

Devon Gardens PAC Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 2, 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:

Dianna DeBlaere, Jana Methven, Keith Punshon, Colleen Ryley, Bahar Child, BJ Dhaliwal, Manjeet Sidhu, Carolyn Stanley, Varinder Khaira, Melanie Hastings, Jessica Jensen, Mark Douangchanh, Sandra Tee, Janelle Lindahl

- Approval of Agenda 1st by Carolyn Stanley 2nd by Dianna DeBlaere
- Approval of Minutes 1st by Dianna DeBlaere 2nd by Carolyn Stanley

Principal's and Vice Principal's Report- Mark Douangchanh and Sandra Tee

Thank yous- Thank you for supporting today's performance. The kids really enjoyed it. Thank you for hot lunch. Subway was a hit. Thank you for doing the BBQ and supporting the Open House.

Events- The Terry Fox run was a success and the rain held off. We raised a little under \$800. There was a large participation in Orange Shirt Day. We have been practicing hallway behaviour and the kids earned their 300 goal with 451 tickets total and they enjoyed the extra recess. Mark and Sandra got to see the interaction and behaviours of kids on the playground.

Volleyball- Volleyball with grade 6 and 7 has started and we're figuring out how to run practices. Mr. Mok and Ms. Leveque are coaching and we have 4 other teachers who are stepping up to help. There are 8 other schools in our zone. The new coaches don't have much in technique and we would welcome parents who want to help with coaching. There are Tuesday and Thursday games.

Parent/Teacher Conferences- There will be 15 minute slots per conference. We have a 12:00 dismissal on Wednesday and 2:00 on Thursday. We will try to open the booking system on Wednesday. Teachers are accomodating to set up alternate times if needed. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be Scholastic book fair. Mrs. Goldman is looking for parent volunteers.

Band- The district has hired our band teacher, Mr. Radke. The district is responsible to hire as he works at a number of schools. Tomorrow night we are joining Gibson for band rental night from 6-7.

Upcoming Events- The Diwali assembly will be on October 19. Mme Jassal is asking for students who want to participate in a parade or showcase something related to Diwali. In the afternoon is our emergency evacuation drill. We are practicing procedures in an emergency and will go through the emergency release. We need parents to show photo ID. If parents can't pick up during the drill at 2:40 then kids are released at 3:00.

Crossing Guards- The crossing guards have started today and we have some changes with the schedule. We were surprised to see 40-50 kids wanting to be crossing guards.

Halloween- The Halloween parade starts in one classroom and proceed through other classrooms and make a train. Kids encouraged to bring a change of clothes. We are requesting no masks as we need to see their face and nothing too scary. We are asking for a donation of 3-4 candies per child (not Halloween themed). We are doing a collaboration time on Thursday afternoons in December where we will be making gift bags to go to somewhere in North Delta that does a community dinner. The kids will put together the bags with a note and joke.

Reports from Executive Officers

1. Chair: Keith Punshon

- The BBQ was not very well attended this year. It seemed to conflict with other activities.
- We have sent Entertainment books home today and we need them back in the next 2 weeks.
- The primary and intermediate class with the most sold gets a pizza lunch.
- Keith has been standing at the crosswalk and reminding parents not to drop off on Downs Rd.

2. Vice Chair: Jessica Jensen

- E-mails have been exchanged to plan to update the library.

3. Treasurer: Carolyn Stanley

- The financials are here and the fundraising amounts are listed.
- We will have two meat and treats, one in the fall and one in the spring.

4. Secretary: Janelle Lindahl

- See minutes.

5. Gaming Representative: Jessica Jensen

- The gaming summary reports have been submitted. The grant application was received and everything was fine. We should be receiving the gaming grant in the next couple of weeks.

6. District Parent Advisory Council:

- DPAC met and it was more of a meet and greet time.

7. Canadian Parents for French:

- No representative currently.

8. Members at Large: Varinder Khaira, Diane DeBlare, Jana Methven

- We are still working on getting additional volunteers and it would be helpful to have events needing volunteers let Dianna know.

Reports from Committee Members

1. Emergency Preparedness:

- no report

2. Special Lunch Coordinators: Selene Adams, Jana Methven

- Subway lunch went well.

Unfinished Business

- Open House BBQ, we had enough help and it ran well.

New Business

-Thank you note received from the Burnsvew graduate who received the scholarship.

Budget:

Everything that the school asked for has been granted.

We would like to have Jason Craft come and do the library mural.

We have increased the per student funding and the funding for teachers and EA's. We will need to get the student and staff numbers from Sharon to write the cheque.

We have set aside \$2000 for library books. We would really like to get moving on the library upgrades.

We need to run a Food Safe course for hot lunch and others doing BBQ or Fruit and Veggie program.

Motion: Move to approve the budget as presented.

1st- Jessica Jensen

2nd- Jana Methven

PASSED

Next Meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Prepared by Janelle Lindahl