

DBES PAC Agenda | Budget Meeting
Tuesday November 15, 2022 | 7pm

In attendance: Rae-dene Pednaud, Ellen Manson, Megan Kelso, Katy Hayward, Jana Curll
Jason Stanford, Rachel Watson, Ted Chisholm,

7:00pm Welcome

Jana Curll motion to accept minutes, Katy seconded. Motion passed.
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PRINCIPALS REPORT (Rae-dene Pednaud):

Where we've been since the last meeting:

Nestival Pumpkin Carving – so nice to see the families
Halloween – festive and fun
Sugar Bowl – annual grade 7 soccer tournament on the day after Halloween
Growing Green Meeting – Naomi Fleschhut (Farm to School Animator) – what are we growing
and what do staff/students need. Session at PD Day for staff.
Remembrance Day
Volleyball Wraps Up Dec. 2nd at Elphinstone

Other:

Communicating Student Learning and Report Cards

Reports will be printed from MyEducation BC – the format may look different from what you are used to. Staff are learning as well. Proficiency scale will be used – emerging, developing, proficient, extending. This is where your child is in regards to the learning standard rather than about a given place in time. You will also receive strength based descriptive feedback and an area of growth in the written comments.

Little Red Fridge

At Davis Bay we are excited to be launching two new programs: a stocked fridge and a breakfast program! Food is an essential tool for learning. We are working towards providing Grab and Go breakfast items and *I will communicate back to families when that program is up and running.* Beginning this week, we are stocking the *new red mini fridge with yummy items for anyone who is hungry to access food.* Research shows that asking for food is a big barrier for learners. Being well fed with nutritious food helps improve focus, concentration, and emotional self-regulation. If a child comes home with food in their lunch kit and are accessing school food – please chat with them! We don't have time to find out why children aren't eating what is in their lunch kits - we are just happy to know that a hungry child has eaten something. In a nutshell, anyone who is hungry will have something to eat.

We are working getting a coordinator who will be facilitating and coordinating volunteers. Volunteers will be needed to help with baking, serving, clean up etc. as the coordinator role has

limited capacity and we hope to build a program that can move forward beyond this year. Please let me know if you have questions.

Where we are headed:

Friday, Nov. 18th Funky Hair and Hat Day

Nov. 29-Dec.1. Bookfair (Kate to talk about)

Nov. 30/Dec. 1. Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences

Dec. 7th Winter Concert (afternoon rehearsal and evening show – times TBD on Wednesday)

Call for coaches – Basketball – please email Rae-dene

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS UPDATE (Ted Chisholm):

Interviewing for a breakfast co-ordinator this week, hoping to get the program up and running soon/quickly

Spring Harvest Celebration June 9, 2023

Garden Conversation 3:30-5pm next Tuesday (How to winterize your garden, helpful tips for growing a garden...)

Starting to brainstorm about what could be contributed from the greenhouse for fundraising (plant starts, hanging baskets, seeds, herbs, Mother's Day Gifts?)

Weekend work parting, coming soon!

TREASURER'S REPORT (Megan Kelso):

PAC Account: \$8121.00

Gaming account is: \$3911.00

Fundraising email for e-transfers is up and running

Signing authority will change in Jan 2023.

FUNDRAISING REPORT (Ellen Manson):

Having a hard time matching people to forms and money to forms

Fundraising has been very quiet, not nearly as many sales.

Paper forms might be a good option to increase sales

DPAC REPORT (Jana Culll):

The last DPAC meeting was October 27.

Official DPAC minutes can be viewed on the SD46 site. This includes the Treasurer's report, Superintendent's reports and the Board of Trustee's Report:

<https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/dpac/>

The DPAC representatives introduced themselves and shared what was happening at each school. There seems to be an upswing of mental health issues in the high schools. There is a facilitator who can speak to PACs as a resource.

Lots of PACs are taking up fairs as a source of fundraising (Halloween, Fall and Spring Fairs).

Lots of hot-lunch programs are gearing up in other schools. KES has a great one. MPE

submitted a gaming grant for \$30k for playground equipment and is happy to share the process they went through. The Annual Chicken Sale Fundraiser by PHSS. 'Walking School Bus' programs in other schools.

Nominations and Votes:2022-22-23 DPAC Board:

- Chair: Scott Davis, Vice-chair: Ewa Kusmierek, Secretary: Miyuki Shinkai, Treasurer: Tracey Thompson, Member at large: Jana Curll

Nellie's Products as a Fundraiser (anyone interested?)

Upcoming Events:

- Reminder that parents are invited to attend Board of Education meetings. Next meetings are November 16th (7pm) and the committee meetings November 22 (10-4)
- Family Engagement with Miyuki Shinkai: next meeting Jan 23, 2023 (3:45-5:15 at the SBO) Contact Miyuki if interested.
 - How to run an effective meeting workshop this November: Jason attended on behalf of DBES
- Family Information Session on the Outlining Changes in Communication Student Learning - you can view the webinar via the DPAC minutes
- Coastal Voices 2023. Information is available. In January the SC Festival of the Written arts will talk at the DPAC meeting to talk more about it.

Jana also shared the Kelso Climate Action with the DPAC as it looks like there will be engagement with other schools and we wanted them to be aware.

Next meeting is November 24th. All parents can join in person or zoom. Just visit the SD46 site to get details.

OLD BUSINESS (PAC chair)

Teacher Appreciation/Lunch:

Last meeting it was discussed that the PAC provide lunches to the staff during early dismissal days (Nov 30 & Dec 1) as part of our teacher appreciation initiative. Is this still something that we would like to take on? (Jana) proposes chili, tortillas/buns/cheese etc? Veg and Meat options and set them up in crock pots so staff can help themselves during that day.

Dec 1 Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Ellen – Chilli (Veggie)

Jason – Meat

Rachel – Condiments

NEW BUSINESS (PAC chair)

BCCPAC:

BCCPAC is the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils. BCCPAC advocates on behalf of all public-school families and provides guidance and support to PACs, DPACs and individual parents across the province. BCCPAC's mandate is extensive and membership fees are an

important source of revenue to support our activities. BCCPAC sits at the “provincial table” with the Ministry of Education and Child Care and other education partners, representing parents on all issues relating to education, as guided by our members.

Cost to join is \$75/year. DBES hasn't been a member but a few other schools in the district and the DPAC are members. Benefits include workshops on how to run the PAC. Treasurer training, the ins and outs of gaming grants etc. It seems to be a wealth of information. They are also a way to have our concerns at the table at the provincial level.

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php>

** Members are going to take a look and see if there is interest in joining**

Website Update:

davisbaypac.com is up and running. Jana is still learning the platform but fundraiser information, forms dates and a few events are now up. Needs some new photos and icons, but ultimately functional.

Cost for 3 years domain (with tax): \$88.91

Cost for a year hosting with Wix (with tax): 100.80

This is within the budget allotted for the site. Ongoing fees will be about \$100 a year with more when the domain renews (approx. \$130/year for budget purposes).

Jana can handle renewal and updating until May 2024 when she graduates out.

Jana wants to work on: a 'Greenhouse' section, 'Calendar' section and possibly an 'Archive' section for minutes and budgets.

NEW PLATFORM just launched: *K12 Lunches Inc* is a few online software fundraising platforms that is a simple lunch fundraising platform. No registration, licensing or membership fees. It charges 1% of the transactions that is passed to parents. No need for a separate merchant account. It can also handle other fundraising activities outside of lunches.

<https://www.k12lunches.com/register>

Discussion Jason is going to have a look and see if it's something that might work for us.

BOOK FAIR: The book fair is going to be run as a PAC fundraiser this year.

Childminding: We could bring in some grade 6/7s if childminding is needed.

NEXT PAC MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 17 @ 7PM (DBES LIBRARY AND ZOOM)