

Devon Gardens PAC Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 9, 2017

Opening:

- Welcome and call to order by PAC chair Keith Punshon 7:00 PM
- Sign in sheet of members present passed around
- Reading of last minutes and agenda

In Attendance:

Annick Lavender, Colleen Ryley, Dianna DeBlaere, Keith Punshon, Mark Douangchanh, Claire George, Jana Methven, Janelle Lindahl

- Approval of Agenda 1st by Dianna BeBlaere 2nd by Jana Methven
- Approval of Minutes 1st by Keith Punshon 2nd by Dianna DeBlaere

Principal's and Vice Principal's Report- Mark Douangchanh and Claire George

January News- Our staffing is good and we have 4 new students. The year has started well after a good end of term. The Christmas concert went well and our food drive was featured in the North Delta Reporter. The volleyball teams had a good season and won the North Delta tournament.

Snow and Ice- Snow and ice are the biggest concern right now. The district prioritizes with school parking lots first. It was cleared on Tuesday and they do paths around the school but the district doesn't do pathways and public walks. We try to get out and shovel or salt in the morning. The district giving salt for the perimeter but only enough for a little at a time. Parking has been more of an issue as there seems to be more people driving right now. We have been able to keep sledding and the kids are enjoying the snow. The kids have remembered gear and there is lots of mopping in the hallways.

Meetings- Burnsvew has meetings coming up February 23 and 25 for early French immersion in an attempt to emphasize the K-12 program. They are looking for Grade 6's to speak. Grade 7 Parent info night is this Thursday at Burnsvew and course selection information night is February 2. There is a meeting here Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 for Camp Jubilee.

Conferences- February 3 is the early French immersion deadline. February 15 is Kindergarten Registration day. Parents can try to encourage the French program to others. February 8 (1-3PM) and 9 (2-7PM) are student led conferences so there is early dismissal at 12:10 and 2:00. February 22 is Science Fair under Mrs. Wilcox leadership.

Funding- With the return of the contract language from BCTF, the process is still in discussion for implementation in schools. The district is optimistic that things will happen this year but probably won't be changing classes this year it would be possibly more in a supporting role. It is hard to say what this will look like yet and there may be positions but not people to fill them.

Projectors- We have had trouble purchasing items on the teachers wish list as the prices weren't as advertised.

Library- Thanks to Jessica for help with book processing. There is an opportunity to help on Thursday and Friday. Dianna will contact the volunteer list to see if there are any other helpers.

Basketball- Basketball season is beginning. We almost have the coaches but there are only have 2 schools fielding 4 teams (Hellings and Gray). Most schools only have Grade 7 teams.

Reports from Executive Officers

1. Chair: Keith Punshon

-Santa visited classrooms before Christmas.

2. Vice Chair: Jessica Jensen

-No report.

3. Treasurer: Carolyn Stanley

-See financial statement.

-TV's for the LA room came in a little less.

-Entertainment books earned about \$1500.

4. Secretary: Janelle Lindahl

-See minutes.

5. Gaming Representative: Jessica Jensen

-The report has been sent in for gaming for the 50/50.

6. District Parent Advisory Council:

-There is a meeting with the Trustees at 7:00 at the school board office.

7. Canadian Parents for French:

-The check was delivered for the African music performance. Kids were able to understand French spoken in a different accent.

-The Charlotte Diamond concert was this weekend but there was a lower turnout.

8. Members at Large: Elin Hoffman, Diane DeBlare, Jana Methven

-Dianna will work on a new submission about the LA room and library books for the Dragon's Breath.

Reports from Committee Members

1. Emergency Preparedness: Keith Punshon, Elin Hoffman

-no report

2. Special Lunch Coordinators: Selene Adams, Jana Methven

-Hot lunch ordering is open until January 19 for January to March lunch days.

Unfinished Business

-We are searching for better pricing of AV equipment to purchase what is needed.

New Business

-Wondering if there are policies for scent for those who are sensitive to it. Suggestion to send a note

reminding people to be considerate on assembly days.

-Feedback from the concert: it was hard to see kids standing on floor or playing xylophone.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Prepared by Janelle Lindahl