

DBES PAC AGM & Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm

In attendance:

Kate Hayward, Victoria Goodier, Jana Curll, Meghan Mathias, Karyna Kornyeva, Jenny Hansen, Camille Tisseur, Rae-dene Pednaud, Ted Chisolm

Regrets: Rachel Watson, Ellen Manson, Jessy Wollen

Agenda Accepted as is.

Thank you Kate for taking minutes.

Land Acknowledgment by Rae-dene.

AGM elections:

- Jana Curll, Chair
 - nominated by Victoria, Meghan Seconded, voted in
- Meghan Mathias, Vice-Chair
 - nominated by Jana, Victoria seconded, voted in
- Rachel Watson, Secretary
 - Volunteered in writing, Meghan seconded, voted in
 - Rachel is requesting a shared position as she is unsure if she can make all the meetings
- Victoria Goodier, Treasurer
 - nominated by Meghan, Kate seconded, voted in
- No one is able to take on DPAC rep at this point, we will continue to promote at each meeting, Jana will cover for now, and Jenny may attend a meeting.
- Members at Large – Jenny and Karen(absent) have volunteered
- Ellen (absent) volunteered to continue as Fundraising Coordinator and Hayley is going to work with her this year.
- Jessy Wollen (absent) has volunteered to be Greenhouse Rep
- Kate Hayward will continue to be Popcorn Coordinator

September PAC Meeting:

Principals Report (reported and submitted):

It has been so wonderful to be back at DBE this year!
We have 9 divisions: 4 in NEST and 5 in DEN

New staff:

- Elspeth Grant-Smith – Numeracy and Literacy Support
- Chris Pugh – NEST 4/5
- Paul Wirth – DEN 3/4
- Dana Savage – EA
- Sue Hinsley – EA
- Francois Blais – EA (temporary for Robin)
- Maria McMullen – Admin Assistant
- Lindsey Benger – Indigenous Education Teacher

A huge shout out and thank you to PAC for organizing the PAC picnic! What a fabulous success and wonderful way to welcome our families! And... the rain took a break for our time together.

Things to Come:

- PD Day on Monday – no school.
- Terry Fox Run 2:00pm on Tuesday, Sept 26. We have parent volunteers. We will collect toonies for Terry all week.
- Science World is coming to present *Things in Motion* to our students on Wednesday afternoon.
- Our Truth and Reconciliation Assembly is on Friday, Sept 29 at 9:15am.
- Monday, October 2nd is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- October 2nd to October 6th all students will be posting their first set of Goal Setting in relation to the Core Competencies.
- October 9th – No school - Thanksgiving

Early Dismissal and Family Conferences are October 11th and 12th (1:50pm). Teachers will be in touch with information about conference times.

Athletics:

- Cross Country for Grade 3-7 has started.
- Volleyball will begin early October. We hope to have a Grade 5-7 Girls team and a Grade 5-7 boys team. Jessy and Krista Wollen are coaching the boys. We are still looking for a girls coach but I will help with this team.

Clubs:

- Craft Club has begun for primaries Wednesday at lunch (might switch to Friday). A group of grade 7s has started a Wednesday lunch grade K-4 sports club in the gym.

Breakfast Program:

- For now we have Alex and the Red Fridge available morning, recess and lunch. We will be part of a breakfast program pilot. I will send more information soon.

Grade 7 Leadership Program and Watercolours programs

Please keep an eye on your email!

Community Schools Report – Ted Chisolm

Kids club programming at the Sechelt Learning center has expanded their capacity and are welcoming more kids, students can bus in from Davis Bay. Please contact him for more information.

Greenhouse, great job Grace keeping it going through the summer, now looking to integrate teachers and students back in. **Action Item:** Ted to facilitate a meeting with Jessy, Jana and Rae-dene to discuss roles moving forward.

Community Schools cont...

Ted will be sending out information on fall work parties to get projects done. Need all experience levels so watch for emails.

Breakfast program is changing to a new temporary pilot program approx. Oct 23 for 8 weeks to provide nutritious top up meals (30 a day). Food will be prepared in a central location and then distributed to schools. Davis Bay, Sechelt Alt School and Kinnikinnick are all participating.

Farm to School program continues this year, more information to come.

DPAC update— Jana

Last meeting was in May, and relevant events have concluded.

There is talk of a seminar for PAC executives on procedures and roles coming in November. More information to come.

DPAC is involved in the strategic planning for the school district.

All minutes are posted on the DPAC section of the SD46 site.

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

Next meeting is September 28, 2023

Treasurer's Report – Victoria

199 students this year, 3 home schooled in our catchment

Currently \$14,609 in our main account and \$2620 in gaming

Gaming grant has been applied for but no word yet

- **Action item:** Budget meeting to be scheduled with executives to finalize the budget to be presented & voted on during the October meeting.

Progressive fundraising letter arrived via email, Victoria to connect with Ellen to see if this is something we want to pursue.

No Fundraising Report

Camile to connect with Ellen for new fundraising idea, brought up the possibility of a raffle at the Christmas concert?

Hot Lunch

Camile and Jenny will connect to discuss.

Goal is to pre-plan lunches for the term to have 2 days a month with hot lunch, Friday seems to be the best day for planning.

- **Action Item:** Call out for volunteers.

Popcorn – Kate

Popcorn is up and running again this year, a good chunk of the school is ordering and staff are jumping on board.

Rae-dene mentioned that it would be great if one of the popcorn volunteers could bring out the compost bin for the bags to be put in so they don't go into the outside garbage.

New Business:

October Event

Would be great to follow up our successful potluck with an October event. Meghan mentioned a possibility of joining with the community association for an event/fundraising.

- **Action item:** Meghan and Victoria to explore the possibility of doing a Halloween themed movie night or game night??

Teacher Appreciation

Planned for October 11 (early dismissal day) 11:30 ish, Chilli and buns to be provided by PAC

- **Action item:** Kate to ask Maria to email all staff to get a count of food preferences for the year (vegan, vegetarian, gluten free)

Scholastic Book Fair

Scheduled for Nov 28-30 2023. This no longer lines up with early dismissal so will need to brainstorm events to encourage parents to come to the school. Kate wants to set up a library club with interested grade 7 students to start creating decorations and getting them hyped for the fair.

Upcoming PAC Meetings

There is some discussion about moving the PAC Meeting to 6pm and we will have Grade 7 volunteers in the gym to watch younger kids.

- **Action Item:** Jana to update website with a page for minutes for public access.
- **Action Item:** Volunteer sign up sheets on the Notice Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday October 17, 2023 (time tbd)