



Dorothea Walker Elementary School
Minutes of PAC General Meeting
January 19, 2023
Meeting Commenced at 6:08 pm

Attendees:

- DWE PAC Executive:
 - a) Jen Widmer – DWE PAC President
 - b) Kyla Van Eck – Past President
 - c) Jennifer Drever – Secretary
 - d) Trudi Trask – Co-Treasurer
 - e) Roseanne Kufeldt – Volunteer/ Communications Coordinator
 - f) Shane Styles – FFN volunteer
 - g) Nicole Goodis – DWE PAC Vice President
 - h) Kim Hafeman – Member at Large
 - i) Ashley Rowan – Parent Participant
 - j) Ashleigh Christensen – Member at Large
 - k) Renee Woolley – Member at Large
 - l) Bryan Heroux – Parent Participant
 - m) Jessica Petrie – Parent Participant / Yearbook Volunteer
 - n) Diane McLean – Parent Participant
 - o) Lisa Wilson – Parent Participant
 - p) Briana Havey – Member at Large
 - q) Teralee Burton – Co-Treasurer
 - r) Stephanie Becker – Hot Lunch Coordinator

DWE Administration:

- Marie Josee Bedard, Principal

Meeting Chaired by:

- DWE PAC President, Jen Widmer

1) **Call to Order, Welcome, Approve previous meeting minutes & Approve agenda**

- a) DWE PAC welcomes all parents of DWE students and DWE administration
- b) Territory Acknowledgement.
 - i) DWE PAC acknowledges that our community is located on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Syilx/Okanagan people.
- c) Motion to approve meeting minutes from October:
 - (1) First: Roseanne Kufeldt
 - (2) Second: Kim Hafeman
- d) Motion to approve agenda for tonight's meeting:
 - i) First: Roseanne Kufeldt
 - ii) Second: Kim Hafeman

2) **Administration Update** (Marie Josee Bedard)

- a) Things going very smoothly here. Some other schools in the district have been dealing with challenges such as pipes bursting during the coldest week, has been stressful at other schools. We have been very fortunate for our students
- b) Sex health education started with grade 4, 5, 6. Experts come in and do this every week at different schools in the district. Very exciting time for the students. Parents can support their children with at home discussions as needed.

- c) OKM drama production taking place and this will be a fieldtrip for some of our older classes
- d) Grade 3's starting up with swimming at the end of February and early march. Unfortunately, split classes have kids in other grades that won't be accommodated.
- e) Transition to KLO for grade sixes, very exciting
- f) Floor hockey starting up, basketball starting up for grade 4-6
- g) Spirit week next week
 - i) Monday is tie dye
 - ii) Tuesday spirit day
 - iii) Wednesday wacky hair
 - iv) Thursday is opposite day
 - v) Friday is pajama day
- h) Early dismissal February 9 and 10... dismissal will be 12:25 those days for parent teacher conferences.
- i) February 17 is a PD day
- j) February 20 is Family day holiday

3) **Bellevue Creek Request for Gaming Funds: Discussion and Vote (Jen Widmer)**

- a) We received a letter from Bellevue Creek Elementary PAC formally requesting a one time reallocation of gaming funds totalling \$3000.00. (See attached letter for reference)
- b) Open Floor Discussion:
 - i) We received \$9860 in gaming funds. You need to be a PAC for an entire year before you can apply.
 - ii) You apply in June and receive the money the following Fall
 - iii) When we lost grade 6 English to canyon falls, their PAC requested similarly and we did give them an amount based on the amount of seats
 - iv) Kyla: they are requesting funds for children that actually didn't attend this school last year. Some of their kids would have come from our catchment
 - v) Ashleigh: they have 155 students total at Bellevue Creek
 - vi) Shane: How does the budget look? Can we afford to help them out with this?
 - vii) Rosie: We should get a school trustee involved? The district promised Bellevue Creek \$5000 to get their PAC up and running and has never delivered on this promise.
 - viii) Other thoughts: we have a loan, can we afford this deficit because we will be receiving less gaming funds this year as a result of those kids no longer being here

Bryan Heroux: Motion to vote on approval of the \$3000 requested by Bellevue Creek Elementary from 2022 gaming fund as per their formal request.

Second: Trudi Trask

Discussion again

All but one person in the room voted in favour.

Motion passed.

4) **Playground Review and Update (Kyla):**

- a) Current playground (phase I) installed in Sept 2021
- b) Previous equipment from 80's, breaking equipment, accessible playground not present in this region
- c) Everything that the arrows point to on the handout would be phase II (see attachment)
 - i) Current quote does not include installation costs
- d) Rubber accessibility piece (river and rubber) would be phase III
- e) Next steps: waiting for installation costs from school district. Then, if PAC budget is approved, we can move forward with phase II.
- f) The school district has already committed to a summer installation
- g) Nicole Goodis has offered to write a grant for the tire foundation that would be part of phase III
- h) Encouragement for group to volunteer to be part of this committee. Contact Kyla if you want to help!

5) Financial Update & Budget Discussion (Trudi Trask)

a) Nov and Dec Financial Review

- (1) Spirit wear sales
- (2) Tbones and save on \$780 net
- (3) Paid bursary \$775
- (4) December growing smiles \$280
- (5) Art cards \$3000
- (6) Family photos \$975
- (7) Dance \$750
- (8) Purdy's \$1400
- (9) Hot lunch has been successful but our vendors are currently owed some money via invoices coming in now.

ii) Trudy: Motion to accept the November and December budget:

- (1) First: Roseanne Kufeldt
- (2) Second: Renee Wooley
- (3) All in favour.
- (4) Motion passed.

b) 2022/2023 PAC Budget Approval

- Trudi presented the budget spreadsheet on the projector to the group
- School doesn't have an official wish list prepared this year but we do have about \$5500 that we can allocate to the "wish list". Teachers can submit their requests to Mme Bedard for discussion next meeting.
- Trudi highlighted things that have historically been on the wishlist that the PAC did provide funds for:
 - a) We traditionally give about \$1200 for Gardam Lake trip. Most seem in favour of doing this again.
 - b) Discussion of \$300 for extracurricular sports wrap ups (small pizza party on last day for teams etc).
 - c) Mme. Bedard stated that some things teachers are asking us for:
 - i) Mme Ziebart wants improved lighting in the gym so lighting can be dimmed for productions
 - ii) More ipads for better ratio of devices to children
 - d) Again, these are all discussion stage at the point, all we know for sure is that we have \$5500 allocated in our budget and we will decide officially at next meeting.
- Motion to approve 2022/2023 PAC Budget
 - a) First: Bryan Heroux
 - b) Second: Ashleigh Christensen
 - c) All in favour.
 - d) Motion passed.

6) Fundraisers/Events

- a) FFN Budget Approval (Jen Widmer) – was technically approved as part of the overarching budget discussed in item #5 of tonights agenda.
 - i) Projected revenue of \$17000 and budget of \$8700
 - ii) Hard to gauge this year because population is 350 students rather than previously 500
 - iii) However, last year was hard to gauge because it had been a few years since able to take place and also, we had rain the night of the event.
- b) Hot lunch
 - i) Fork issue – two new vendors will not be providing cutlery
 - (1) Discussion in the room that we support Stephanie Becker with stopping cutlery supplied by her immediately.
 - (a) Expensive
 - (b) Environmental impact
 - (2) No cutlery will be given out anymore

- c. Valentines hot chocolate – Feb 16 (day before long weekend)
 - a. Decided on this date because field trips taking place other days in the week so this way nobody will miss out.
 - b. Renee, Ashley Rowan, Nicole, Lisa Wilson, Jessica, Kim are the volunteers that will help with this
 - d. Spring Dance – tentative date April 14 – will discuss next meeting
 - e. Yearbook update: Jessica Petrie
 - a. consensus is that we will have one for the whole school and that it costs around \$15 each. We can charge about \$20 and then it can be a fundraiser.
7. Eduardo’s COPAC update can wait until next month as he is not in attendance tonight.
8. New business:
- a. Shane brought up that he has been going to the schoolboard meetings and wanted to take a pulse in the room to see if we feel we are being well-represented at the COPAC level and the School District level as parents.
 - i. He gave examples:
 - 1. Does anyone else have an issue with how things are funded etc?
 - 2. COPAC is a very small group of people that are supposed to represent 40 000 parents in the district. When he attended a meeting there, he was challenged for asking questions. Not very democratic or inclusive. Is this something we want to discuss as a group in a future meeting?
 - 3. Just an example: a trustee put forward a motion to eliminate a question period from board meetings. This motion was denied, however, it seemed concerning that it was brought forward as a motion in the first place.
 - 4. The COPAC meetings happen every month on a Monday. All parents are encouraged to attend.
 - 5. District school board meetings also occur biweekly. Schedule can be found online. All parents are encouraged to attend. They are also on zoom but you have to be in person to ask questions.
9. Other Business/ Adjournment of Meeting:
- Next meeting: proposal that we meet in February and again in March because a lot to discuss in the Spring:
 - Wednesday, February 8 in person → In favour by those in the room
 - Wednesday, March 8 in person → In Favour by those in the room.
 - Motion to adjourn @ 8:09 PM:
 - o First: Rosie
 - o Second: Ashleigh
 - o Adjourned.