**MINUTES**



**DONNA GABRIEL ROBINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC MINUTES**

**February 4, 2025**

Attendance: 10

Voting members: 7

Administration: Nathan Erker, via Teams

Executive Members: Jennifer Shelford, Elena Maynes, Karli Lazenby*,* Angela Kim, Bianca Sinclair, Candice Sellers, Nicole Cotiangco

Absent: Jiya Mela

General Members: 2

**Introduction:**

The meeting was called to order by Bianca Sinclair at 6:31pm, noting that we respectfully acknowledge we work and learn on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations.

**Principal’s Report:**

* Kindergarten registration update - will have well over 100 registrants by the time it is closed, new school has 107 registrations as well. Families that were registering for kindergarten would have received a communication regarding EDI form, somewhat of a questionnaire for entry.
* Grade five parents would have received the NDI form which allows students to answer questions on social-emotional feedback; allows for future planning.
* On behalf of the school, thank you to the Parent Advisory Committee for the playground additions; Mr. Erker has reached out for school district assistance re: installation and what could be covered, awaiting response. District grounds person will also work with Swing Time for a community install as well, would save the school approximately $10,000 for install costs.
* Tomorrow Kindergarten students will perform the dragon dance for lunar new year celebration as well as spring festival.
* Basketball is up and running, going very well; kids new to the sport as well as those that have been playing club sports for a while. Mr. Erker is running boys’ teams and Ms. McCrae running girls’ teams. First games are tomorrow, families welcome to join and cheer.
* March 4-6 Scholastic Book Fair, looking for additional volunteers to assist, sign up request has been forwarded via email.
* School has been without the aboriginal support worker since the third week of September, Mr. Erker met with Marcelo from the school district – Deanna Miller will be joining the school once per week in this capacity; Deanna has connected with Mr. Erker on some items she will be planning out such as language acquisition. Thirteen students in the school have self-identified as indigenous, Mr. Erker believes the number is higher and Deanna may be able to assist with exploring this.
* DPAC meeting on February 13th will host a presentation by speaker Hannah Beach supporting children with anxiety, those feeling overwhelmed, with discussion in the context of screen age, peer interaction and ways to parent this child.
* Question – aside from knocking on windows, maps provided, etc. – is there anything else we could be doing to support parents to park in permitted areas during drop off and pick up times of high volume? Open discussion was held with suggestions and review of methods previously tried with varying degrees of success.
* Any possibility of reserving additional spaces when the townhomes are open across the street, i.e. reserving spaces? Discussion noted intent to connect with developers. Additionally, idea to have some signage on the S curves, possibility of putting business card-sized note on windshields. Issue at hand is that the school is a community, members should participate accordingly, and the ongoing parking situation has created some challenging safety situations and some hard feelings.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Financial Review of January – Gaming account approved and seconded by Bianca and Elena. General account approved and seconded by Bianca and Jennifer.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Review of January Minutes – approved and seconded by Angela and Elena.

**DPAC Report**

DPAC update – Brian, the current DPAC President is stepping down, and Jennifer Pyper, Vice President 1 has been awarded the role. Reiterating the upcoming Hannah Beach engagement at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU).

**Old Business**

Pink Shirt Update – will not be going forward with a vendor this year, but did obtain a fundraising report from 9Block from the Spirit Wear sales – PAC has made $148.30 profit, intending to run a spring campaign as well, dates to be determined.

Movie night Friday, February 28th – ticket sales open on Munch-a-Lunch as of this morning, flyer has been distributed, Sign Up Genius page has been created for volunteers (thank you, Nicole). The PAC has some candy to package up for treat bags to be sold on site prior to the movie start; Nicole might have bags to use for this, will buy more if needed.

Spring Dance – Bianca obtained a quote from the DJ from our Hallowe’en dance, noting the service fee is $450 but previously he did not charge us for assembly and would be charging us for the service this time, $125.00 additional. His set up will include lights for a total of $600 altogether, does not require a deposit. Olivia did not have a quote for the alternate DJ, will provide this via email tomorrow or the next day. Group will compare quotes and then decide.

Discussion re: printing tickets once sales close and distributing to teachers to hand out prior to dance to save time at the gym doors; will also have printed sheets on hand in case tickets are lost.

*Addendum – Olivia provided a quote from DJ Stylebionic that would be $550.00 plus tax, including set up and take down, travel, black lights, fog machine, lasers and disco lighting, with accommodation for a sensory sensitive portion. The PAC voted unanimously February 9th to select this DJ for the dance.*

Purdy’s Easter Order – Elena and Jennifer have set up a fundraiser for Easter, will run from March 10th (week prior to spring break) through April 3rd. Closing the sales on the 3rd, Jennifer and Elena will connect with Purdy’s on April 4th and finalize the fundraiser, delivery is expected in the following week, any day from the 7th-10th, depending upon the volume ordered. Brochures have been received and labelled with the fundraiser number and will be ready to distribute to classes/teachers prior to the start of the fundraiser. Volunteers will be needed in the week of the 7th-10th to sort the orders. Bianca will have a post ready for the Facebook page to support.

Request was voiced for the addition of the PAC Facebook page in the monthly newsletter from Mr. Erker – Nicole will connect with Mr. Erker.

Playground update – please refer to the Principal’s Report above.

**New Business**

New Fundraising opportunities:

Canadian First Aid supplies, rebate is 40% once we sell $500. This opportunity could run from after Valentine’s Day up to Purdy’s order in March, Nicole will request brochures but noted they had said there would be a delay in delivering the brochures, might not receive until March. Discussion to post on Munch a Lunch with updated options and pricing, and launch via Facebook page, then we will provide brochures to send home with students as a reminder.

Neufeld’s – discussion of this option as a potential, have not had many food sales as far as members could recall over the past few years.

Suggestion of blanket sales – Olivia will investigate this, logos or without logos, will follow up and obtain information for the next meeting.

TCBY – does bucket sales, and the students seem to really enjoy the TCBY days, but there is concern re: storage for this fundraiser, would they have a truck for delivery, which is how Neufeld’s sets up for a scheduled afternoon pick up? Inquiries will need to be made.

Tennis Centre – the site owners are out of town right now, Olivia has spoken with the general manager and will be connecting with owners upon their return, will be set up for Spring, will determine what dates will work.

Pub Night – discussion of locations, idea of requesting parent donations for a silent auction. Group decided on Jimy Mac’s as the location, date to be confirmed with the pub. Licenses will be determined once date is confirmed. Discussion of back up locations held just in case of need.

Fun fair – discussion of tabling this event until next year given advanced planning that needs to take place for reservations for various components, thoughtful planning required to protect grounds.

*Addendum – Biance was also in contact with Kona Ice regarding their fundraising opportunities and they confirmed they would provide 20% back in sales if we schedule them for April.*

**Open Discussion**

Black History Month February 2025 – Black History Matters – a talk with Giselle Clerk via Eventbrite.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.