



Parent Advisory Council Meeting (Virtual) MINUTES

Monday September 26, 2022

7:00 – 8:00 PM on Zoom

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In Attendance: Heather Schofield, Andrea Pieters, Marissa Ismay, Kelly Clauson, Alikie Knight, Ben Boon, Dagne Lownie, Bridget McNulty, Jen Cram, Tristan Crowther (Principal), Brigette Gerandol (Vice Principal), Jaclyn Fairburn, Leonie Harper, Christina Currie, Erin Dodds, Fer Downing, Jen Bihlmayr, Jessa Stewart, Larissa Orbua, Leora Fenner, Melanie Cannon, Patricia Buchanan, Sabrina Driedger, Senait Austin, Shannon Sekora, Shari Virjee Tanada, Steph Cross, Vicki Hartjoulakis, Anna Sharonova, Brielle Hamalainen, Ashley Kelly, Diana

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Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting called to order at 7:00pm - Agenda for the meeting was approved (Andrea, Kelly) - Minutes from the June 6, 2022 meeting were approved (Marissa, Kelly) - Heather introduced the PAC Executive Team, teaching administration and staff in attendance. <p>Note that past meeting minutes are posted on the PAC website</p>	Heather Schofield & Andrea Pieters
Treasurer's Report	<p>Kelly provided a summary of the 2022-2023 budget that was approved at the June 6, 2022 meeting. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The revenue for Fun Food (listed as Munch a Lunch in the budget) is expected to be higher, based on its popularity. - The Extra Curricular expenses are based on wish list from staff. - Out of the \$1k budgeted for the Welcome BBQ, only \$730 was spent. - We started this year with \$40k, so with net operating costs of \$28k, we are expecting to start next year with \$12k. - An annual Zoom account has been purchased in order to continue meeting virtually. - Last year's Grade 7 Grad Committee gave \$1,100 to the PAC as a legacy donation. <p>The 2022-2023 Budget is available to view on the PAC website.</p>	Kelly Clauson
Principal's Update	<p><u>School Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principal Crowther noted that the school and the PAC are separate legal entities, so it should be identified who is running an event, for clarity. - School Planning: 	Tristan Crowther

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshops on fostering inclusive culture will be held on Nov 2 (3:45-6pm) and Apr 5 (3:45-6pm) ○ If you would like to attend, please reach out to Principal Crowther. - The school is helping to support PAC communications. - Principal Crowther received great feedback on the Welcome BBQ. - Staff recruitment and retention has been a challenge over the past year. - Principal Crowther reminded everyone to look at the school calendar and note the early dismissal days, parent teacher interviews and staff collaboration days. - For volunteers in the school without teacher supervision, the deadline to complete paperwork is Nov 10. - The Communique newsletter has been re-formatted based on feedback from parents. - For all early dismissals (particularly those on Friday afternoons), please use the Safe Arrival tool rather than calling the school. The Safe Arrival tool can be found in the School Messenger app. Under "Attendance" there is a function to "Report an Absence" – full day, late, early departure, leave & return and multiple day. More details can be found on the school website. - Cross country running is starting on Wednesday, Sept 28 for Grades 4-7. Permission forms and details can be found on the school website. - The Grade 7 Grad Committee is looking for a contact person. [Post meeting note: an information meeting is being held on Oct 13 and a message has been sent by Principal Crowther]. 	
Fun Food Days Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fun Foods is happening again this year! The menu closed for orders on Sept 21. - Reminder that parents must pay for their orders or else their orders will get cancelled. - Prices have gone up this year, due to the rising cost of food. - More volunteers for Thursdays are needed. Please email dlpacfunfoodadm@gmail.com - No Frozen Fridays this fall, but it might happen in 2023 if enough Grade 7 volunteers are available. - \$1,300 was received in donations for families that are not able to participate in Fun Foods due to the cost. - Reminder that garbage cans will be removed from school so all litter must be taken home. Please pack cutlery and a bag for garbage on Thursdays. 	Jen Cram
Community and Spirit Events	<p>Welcome Back BBQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A lot of positive feedback was received, event was well attended. - Andrea extended a huge thank you on behalf of the PAC to everyone who helped to make the event happen – an extra shoutout to Chris Gaydon, Kelly Clauson, Erin Dodds and to the Dorothy Lynas teachers and staff. - We received many donations (Bean Around the World, KidsBooks in Edgemont and Sweet as Treats in Deep Cove). 	Andrea Pieters

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	<p>Northlands donated pencils for the scavenger hunt and Ina Ervin supported the Looking Glass face painters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MaxFrut, Reel Mac n Cheese and Burger Holic each donated \$100 to our PAC. - The PAC received a Neighbourhood Small Grant. <p>Spirit Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spirit Wear is back this year with new designs! The Spirit Wear Store will be open online for orders mid-October. We are grateful that volunteer, Mike Mok is leading this for our PAC. <p>Seymour Pub Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mark your calendars – Nov 18th will be a fun night out for parents! Our Fundraising and Event Chairs (Fernanda and Jenn) have started to plan and collect silent auction prizes and donations. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time, please email emaildpac@gmail.com. <p>Cocoa and Caroling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are planning our “Give Back” December event to benefit a charity on the North Shore. We plan on having a sing-along in the gym and selling hot chocolate to raise money and collect non-perishable items. We have Kid Choir conductor, Suzanne Fulton, helping with the event. More information to come! 	
<p>Fundraising Update</p>	<p>Purdy’s Chocolates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will be selling Purdy’s again this year! Purdy’s gives back 25% to our PAC. The last day to order is Nov 27th. <p>The Art Card Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Katie Gaydon leads this project for PAC. The teachers and your kids do a lot of work! The Art Card project is a very successful fundraiser where your child’s art (from class) is printed onto cards, bags, notebooks and more. Ordering for your art cards will start on October 28. <p>Silent Fundraisers are ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These include MaxFrut Popsicles, Cobs Bakery. A new silent fundraiser this year is Mabel’s Labels. <p>Family Photo Fundraiser was successful – Jennifer Oke from Street Studio took family portraits on the school grounds over the weekend of Sept 24 & 25. Donation of \$860 went to the PAC.</p>	<p>Heather Schofield & Andrea Pieters</p>
<p>Other / New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Committee is being created. Please reach out to emaildpac@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. - Marissa provided a summary of the items in the PAC Cupboard. - Gestures of Kindness for teaching staff is being organized. An idea of collecting teachers’ favourites was suggested. - Class Reps are still needed, please contact your classroom teacher if you are interested in volunteering. - We are setting up a new way of communicating with parents through MailChimp. - Volunteers are needed for the DPAC Rep and the Seycove and Windsor FOS rep. The Safety & Transportation Chair role on the PAC needs to be filled. Please reach out to emaildpac@gmail.com if you are interested. <p>Chess Club</p>	<p>All</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chess Club is returning back to Dorothy Lynas. It will run on Fridays, during lunch hour in the Multi-Purpose Room for students in Grades 1-7. It is \$72 for 9 sessions. It is run by James Chan, a master chess player and his team. There are 30 spots available for this term. <p>Ski Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are finalizing the details in order to bring back the ski club this year! We have confirmed one Thursday and three Wednesday dates in mid Feb/early March. The program will be for Grades 4-7 and we are looking for chaperones. Again, thank you to Chris Gaydon who is working hard on this. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm - PAC Virtual Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2022-2023 are below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday November 21, 2022 ○ Monday January 16, 2023 ○ Monday April 3, 2023 ○ Monday June 5, 2023 (AGM) 	Heather Schofield