



**Parent Advisory Council Meeting (in-person) MINUTES**

Mon, Jan 15, 2024

7:00 pm in-person in the Dorothy Lynas Library

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**In Attendance:** Heather Schofield, Andrea Pieters, Marissa Ismay, Kelly Clauson, Leora Fenner, Jaclyn Fairburn, Martine Borak (DL Staff), Brielle Hamalaninen, Katy Musil, Leonie Harper, Nadia Nascimento, Sarah Coates, Sarah DeVisser, Janice Edmunds, Jess Stewart, Kelly Arvai, Nicole Hiebert, Jen Bihlmayr, Anna Sharonova, Sabrina Driedger

**Regrets:** Tristan Crowther (Principal), Joanna Lane (Vice Principal)

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Member(s) Responsible</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to order 7:04pm &amp; Land Acknowledgement</li><li>• Approve agenda (by Brielle H and Marissa I)</li><li>• Approve last minutes Nov 21, 2023 (by Jaclyn F and Andrea P)</li><li>• Welcome &amp; Introductions</li></ul>	<b>Heather Schofield &amp; Andrea Pieters + PAC</b>
<b>Guest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inclusive Language</li></ul>	<b>Sabrina Driedger</b>
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget Update</li><li>• Fundraising earned amounts (Purdy's, Art Cards, Spirit Wear):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Art Card \$2200</li><li>- Purdy's \$1218</li><li>- Spirit Wear \$600 (approx.)</li><li>- Cob's \$515 (last school year)</li><li>- Return It \$250</li><li>- Mabels Labels \$176</li><li>- Apple \$740</li><li>- Munchalunch approximately \$13,000 from fall term</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Kelly Clauson</b>
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winter Holiday Events(s) – Appreciation</li></ul>	<b>Martine Borak (sitting in for Tristan Crowther)</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Share the appreciations that we have received for the efforts of the students to put on successful concert. Thanks to all that made coming to the school a priority amidst the busy winter holiday</li><li>- PAC representatives/ parents please join us in sending thank you's onto the music teacher, staff and support staff who attended outside their work hours</li><li>• Winter Closures and Parking<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Please prepare for closures for power outage or during the day snowfall. Make sure you have someone on your emergency contact list that can pick up within 25 min.</li></ul></li><li>• Staff Parking Lot<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Parking lot is getting dangerous</li><li>- STOP walking through parking lot at day's end</li><li>- Students nearly struck daily with their parent/guardians.</li></ul></li><li>• DEI - Black Excellence &amp; Lunar New year:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Stay tuned for plans from classroom teachers</li><li>- Attempting to link more student voice/presentation vs. adults into our DEI work</li><li>- See Communique for full details</li></ul></li><li>• Athletics Update:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Parent coaches welcome for possible Volleyball</li><li>- Likely intramural for Volleyball as no coaches have come forward at this time</li><li>- Prepare for Track and Field (forms to come in late Feb.)</li><li>- Admin. will sponsor PAC-led KM club</li></ul></li><li>• Social Media Parent Evening:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">Cybersafe from Exploitation — January 23</a> Hosted by Foundry North Shore and West Vancouver Schools, learn from keynote speaker Tiana Sharifi about addressing modern day sexual exploitation amongst youth in the North Shore community. This free event takes place at the Kay Meet Arts Centre.</li></ul></li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School shared concerns about social media safety and suggested PAC may want to collaborate with school to bring an event together to help parents navigate social media safety with their kids.</li> <li>• Field trips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reminder(s) for Volunteer drivers to get your paperwork in early.</li> <li>- Accident Insurance is not covered by school.</li> <li>- Teachers are responsible to plan alternative activities when not able to attend.</li> <li>- Mount Seymour - M/S tires are required if you are volunteering for this trip.</li> <li>- Cheakamus Season for Lynas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gr. 6 date change, now Feb 26-29. IS being supported by teachers</li> <li>▪ “Touch and go” after Dec. externalizing online behaviour from students.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bylaw reminder that dogs are not allowed on school property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is a safety issue</li> <li>- Family comfort -- some kids have a real fear of dogs</li> <li>- Reminder to clean up after your dogs</li> <li>- Dogs are allowed on park grounds but no dogs allowed on school property</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Hot Lunch Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot Lunch Update + Frozen Fridays now open for ordering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you are able, please order all at once, it reduces our fees so more money goes to PAC</li> <li>- We have student volunteers and it is working really well. 48 kids are needed to run this program, in addition to the parent volunteers!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Litter-less school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expectation is your child will take their containers and garbage coming home</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Please don't send sick people to pick up lunch! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you can't pick up your food, be assured that all extra food gets donated to school staff, so no food gets wasted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Jen Cram or PAC</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No, you can't ask for your food to be given to another child due to allergy concerns</li> <li>• Donation button <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Donation goes directly to families that need extra financial support for hot lunch. Thank you for your generous contributions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Community &amp; Spirit Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Actors Project (starts Jan 15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduces kids to the act of acting. Entire day of acting in total but spread over a couple of weeks. All kids in DL get to go</li> <li>- Big thanks to Ms. Kelly for organizing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• February Family Friendship Dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bring your dancing shoes (runners) to this fun, energetic event!</li> <li>- Thurs Feb 15th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the gym. More information to follow.</li> <li>- Grade 7s will run the concession stand</li> <li>- Thank you to Mme Borak as teacher sponsor</li> </ul> </li> <li>• School staff &amp; teacher breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In December, parents, through the PAC, treated all the hardworking teaching staff, school staff, and school admin to a holiday breakfast to say thank you!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parent &amp; staff raffle for DL toque and Purdy's Survive the Season chocolate box <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A big thanks to all parents who entered our holiday season draw! Two lucky parents (and two lucky staff) won a DL Spirit Wear Toque and Purdy's Survive the Season Chocolate box!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Andrea Pieters</b>
<b>Fundraising Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seycove FOS Auction &amp; gift baskets – Tickets now on sale for the March 9, 2024 event (<a href="http://www.seycoveauction.com">www.seycoveauction.com</a>). Last year \$69,000 was raised, with \$15,000 given to Dorothy Lynas PAC and used to update library furniture.</li> <li>• Ongoing - Mabel's Labels, MaxFruit Popsicles, Cobs, Stong's</li> <li>• Upcoming - Stapleton sausage, Nellie's Naturals, Purdy's @ Easter</li> </ul>	<b>Andrea Pieters &amp; Heather Schofield</b>
<b>Other/New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time to think about joining the PAC Executive in June 2024</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- We are looking for people to join the exec. If you are interested in learning more about PAC exec or Members-At-Large, get in touch. Co-chairing a role is a good way to go.</li><li>• Lego Club (Thurs @ lunch)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lego club starting this week. Thank you to volunteers and donators. Wanted to provide a program that is open to all kids no cost.</li></ul></li><li>• Chess Club (Fridays @ lunch - 2nd session added to accommodate waitlist)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- One of the most popular programs the PAC sponsors. Second classroom has been provided by Mme Orellana to allow the waitlisted kids to be able to join.</li><li>- Thank you Mme Orellana for being the teacher sponsor!</li></ul></li><li>• Ski/Snowboard Club<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ski/Snowboard – 45 spots all full. Starts Feb 13, need 6 volunteers per night, looks like we have enough volunteers. Thank you Leonie for organizing! Volunteer paperwork through school will cover parents for future volunteer roles.</li></ul></li><li>• Windsor FOS Update – nothing to report, next meeting in January TBD</li><li>• EDI Committee meeting Jan 30th @ 7:30 pm on Zoom<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EDI meeting a chance to talk about initiatives we could take on as a PAC – i.e. speakers/presentation at all PAC meetings.</li></ul></li><li>• End of Year BBQ - June 2024<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- End of year BBQ – planning has started. Brielle and Chris are organizing. Details to come</li></ul></li><li>• Afterschool programs - spots still available:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Light's Up Musical Theatre (Mon after school)</li><li>- Maa Yoga (Tues afterschool)</li><li>- PCC Multisport (Thurs after school)</li><li>- Brainstem robotics has a second session available mid-Feb</li></ul></li><li>• Gymsense PAC-funded program coming to school in the spring for all students during school-time</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New parent survey coming this year to help guide PAC goals for next school year. Leonie suggested we talk to her about the software she used as it kept the data collected within Canada.</li></ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting adjourned 8:24pm</li><li>• Next Meeting: April 9th, 2024 from 7-8pm on Zoom</li></ul>	<b>Heather Schofield</b>