

Parent Advisory Council Meeting (in-person) MINUTES

April 15, 7:00 – 8:00 PM in Dorothy Lynas Library and on Zoom

PAC Contact: Get all the PAC news, calendar, events, etc. by using the <u>Konstella App</u>. Stay in touch and follow us on social media: <u>DL PAC website</u>; <u>Instagram</u>; <u>Facebook</u>, general email at <u>emailalpac@gmail.com</u>

In attendance: In person: Online: Melanie H, Leoni, Andrea P, Jaclyn F, Leora F, Brielle H, Kelly C, Tristan C, Ashley R, Online: Cindy W, Camila N, Sarah C, Sasha K, Nadia N, Kat J.,

Welcome: Leora F.

- Call to order 7:13pm
- Land Acknowledgement, Cindy W.
- Approve agenda: Jaclyn F, Kat J.
- Approve last minutes: Brielle H., Kelly C.
- Note that all past meeting minutes are posted on the PAC Website

Special Parent Presentation, Chantelle N. (Talking to our Kids about Anti-Racism and Discrimination)

Chantelle N. (she/her) is a Teacher, parent, facilitator, and public speaker specializing in DEI Training. Chantelle shared the work she has done within the North Vancouver School District to broach conversations and provide education around anti-racism and discrimination within our communities and how to look out for the collective. The hope is that the discussion and talk provide some take-away approaches to support healthy dialogue and fostering a healthy community.

Principal/Vice Principals Report, Tristan C & Ashley R.

French Immersion

Dorothy Lynas has been part of a pilot French Immersion OLEP support. OLEP is a program where the B.C. Ministry of Education and Child Care provides additional funding to school districts that offer French immersion. The funding allows a TOC to be brought into classrooms so that teachers can pull out small groups, multiple times per week, and work with them to provide extra support and assessment in literacy and numeracy. We have just completed the first three weeks and will be able to continue until June.

Emergency Release

Emergency Release is scheduled for June 16; process is to be streamlined.

Class Placement Process

There is conversation across the District about parent input with response to Class Placement. Last year there were 295 parent placement forms at Dorothy Lynas. The school administration will set aside time on Wednesday mornings between 10:40-11:15am for in-person meetings, as

required or requested. These meetings are intended for confidential information sharing, such as changes in child custody, educational rights, legal contact orders between community members, assessments being completed over the summer months, and student safety and medical accommodations that require specific accessibility. Also, an understanding that despite prudent planning in the Spring, reorganization of the school may occur without our prior knowledge.

PAC Report, Leora F. & Brielle H.

At our next meeting in June we will be voting on the PAC Executive and welcome anyone who is interested in joining the PAC to reach out.

- Co-Chair
- Co-Treasurer
- Primary and Intermediate Parent Reps
- Events/Community Building Lead
- Communication Lead
- Members at Large
- We hope to encourage more parents to join the PAC Executive (one Primary Parent and one Intermediate Parent).

Thank-You to Teachers, Leora F.

PAC has extended thank-you's and appreciations to all of the Staff at Dorothy Lynas, but an extra thank-you for the Staff supporting our extra-curricular and enrichment events (Track and Field, Outdoor Learning, Literacy Week)

Tents, Leora F.

Tents have been purchased by the PAC for upcoming Social and Sporting events. A thankyou to Leah B., for her support in this design.

PAC Programs and Events

GoodCo Parent Night, Brielle H.

We were able to raise \$1350 during the parent night at GoodCo, about 50 parents were in attendance. It was a fun and casual event.

Seycove Auction, Brielle H.

The Seycove Auction is Online this year, we are now up to 100 auction items. April 18 the Online Auction will open and May 3 is the Dinner Dance at Seycove.

Spring BBQ - Year-End-Carnival, Brielle H.

The Social Committee is busy planning. There will be bouncy castles, games, face-painters, and prizes, there will be some carnival food for sale at the event as well.

Kayak and Paddleboard Clubs, Leora C.

The start is April 30 (there is a five week segment), there will be another five week segment offered afterwards. At this point there is no transfer to the site available, if students are participating the parents will need to take them to Deep Cove Kayak directly at 4pm.

Kilometre Club, Sarah C.

May 7-June 6 will be the Kilometre Club dates with an intentional overlap with the Bike to School week June 5-10. Volunteer sign-up is available through <u>Konstella</u>. This is not a drop-off program, and parents are to be with their children who are participating until school starts. Thank you to this year's organizers: Sarah C, RJ S, and Melanie C.

Fun Food Days, Sarah S.

A few reminders that if students have issues with their lunch and/or if any items are missing they should visit the Fun Food Team on that day (located next to the music room). A reminder that all waste is to go back home with the student, and not disposed of in the school. Fun Food is looking for new volunteers and will explore additional vendors for next year.

Treasurer Report, Kelly C

A few items have been shifted to support getting the Outdoor Tents, Welcome Figure (which is now here), and an increased spending in Staff Appreciation tokens of appreciation. We have had an increase in Fundraising from the GoodCo Parent Social and the Seycove Auction.

Vote: iPad Support, Brielle H.

PAC voted to reallocate the funds for the budget item "Social Emotional Learning" to support the purchase of one iPad per classroom (15 primary classes). The PAC was not able to bring the Social Emotional Learning program to the school this year. Total cost is \$8938.28 for the 15 iPads, Cases, and Screen Protectors. The PAC voted unanimously in favour of reallocating the funds and going ahead with the purchase of one iPad/classroom.

Committee Report

DPAC (District PAC), Leora H

Nothing new to report.

EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion), Cindy W.

EDI is planning to host a parent night and inviting Chantelle N. to facilitate a discussion around anti-racism and discrimination.

Family of Schools, Melanie H.

The Family of Schools community and chat continues to be active. Many activities taking place in the schools. Seymour Heights had a very successful raffle ticket fundraiser.

Traffic and Safety, Leora F.

Nothing to report, Heather C. absent.

Grade 7 Graduation, Kelly C.

Order your Spring plants now and support Grade 7 fundraising. Order Your Spring Plants HERE Grade 7 Parents are hosting a pool party on Friday April 25 at Karen Magnussen Pool.

AGM (Annual General Meeting), Brielle H.

A reminder that the AGM is on June 3.

Other/New Business

None to report

Adjournment: 7:45pm

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.
- Next meeting: June 3 PAC Meeting (AGM)
- PAC Meeting Dates for 2024-2025 are below:
 - September 24, 2024 First PAC Meeting of the year

- o November 18, 2024 PAC Meeting
- o January 13, 2025 PAC Meeting
- o February 24, 2025 PAC Meeting & Open Discussion
- o April 15, 2025 PAC Meeting
- o June 3, 2025 PAC Meeting and AGM