

DPAC Monthly Meeting: October 1st, 2024

Chris Wright called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm and read a territorial acknowledgement

September Minutes Approval:

Dan Perrakis and Warren Weicker approved the minutes from the September meeting

In attendance:

Si Sheng	Md Islam	Jodi Green	Nic Green
Brendan Berbenuik	Alanna Kellar	Evelyn Gregory	Anthony Kennedy
Dan Perrakis	Chris Wright	Sona Nichols	Olivia Furlong
Stephanie Mills			

Staff: Ingrid Fawcett, Jennifer Cox, Ashley Walman

Old Business:

Back to School Picnic

- Spirit wear was set up next to the food truck which helped with sales. The color pink was very popular
- Grade 5s sold out with the pizzas
- The band was very successful and everyone appeared to be having a lot of fun. The plan is to continue with the band, pizza, and candy time truck next year. Families brought their own "picnic dinner".

PAC Division Reps

- 7 classes have reps and we are looking for the remaining 13 divisions to be filled. A call out will be sent to families asking for a PAC rep.

Created By Kids

- Chris put all the envelopes in the teachers mailboxes. October 11th is when the projects will be sent home and need to be sent back/ordered by October 23rd. Delivery is expected mid-late November

Doncaster Wear/Grade 5 Hoodie

- Adam Bartosik is working on a template and we have until Nov 23rd to order hoodies
- Orders will be ready to go home mid-december
- More Doncaster Spirit Wear has been ordered to be able to sell at our school events.

Fun Lunch Program

- Sona has gathered information from the parents from the survey that was sent out and put together some hot lunch dates

- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month is what we are aiming for. Sona would like to have two restaurants per hot lunch day (one that is cost effective and one that is allergen friendly)
- Tartan Toque is scheduled to be the first hot lunch option

DPAC Website

- Warren is looking into putting up a page on the website with some information on the school courtyard. Thank you to the courtyard committee for providing this information
- Warren would like to post more content regarding what is happening in the school/events (i.e. grade 5 fundraising, holiday craft fair etc.)
- Abigail Bigam is still looking for parents to help with the garden work party on October 19th

New Business

Halloween Dance

- Halloween Dance is planned for Thursday October 24th from 6-8pm in the school gym. The same DJ from last year has been booked. Students will be able to request songs leading up to the event.
- There will be a candy corner and a jelly bean count near the front doors of the school. Spirit wear will also be for sale in the same area. There will be a photo booth set up by the courtyard doors
- Pizza and drinks will be for sale in the gym . Grade 5s are coordinating a frozen dessert sale in the servery
- Laura will be sending out a parent volunteer sign up. Our Halloween Dance can only happen if there are enough volunteers. This is not a fundraising event. We have \$600 to cover the cost of the DJ and we know that we will make some sales, but the point is to have fun family event

Purdy's Chocolate

- Laura Mercer is happy to continue spearheading this fundraiser. An email will be sent home to families for them to order their treats. The last day to order is November 25th. This fundraiser made about \$1100 last year and we are hoping for the same this year.
- December 9/10 is when orders will be ready to go home

Christmas Craft Fair

- Jen Wright is organizing again. 80 of 105 tables have been sold @ \$65 per table.
- First time vendors will be called over the weekend to purchase any remaining tables .We are expecting to sell out the tables very soon
- Many volunteers are needed to help with this event . More information will be sent home to families soon

Growing Smiles Winter Fundraiser

- A call out to parents will be put out to see if anyone wants to head up the fundraiser. If there is no interest then Jodi Green would be happy to take it on.

Casino Night

- Nic and Jodi have put together posters
- Adult only parent at the Odd Fellows downtown
- Saturday November 9th at \$39 per ticket
- We raised \$3000 for Technology for the school last time Casino Night was held

Principal/Vice-Principals Updates

- Terry Fox was great fun
- Orange Shirt Day was very well organized
- FSA's for Grade 4 students are happening this month and a bit into November
- The Knitting Club is taking off. Thank you to Ashley Walman for organizing.
- Cross Country had its first event and everyone had fun
- Rainbow Club will be starting within the next week
- There is a teacher call out to help with ASL (American Sign Language) club as we have some deaf and hard of hearing students in the school

PAC meeting ended at 8:08pm

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday November 5th at 6:45pm in the library