



Parent Advisory Council Meeting (in-person) MINUTES

Jan 13, 7:00 – 8:30 PM in Dorothy Lynas Library and on Zoom

PAC Contact: Get all the PAC news, calendar, events, etc. by using the [Konstella App](#). Stay in touch and follow us on social media: [DL PAC website](#); [Instagram](#); [Facebook](#), general email at emaildlpac@gmail.com

In attendance: Andrea P., Erin D., Jenn M., Joaquim., Carol., Sasha T., Sarah C., Heather C., Shelley H., Chris., Kat., Chris D., Kelly C., Melanie H., Sabrina D., Leonie H., Leora F., Nicholle S., Jaclyn F., Pat B., Tristan C., Martine B.

Welcome: Leora F.

- Call to order 7:00pm
- Land Acknowledgement, Leora F.
- Approve agenda: first Sabrina D., and Jaclyn F.
- Approve last minutes Nov 18: first Jaclyn F., second Nicolle S.
- Note that all past meeting minutes are posted on the PAC Website

PAC Report, Leora F.

Friendship Dance (Feb 13, 6-7:30pm)

February 13, 2025; 6-7:30pm; snacks will be available for sale; reminder the following day is ProD day; Tickets on sale beginning of Feb; \$5. We have a local family business will be sponsor Mark and Kristen Hamanishi.

Parent Social Night (April 10, timing TBA)

The parent social will be held at Good Co. The event is a social, but there will also be a raffle and prizes are needed by donation for the raffle.

Spring BBQ (June 12, pending Volunteer Commitment by Jan 31)

The Spring BBQ in June will not be able to go ahead this year if we do not have to volunteers who will take the lead and plan the event. Volunteers will need to commit to the planning by Jan 31. Sasha T. has offered to be one of the leads for the event. If you are interested in learning more please contact Brielle H via Konstella or emaildlpac@gmail.com.

Afterschool Programs, Pat B.

We have three programs up and running with limited space available in each. If you have any feedback (positive or negative) about these programs please reach out to Pat B via Konstella or at emaildlpac@gmail.com.

Lights Up Theatre (K-Gr.7), 3-5pm Mondays

ArtMania (Gr.1-7), 3-4:30pm Tuesdays

Steamoji (Gr.2-4), 3-4:30pm Wednesday (Feb 26 early dismissal, 2pm-3:30pm)

Ski Club, Leonie H.

The ski club is up and running with great success. The program takes place on Wednesdays after school for Intermediate Students, depending on the snow conditions. A thank-you to Leonie for her hard work coordinating the program. Leonie also wanted to extend a thank-you to parents who have volunteered for the program this year. We will be looking for a new lead next year, Leonie has offered to mentor the new lead. The commitment to organize this program takes place outside of school hours. If you are interested in being involved in coordinating the program please reach out to Leonie, or emaildlpac@gmail.com.

Lego Club, Leora F.

The program is always looking for volunteers, it runs on Thursday? at lunch from 12:20-1 in RM 121 (this is after lunch has been eaten). Interested volunteers can contact us at emaildlpac@gmail.com or via Konstella.

Fun Food Lunch, Leora F.

Winter Term orders are now open. A reminder to send utensils and that students will be bringing garbage home. It is important that parents remind students to go and see the Fun Foods Team as soon as they think they are missing something is missing from their lunch order and the team will try to correct it. A huge thank-you for all the support from volunteers and from families for ordering. Also, a big thank-you for the donations in MunchALunch that provide opportunities for students to enjoy hot lunch that otherwise would not be able to participate and support equitable access.

MacMillan Space Centre (Jan 14-17), Leora F.

The MacMillan Space Centre Field Trip is an in-school field trip that is open to students in all students and interested classes over the four days. It is a PAC Sponsored enrichment experience to increase accessibility to Field Trip experiences for all students.

Fundraising, Leora, F.

Fall Term Fundraisers: \$16,000 Total (see below)

- Art Cards \$2009
- Apples \$998
- Silent Fundraisers \$670
- Spirit Wear \$356;
- Purdy's \$1,117
- Fun Foods Fall Term \$12k

Upcoming Winter Term Fundraisers:

- Fun Foods
- Silent Fundraisers (Cobs, Nellies and Mabel's labels, etc. Check out PAC website for details)
- Seycove Auction, no confirmation about the Seycove Auction as of yet

Committees

EDI (Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee), Leora F.

The next EDI meeting is on Jan 30 at 7pm on Zoom. If you would like to join the committee or have any questions you can reach out via Konstella.

DPAC (District PAC), Nicolle S.

Nicolle will be attending the next DPAC meeting on January 29 and report back to our next meeting.

FOS (Family of Schools), Melanie H.

FOS has not had a meeting since November, so no new updates.

Traffic and Safety, Heather C.

None to report.

Principal's Report, Tristan C.

January-March: Scope and Sequence: Black Excellence Day, Lunar New Year, Ramadan, Black History Month, Pink Shirt Day, this is a time where we are honouring different voices. Term 2 Reporting and Spring Break in March.

Enrollment update

There has been no change in enrollment, but there is more 'fluidity' where students are coming and going from the school community. We have had 19 students transition out of the school and 20 join the community this year. At this point we expect that registration and enrollment should be similar in numbers for next year; however increased shifts in and out of the school may indicate a later start to assigned classes in the Fall.

Sentiments from the Administration Team

January and February is a time where the Principals and Vice Principals are able to engage in the school in different ways and spend time outside of the office. The focus rests in Curriculum and Instruction. There is also time allocated towards New Teacher Evaluations. Behavioural challenges have slowed with the start of the new year, which allows for time to be spent connecting in different ways. The Lunch Monitors are active in K-3 Classes with training and activities for the volunteers in the Leadership roles.

How can parents help?

This is a season where further supports to lean in are needed, there is new material being presented, and assessments may reflect a student's grappling with new ideas and new learning.

Grade 7 Parents please regularly review the School District and Secondary School websites for dates and offerings. Dorothy Lynas will send an email tomorrow (January 14) with a short summary of options for transitioning to Grade 8 and out of the Dorothy Lynas Community, but we do not send updates unless directed by our colleagues. Grade 7 parents are to manage the opportunities and processes for their child.

School Planning

The school planning document has been updated and will be posted soon.

-Shift our scope and plan into the Language of a "Journey " with your children. Executive Functioning is going to have a shift where staff will take into account developmental differences and neurodiversity. The shift in the scope in response to parent and teacher feedback. Staff will approach the School Goals at the February Collaboration early dismissal (Feb 26 early dismissal, 2pm-3:30pm). Classroom Teachers will be the leads in communicating. An appreciation to parents and community members for their feedback thus far.

-Added reading as to plausible "Why" (Simon Senek) to better understand context to work alongside home-school and provide clarity onto the students and the Executive Functioning needs we are seeing.

-Anchor Texts:

Think Again, Adam Grant

Anxious Generation, Jonathan Haidt

Unreconciled: Family, Truth, and Indigenous Resistance, Jesse Went

Also drawing from our: EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) , MDI (Middle Years Development Index where students self-report) data, which we have shared with Coastal Health

Literacy:

Looking at the data at Dorothy Lynas, in areas like mark distribution in the classroom, but also across the District with regards to Literacy Skills. The data being used is from the Learning Updates (MyEd) and some FSA Data. The Grade 4 & 7 FSA will be going home on January 29th. The focus is to expand and provide more data in Literacy to invoke more data-driven dialogue (example, meeting on January 10 with District Principal of Curriculum Instruction Assessment, Jeenece Chand). We are engaging staff with where we are, in response to this data, and what our areas of focus are. We have had a change in staffing with French Immersion Literacy; however the resources that were purchased by the PAC will stay in the school.

Cheakamus Centre

We now know that there will not be an overnight for the Grade 3 student to Cheakmus Centre, there is an overnight for the Grade 4-5.

Treasurers Report, Kelly C.

We are on track with the spending this year. The budget is balanced and up to date.

Grade 7 Graduation, Kelly C.

Grade 7 Grad fundraisers have been going well. The Grade 7 Parents Group will be meeting shortly, and a thank-you to Dorothy Lynas for the support. Tristan C. extends a thank-you to the organizers of the Winter Market that was exceptional.

Other/New Business

None to report

Funds Allocation (New Requests for PAC Funds)

-School staff and admin asked about whether PAC would be open to receiving funding requests from school staff and admin throughout the school year or only during the annual

budgeting process. PAC replied that it is open to receiving requests at any time. Funds can be reallocated or specific fundraising can be initiated to meet the need if voted on.

School staff and admin asked if the PAC prefers to allocate funds to funding requests that benefit all students or if PAC was open to other requests. EDI is the goal, so requests that support a EDI and/or a larger scope of children is the focus for any new requests.

-PAC Budgets run at different times than the school does (Sept – April), but PAC is open to requests being submitted at different points of the year. Preference was indicated towards requests being presented in person from staff at the PAC Meetings; more information with regards to process to come.

-A Request from Tristan C. for the PAC to have a Purchasing Card rather than have the School purchase for the PAC; however this prevents the GST Savings which is a spending concern for PAC.

Adjournment: 7:41pm

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm.
 - Next Meeting: February 24, 2025 – PAC Meeting & Open Discussion
- PAC Meeting Dates for 2024-2025 are below:
 - September 24, 2024 – First PAC Meeting of the year
 - November 18, 2024 – PAC Meeting
 - January 13, 2025 – PAC Meeting
 - February 24, 2025 – PAC Meeting & Open Discussion
 - April 15, 2025 – PAC Meeting