

DPAC Meeting  
October 7, 2025

6:51pm Jodi opened the meeting with a Territorial Acknowledgement

In attendance:

Kim Stockdill	Steph Churcher	Leila Ahadi
Brendan Berbenuik	Ben Laird	Dan Perrakis
Dustin Wallace	Helena Ewald	Laura Mercer
Anthony Kennedy	Mikyla Zolpys	Evelyn Gregory
Nicole Laird	Heather McNally	Jodi Green

Staff: Jen Cox, Ingrid Fawcett

OLD BUSINESS

### **September Minutes Approval**

- Mikyla and Laura approved September meeting minutes

### **Summary of Sept Events**

Welcome back picnic

- live music performance
- Spirit wear sales
- Special guests- candy time concession
- Game time grill hot dogs/burgers
- Feedback from the event- musician (Jessica) was fantastic, played the entire time!

VCPACC

- VCPAC/BCCPAC rep liaison needed- 1 or 2 volunteers
- Rep on Pac that goes to the meetings (via zoom)- report back and tell PAC about any relevant info that might affect our school.

Created by Kids Fundraiser

- Takes kids art and makes them into gifts
- PAC makes about 3K/year from this fundraiser
- Deadline October 20 for parents to return back to school if they are interested
- Admin to add it to the school newsletter

Safe Routes to School Initiative

- Principals walk to school a success
- New police liaison (see more in school admin update below)

- Parking restrictions now on Cedar Hill Rd; drop off zone is strictly DROP OFF
- Reminder to not park in staff parking lot at ANY time
- Safety committee rep- traffic update survey was not sent to parents (was only given to PAC members at last meeting but needs to be distributed to all parents)
- Saanich is reviewing Doncaster this year (every 5 years), would like to know the results of the survey to advocate for car safety near the school

#### Spirit Wear

- Online ordering available
- Current inventory in stock available to purchase at every PAC event
- Grade 5 Signature Apparel- sent out for design- will be up on the website in the next week or so
- Anti bully pink shirt design is on the website for ordering
- New sports jerseys have been ordered (more about this topic later in the meeting)
- Take home from spirit wear- \$5.35 from every t-shirt, \$15.25 from every hoodie sold goes back to PAC.

#### Constitution/BylawUpdate

- Looking into re-drafting out dated bylaws

#### Ongoing Project

- Updating existing PAC Documents
- Step by step event manuals for all events/fundraisers

#### TREASURER UPDATE

- Gaming grant received; \$8660 will be going towards teacher allotments
- Approved budget will be posted to the website soon

Agenda item later in the future- mention things/fundraisers that have happened in the past and see if any parents want to take something on (current blanks in the budget as not sure if some fundraisers will be going on or not).

- Previous treasurer Cindy 5 years ago set up a significant GIC with some funds- without a major project in the future, the GIC will be set up again (maybe 2 year timeline).

#### SCHOOL ADMIN UPDATE

- New faces in the school- 2 EAs retired- new EA's are Mrs. Serena and a second posting to be finalized
- New teacher grade % Mrs. Riddell Matte
- Officer Clay McKay- new school liaison; he supports 9 schools; he joined in on a principal walk to school and is planning on attending the next PAC meeting
- Staff bulletin board- pictures and summary of staff

- Grade 4 started writing FSA
- Strings program underway
- 25 grade 5's drumming performance in November at the Premier Awards
- Cross country in full swing- meets after school
- Knitting club- over 70 students- needs volunteers and donations- Tuesdays and Fridays at lunch recess in library 12:05-12:35 (elder volunteers could come in- just need a criminal record check prior)
- Chess club starting up soon
- Rainbow club- inclusive club
- Updated school goals- will be available on the website soon (1. Strengthen literacy and Learning; 2. Cultivate a positive and inclusive school culture, 3. Commit to truth and reconciliation- also written in student friendly language)
- Fun lunch tomorrow!

## NEW BUSINESS

### Craft Fair

- registration email went out to last years vendors
- Ad posted in times columnist
- Volunteer request list to be created soon
- Email [doncastercraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:doncastercraftfair@gmail.com) for more info
- 2025 date updated to website soon
- Looking at mini family photos during the craft fair or alternatively can do a different day in December. PAC members chatted about possibly a different day would be best (that was families could come ready and dressed for photos and not a secondary event at the craft fair). Need to reach out to the photographer to see their availability and the turn around time for the photos- a lot of people use this for christmas cards- maybe mid november would be a good time?
- Note- liaison officer said he can attend some PAC events (if PAC wants) He is planning on attending the craft fair as a member of the Doncaster community (not to police the event but as our school liaison officer).

### Purdy's Chocolates

- makes 1-2K per fundraiser
- Order deadline november 22- pick up december 3rd and 4th
- Looking for a volunteer to help sort the orders

### Hot lunch

- Tomorrow (Oct 8) Gyrosa and This Week's Lunch
- Thank you for Liz Csori for volunteering to be this year's hot lunch coordinator
- Oversight to ask for volunteers for tomorrow's hot lunch (right now no volunteers are confirmed to help)

- School to send a broadcast to ask for volunteers tonight, volunteers to be at the school for 11:30 to distribute lunches to classrooms

#### Garden Party

- Need volunteers to bring in cardboard and help with weeding
- Mulch arrived
- Physical sign up sheets will be put up in the hallways

#### What's App Groups

- Idea: Each class rep can be the admin for the class page and can add contacts to their page
- Parents need to opt in to be in the What's App group
- 70% of parents said yes in parent survey
- If there is a different platform anyone wants to use, please reach out
- Class reps can use What's App as a platform to send out PAC related messages
- Reach out to class rep to get added in
- QR code can be sent to parents and they can opt in
- QR code can be sent to class reps- Laura will send it when she messages the class reps
- Easy to leave your group next year and choose a different group

#### Halloween Howl Family Dance

- Need volunteers to help- sign up sent today
- Posters going around the school
- Photo booth station for selfies
- Gentle start this year (lights on for first 30 minutes)
- Congestion in hallway difficult last year- concession line up to be designated somehow
- There were some scary costumes last year (children and adults), this year was written as "family friendly costumes" on the communication
- Last year some older decorations were thrown away, there are still some decorations and PAC is looking for any decoration donations
- Need to bring a lot more tape (ran out last year)!

#### Spooky Movie Night

- Thanks to Steph for volunteering to run this event
- There is a package of how to run it all
- Simple straightforward event
- All movies are rated G in the package suggestions
- Survey to be sent out to parents to help choose a movie

#### Class Reps

- Parent Engagement survey- received 35 responses and a lot of useful feedback
- How to assist class reps in better parental opt in response for class contact lists
- Alternative communication?

- Whats app, facebook, website, monthly newsletter, physical signage, school admin emails
- Class reps can write a little blurb about the PAC contact list, whats app etc and ask their teacher to put it in the child's agenda so the parent can contact class rep.

#### Parent Education Topic

- Re-framing overwhelm
- [parentsupportbc.ca](https://parentsupportbc.ca)- free online workshops on stress, boundaries, mental health. An accessible option for overwhelmed parents.
- Early stages of planning- Mikyla looking into a professional for a parent workshop opportunity

#### Home Alone Course

- Course designed to give youth important skills and knowledge that isn't covered in traditional schooling; topics like home alone safety, babysitting basics or nutrition fundamentals
- When and how should this occur?
- Maybe we should look into this for next year so parents are aware that the PAC will be funding this as some parents have been doing registering their kids on their own
- Possibly do a parent interest survey?
- Min 20 kids per session
- Options: Maybe PAC subsidizes a few kids, or subsidizes 10% off for everyone, or do we just provide the venue and no discount?
- PAC voted to pick a date, give all participants 10% off and set it up over a weekend in the spring 2026

#### Teacher Wishlist Items

- Last year PAC provided the funds for the new laminator machine
- Library story time rug got sanitized and deep cleaned- Love A Rug did it for free, thank you!
- Updated school sports jerseys - 4 vendors submitted quotes between June and September and new jerseys have now been ordered with a vendor.

#### FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION

- none

Meeting done: 8:08pm