- d. Brendan has a friend that has started a bouncy castle company- something to look into for June
3. Monk School Supplies:
 - a. Laura recommends not using Monk Office supplies next year as communication with them has been difficult and parents find the ordering confusing.
 - b. Made approx \$1000 still waiting for confirmation from Monk's Office
 - c. Jan/Feb - we will discuss another route to go with school supplies. Cindy and Jen will talk to teachers and see how they would prefer to collect supplies.

New Business:

1. **Back to School Picnic/BBQ (Sept 21)**: Candy Time Food Truck that we had at the end of year BBQ is booked and looking forward to it. The live band from Sept 2022 is looking forward to performing again this year. Grade 5's will be selling pizza this year to help with their fundraising. Grade 5's will also be selling ice cream . In the event of rain the event will be moved to the gym
2. **Class Reps**: Each classroom has one parent that will act as a liaison between the PAC and classroom parents. They will send along emails. They also organize group gifts for teachers in December and June. It is a very useful job as it helps the PAC reach extra parents. We NEED a rep for every division and will be actively looking for volunteers.
3. **Doncaster Wear/ Grade 5 Hoodie**: Cindy Luchka has taken the role in the past of organizing and coordinating; however, she is needing to take a step back this year. There is a parent that has suggested a re-design. The Grade 5 wear cannot be re-designed as we are close to the deadline of ordering. We would be charged a fee for the graphic design change. Thoughts on to change the school colours. Cindy H suggested maybe using Bettina (staff member) as the artist for the re-design. Cindy and Jen will poll families for ideas on school colours and will discuss a re-design later.

Grade 5 order due Oct 25th in order to get in for early/mid-december. Cindy H and Jen have offered to take on the Grade 5 Hoodie order. PAC is still looking for someone to take on Doncaster Spirit Wear. Agreed upon that official school colours will be represented on the spirit wear.

4. **School Garden**: Abigail presented- the garden is 2.5 years old. Since Erin Prescott left Doncaster, Abigail is looking for another PAC member to serve as a liaison. The last 3 years the school garden has not needed money from the PAC. Abigail is asking for a small amount every year to help keep the garden afloat during the year. Abigail would

love to see more family presence (especially those that don't have a garden) participating.

Leslie Rietveld has volunteered to help support Abigail as the PAC liaison.

Many parents appear to be unaware that we have a school garden. Idea put forward to open the garden during the Meet the Teacher evening. Warren suggested having more signage ie. adding to the website/ social media pages. Put up a QR code so that people can pull up information. Warren will add a garden page to the website

Created by kids:

- a. Launching Sept 18th. To be delivered Nov 6-9

Social Media Update:

- a. Alanna has created a Facebook group (private) to help with community sharing within the doncaster community. The link will be sent out to families and Alanna will take charge of reminding families of upcoming events.
- b. Doncaster used to have a facebook group. With majority of families using Facebook groups (ie. Saanich Moms) the idea is to bring the same sense of community to social media again. The link will be in the newsletter from PAC and weekly updates from Cindy.
- c. A very big thank you to Alanna and Brendan for taking on this project

Fun Lunch Program Lindsay Stead is taking it over. She is hoping for September 26th to be the first hot lunch. White Spot will be the lunch.

Parent Ed Coordinator: Oona Jean has offered to take on the role of parent ed coordinator. In the past we have teamed up with Braefoot in the past for parent education nights.

Library Volunteers: 800 books are going in and out of the library every week. Hilda and Breton Coons are responsible for checking in books and shelving them. They are looking for parents to come in when they can and help out. Connect with Hilda if willing to help

Thrifty Foods Kids Run: Community event. Sarah Harrison has organized in the past. Looking for a new parent to help put together a group and coordinating getting packages.

Halloween Dance: Friday October 27th. Christa has organized it in the past and is willing to take it on again this year. DJ Woodsy is unavailable this year. Looking for a new DJ this year.

Principal and Vice Principal's Reports:

School Updates:

- a. Cindy talked about the new ventilation system that has been installed in the library and three other classrooms. Some classrooms already have the system and other classrooms will be getting it over time
- b. Teachers are getting rid of the desktops and are moving to laptops. The district is going alphabetically order. Doncaster is 3rd or 4th on the list.
- c. District came to a walk through for PAC wishlist. The basketball hoops are being lowered. Confident it will be happening soon. Basketball hoop (smaller) will be added to the back of the school
- d. Sandbox by the primary playground. The sandbox at the bottom of the fields is going to be defined as a sandbox. Looking at adding a path to the sandbox- not possible
- e. Cross country running starting next week for grades 3-5. Races are after school. Need parent drivers
- f. Strings got started this week.
- g. Couple of fathers in the school have offered to start up a rugby team
- h. \$28,000 from the district for "feeding the future". Looking for ways to help support families in need and the breakfast program is up and running.

Meeting concluded at 8:17pm.

October PAC meeting: Back to the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45pm in the library