



Dorothea Walker Elementary School
Minutes of PAC General Meeting
February 8, 2023
Meeting Commenced at 6:03 pm

Attendees:

- DWE PAC Executive:
 - a) Jen Widmer – DWE PAC President
 - b) Trudi Trask – Co-Treasurer
 - c) Jennifer Drever – Secretary
 - d) Eduardo Martinez – COPAC Representative
 - e) Ashleigh Christensen – Member at Large
 - f) Briana Havey – Member at Large
 - g) Nicole Goodis – DWE PAC Vice President
 - h) Stephanie Harlund – Member at Large
 - i) Renee Wooley – Member at Large
 - j) Diane McLean – Parent Participant
 - k) Kim Hafeman – Member at Large

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 January:
 - (1) First: Nicole Goodis
 - (2) Second: Renee Wooley
- d) Motion to approve agenda for tonight's meeting:
 - i) First: Renee Wooley
 - ii) Second: Kim Hafeman

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

- a) Things going very smoothly here.
- b) Lots of field trips going right now. There is so much excitement and activity going on at the school and it is fantastic to see
- c) Drama festival – some changes may take place to allow the best opportunity for the children to have the best experience. Please stay tuned for that. Some parents volunteering to help with props etc. Students very excited, practicing lines etc.
 - i) Currently being held the two weeks before spring break but this could change. Kids will have a chance to sit and watch one day and perform another day depending on their music day.
 - ii) Mme Ziebart still looking for volunteers – please reach out if interested
- d) Harmony Day on February 15 – to celebrate culture and diversity and differences. This is a district level initiative. Wear a shirt that has some positivity on it.
- e) Valentine's day – February 14
- f) Pink shirt day on February 22 – fight the idea of excluding or isolating or bullying or being unkind

- g) Spirit wear February 24
 - h) Early dismissal taking place Feb 9/10 for parent teacher interviews
 - i) February 17 no school – PD Day
 - j) Students who are going on to middle school – all English go to Canyon Falls without applying and French students go on to KLO without applying. This is because we are a feeder school for those programs. If you want something different or are planning on switching programs then you must let the school know/or apply to the new school. Otherwise, registration will be implied.
 - k) KLO and Canyon Falls coming to give an info session to the students in the higher grades about course selection etc.
 - l) Anticipation that we may lose overall student number by about 50 kids because of losing grade 2's next year and no new kids coming in for next year, which is unusual for DWE but still this limbo period but will normalize the following year.
- 3) **Playground Update – Kyla not here tonight, Jen Widmer passed along message:**
- a) Phase II has been approved is scheduled for this summer, with the intention to be finished before September when the kids come back. The district has confirmed (by Kyla who is not in attendance tonight) that the equipment has been ordered and is scheduled for a July delivery date
 - b) Nicole applying for two grants – will report back on this, would be for phase III
- 4) **Financial Update & Budget Discussion – Trudi Trask**
- a) Motion to accept the January 2023 Financials as presented:
 - i) First: Ashleigh Christensen
 - ii) Second: Nicole Goodis
 - b) Belleview Creek PAC received their money as discussed at last meeting – they are very appreciative
 - c) Motion to transfer \$37 000 from Chequing account to the playground account (\$15 000 for equipment, \$22 000 for installation). This will earn an additional \$40/month in interest
 - i) First: Nicole Goodis
 - ii) Second: Kim Hafeman
- 5) **PAC FAQ's (Jen Widmer)**
- a) Announcement that there is a google doc on the PAC website for any questions about where things are kept or information about previous PAC events etc.
 - b) People can approach Jen with questions
- 6) **Fundraisers/ Events**
- a) Hot lunch – going well. A survey was sent about what we want to see more
 - i) keep sending cutlery
 - b) Hot Chocolate – kids must bring their own mug – not a huge concern about kids forgetting their mug because they think this is so exciting but we do have a few extras
 - c) Snow Ball recap – Ashleigh Christensen –
 - i) a bit difficult when it is winter when you can't send people outside.
 - ii) We did make money
 - iii) parents need further clarification in advance that you can't have a babysitter bringing the kids, nor can parents drop their kids off. You can parent pool but not just straight drop off.
 - iv) Some feedback – so much recycling went in the garbage and this is lost revenue but also environmentally sad. Better labelling in the future and committing volunteers to helping cleanup?
 - d) Spring Dance – April 14 – community event - if we make money then great but it is for supporting school culture. Do we even want to do a dance or should we do a movie night this spring? Currently no volunteers to organize so if nobody replies being interested then we will not be doing this in 2023 – Putting a pin on this for now
 - e) Upcoming Fundraisers – Steph Harlund did this before and is handing it off to Nicole Goodis
 - i) Purdy's– Steph Harlund is very busy right now and is interested in showing someone else how to do this. Nicole Goodis interested in taking this over. Also the Belleview Creek PAC wants some guidance of how to do this. Pickup for Purdy's before Easter but the forms go out after Valentine's day (21st

week). Should be delivered between April 3-6. Could be delivered to someone's house to do all the sorting etc. before the week of delivery.

- ii) Growing Smiles – should we do this later this year so that it can coincide with when people plant their gardens? Campaign running week after easter (April 17 week) and delivered a week before may long weekend around May 15-19. (tentative).
- iii) Jen will send email to Rosie about Save on and Tbones for May – TBD on this
- b) Grade 5/6 year end committee – no rep here today for update. No word that any issues with that.
- c) Yearbooks – Jessica Petrie
 - i) Anyone that has pictures (teachers or parents) it will all be uploaded to a dropbox.
 - ii) It depends on how many orders we get how many pages we can afford – more orders makes the per page cost go down. We would like to keep the cost less than \$18 so we can keep the yearbook around \$25 per child and still have a buffer. Logistics discussion about when we can get the pictures for this and when the books will be delivered. Cover art contest? First place front cover, second place back cover and you get a Free yearbook if you win? Cut off date for ordering yearbooks? First few weeks of May? Should the cover art contest be earlier? Jessica to coordinate with MJ. Hot lunch site will be where you buy the yearbooks. MJ will help proofread the French part.
- d) FFN – need volunteers (always welcome – lots of areas that will need help) – Ashleigh is the new co-coordinator!

7) **COPAC Update – Eduardo Martinez**

- a) School District 23 has 24k students
- b) Based on each student, roughly \$7800 per student is allotted
- c) The district does not give money for new builds
- d) A survey is going to come out to ask for feedback. People often say “why don't we get more schools built?” but the district doesn't make decisions or have money for this. It comes from the ministry.
- e) Write a letter to your MLA requesting more schools to be built. Template for this? Encourage parents to sign it!
- f) \$2 million will be going to building and relocating portables, so why don't we ask for money from the ministry
- g) SD23 is at 106% capacity. The school counts as 100% if it is full. Over 100% if there are portables in use.
- h) Affordability fund will not be in the budget next year. Families can still apply for fees to be waived but the affordability fund will not be happening next year.
- i) Budget for 23/24 will be finalized week before spring break
- j) Three ways to get involved – public meeting, questionnaire -> link on website
- k) CUPE ratified the collective bargaining agreement
- l) PAC impact survey needs to be done – Eduardo to do it
- m) Eduardo to ask Simon for template letter or postcard to send to ministry.

8. New business:

- a. Rosie and Nicole are redoing the bylaws. A physical copy needs to be posted in the office and electronic copy circulated for one month and feedback can be given before it passes at a future PAC meeting.

9. Other Business/ Adjournment of Meeting:

- a. Wednesday, March 8 in person → was decided on last meeting

10. Motion to adjourn @ 7:23 PM:

- o First: Nicole Goodis
- o Second: Trudi Trask
- o Adjourned.