

DBES PAC Minutes

Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 at 6:30pm

Meeting in DBES Library & via Zoom

In attendance: Rae-dene Pednaud, Ellen Manson, Jenny, Haley, Jana Curll, Victoria Goodier, Kate Haywood, Meghan Mathias, Camille Tissuer, Ted Chishold, Rachel Watson

Welcome!

- Land acknowledgement
- Motion to accept the October minutes – Meghan, Rachel
- Motion to accept tonight's agenda – Meghan, Victoria

Principal's Report, *Rae-dene Pednaud*

- FSAs are complete and booklets will be sent home to families after Winter Break.
- Volleyball is wrapping up with the Play Day at Elphinstone this Friday. Thank you so much to our coaches and staff volunteers.
- We are looking for volunteer coaches for Basketball. It would be fantastic to have a 4/5 and 6/7 team. Please let Rae-dene know if you are available. This year teams will be co-ed.
- We have hired an extra EA so we will be running with 7 EA's this year, up one from last year and we have hired Wendy Knight to do some of the NEST prep which frees up Beth Jay to do more literacy support which is in line with our school goal around literacy.
- Roots of Empathy is underway in Correen Evan's 2/3 class.
- We have had a number of kids working on school service projects such:
 - Grade 6/7 DEN students fundraising for soccer nets which have just been ordered.
 - A group of Grade 5/6 students creating stickers and pins as a fundraiser for the SPCA.
 - Some keen Grade 7's running a weekly sports club for the Grade K-4 students at lunch on Wednesday.
- Student volunteers doing daily announcements.
- 2 Grade 7 students with Simon doing a District Elementary Leadership group.
- Our Food Pilot has started – I will let Ted speak to this.
- Remembrance Day was a lovely ceremony organized by our Music Teachers and it was amazing to see the students who volunteered to speak and present!

Things to Come:

- Book Fair (I will let Kate speak to this)
- Primary NEST Wonderwalk is on Friday.
- Nov. 30th Hip Hop group coming through Art Starts program.
- Learning Updates go home on Friday, December 8th. Please connect with your classroom teacher if you have questions. These will be similar in format to last year with a proficiency, and descriptive feedback based on a learning goal for each subject reported on.

Festive Activities:



DAVIS BAY ELEMENTARY PAC

A parent community to promote, encourage and support education and to contribute to the well being of the students at Davis Bay Elementary.

- Nov 27th- silly hair or hat day
- December 6th- Ugly/festive sweater /shirtday
- Dec 11th -Festive colours dress up
- Dec 22 is PJ Day
- Student Forum for Strategic Planning is Dec. 8th at CSS. Ms. Zarnke and 2 grade 7 students will be attending.
- Winter Concert is Dec. 13th – Each family will receive 2 tickets. There will be a daytime rehearsal that parents can attend and a night time showing. More information to come.

Community Schools Update, *Ted Chisholm*

- Sechelt Youth Centre should be open the 2nd week of Winter Break (Grades 5 and Up) Ted to confirm
- Ted is currently working with Emma Zarnke's gr 6/7 class for culture and relationship building.
- Food Program – started last week. Delayed – Jenny is parent (point of contact) that will be serving and delivering the lunch. Michelle Clarke will work in the morning to get breakfast out to children that need it. Food will be available in classrooms instead of the red fridge.

Action Item: Freezer/Kitchen Clean-Up (Ellen/Meghan/Jenny)

Greenhouse Update, *Grace Lewis and/or Jessy Wollen*

- Grace has been working with the Hive and Cocoon, the Greenhouse is being put to bed for the winter.

Action Item: Garden/Greenhouse meeting in the near future.

- Grace is loving helping students grow things (seeds, plants, flowers, food)

Treasurer's Report, *Victoria Goodier*

- Gaming Grant was declined – We did ask for re-considered and have set updated paperwork requested
- Gaming Account Balance: 2380.00 (Needs to be spent this by the end of the day)
- Regular Account 15,100.00 (\$500 donation by Davis Bay, Selma Park community association)

Fundraising Update, *Ellen Manson*

- Paper Copies of fundraising forms have done very well.

Action Item: Fundraising Meeting in January – Ellen, Jessy, Jenny, Haley, Camille, Krista, Victoria (Jessy to set date/meeting)

Hot lunch Update, *Camille and/or Jenny*

Next hot Lunch – Pizza

Action Item: Hot Lunch Meeting in January

DPAC Update, Jana Curl

Parents are welcome to attend DPAC meetings. [Please see SD46 site](#) for dates and full times and minutes.

- Presentation by Kirsten Deasey and Desiree Harris about 'Communicating Student Learning', and about the new assessment and reporting system.
 - Webinar link is here: <https://sd46.bc.ca/cslwebinarrecording/>
- DPAC Board was voted in. Jana from DBES was asked to return as 'Member at large', so she'll continue as DPAC rep for the year.
- Treasurer report was presented and budget voted in.
- DPAC gaming fund is available for parents' education and resources. DPAC is looking for feedback on how to spend it. Ideas presented are:
 - Parenting Teens course by Shirley French for North end parents and caregivers.
 - Truth & Reconciliation workshop – Blanket exercise
 - Food Safe Course (first 10 participants submitting a reimbursement request, 2 per each PAC)
 - First Aid Course
 - Sending a DPAC delegate to the 2024 AGM
 - Other?
 - **Vote & Action Item:** Jana to let Miyuki know that DBES would like: FOOD SAFE
- From Superintendent (below are excerpts that apply to DBES, see DPAC minutes for full report):
 - For Students: Grade 7 Leadership program, Science World - On the Road, Cross Country.
 - Please see DPAC minutes around Pro-D Day topics
 - There was a community-wide survey for Board visioning.
 - The SCR D has introduced new regulations for garbage, recycling and compost and so new sorting facilities are being introduced into the schools.
 - There were questions regarding seatbelts on buses and an extended stop arm pilot program. Please see DPAC minutes for in depth answers. Also note that the new bus contractor has deployed high-end cameras on all buses to help report unsafe driving to the RCMP.
- From the floor/ other PACs:
 - PACs are dealing with food in schools differently (donations from parents, donations from vendors, hot lunches are fundraisers etc.) DBE is part of the pilot program.
 - Kitchens are old and out of date and there is a hub kitchen pilot program.
 - Food in School Program report will be presented Nov. 28.
- Family Engagement Committee was dismantled in May. Most of the issues are being addressed in the DPAC meetings.
- Education, Operation, Committee of the whole is the 4th Tuesday of the month. Parents are encouraged to attend. Contact Miyuki for meeting times.
- Next DPAC meeting is November 23, 7pm at SBO, or via zoom.

New/Ongoing Business (October Action Items)

- DBES Bursary, *Rachel* Haven't heard back from Luba
 - **Action Item:** Rachel will follow up
- SCRD Grant, *Meghan* – We got the grant
 - **ActionItem:** – Meghan to purchase supplies
- November Event, *Meghan/Kate* -postponed
- Scholastic Book Fair, *Kate* -Theme: Diving into Reading Setup will be Friday – Monday sneak peek (Tues/Wed/Thurs - buying time) Volunteers please chat with Kate (2 people for recess/lunch and after school)
- Christmas Market, *Jana/Rae-dene* Information to follow.
 - Victoria moved that we approve up to \$150 to Kate's Christmas market.
Motion Approved
- **Action Item:** Victoria to look into lottery license for Christmas Raffle and will reply to Camille.

No December Meeting.

Next meeting: January 16th, 2024 in the DBES Library & via Zoom