



David Oppenheimer Elementary School
Wednesday, December 8, 2021, PAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 6:47pm

In attendance: Esther Moreno, Sara DiMarino, Liz Baca, Tina Ton, Denice Banfield, Hope Sterling, Serena Woo, Wilma, Lesley Lopez, Vivian Kuan, Kelly, Lisa Merrick, Persis H, Wendy Russo, Ahuttunen, Mami Iimura

I. 6:45 – 6:50 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order – Esther Moreno & Sara DiMarino

Land Acknowledgements

Adopt Agenda by Esther Moreno, Seconded by Sara DiMarino

Adopt Minutes from November 10, 2021 by Liz Baca, Seconded by Tina Ton

II. 6:50 – 7:10 School Report – Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

a) Season of Giving

Parents: We are so blessed to have such thoughtful families at Oppenheimer. Thank you to our parents for donating 7 gift cards to food stores.

Staff: This holiday season we had a Tree of Giving in our staffroom. Staff picked a “snowflake”, and then played secret Santa for an Oppie family. We did our best to include all the families we thought would benefit, but please let us know in January if we missed anyone.

VSBC: We now have 43 lunches coming from the VSBC free lunch program.

SVFP: And we are very thankful for Julio at South Vancouver Family Place for supporting many of our families with food delivered weekly, right to their doors!

MLA: We also still have a few backpacks that were donated by George Chow, our MLA. We are happy to give those away to any students or parents in need.

If you know of anyone in need of any of these supports, please contact me directly at oppenheimer@vsb.bc.ca or call 211 to access provincial resources.

b) Report Cards – In years gone by, teachers have sent home reports at the end of December. Last year we moved to the Communicating Student Learning (CSL) model. This means you will be receiving formal written reports at the end of Jan and June, twice a year. Teachers will be reaching out in different ways three other times during the course of the year to offer phone chats or they may send home an informal interim report.

c) K Registrations for Sept 2022 – We now have 63 registrations! Some will go to choice programs but we can still take applications until the end of January, so we may be in a draw situation as we can only take 60 students.

III. 7:10 – 7:35 Proposed Spending Budget for 2021/2022 – Serena Woo

a) Update on Delegates Presentation to Board Trustees

- On November 22 Esther Moreno was given 5 minutes to present on technology in the classrooms and how that should be paid for. We feel that PACs are paying for technology when this is a cost that school districts are responsible for. Teachers and admin are in agreement, and supported us in putting forward a request to speak. (Slide show was shared on what was presented at the meeting.)
- There was 20 minutes of questions and discussion at the meeting. The trustees made a commitment to respond to our three wonderings:
 1. Does VSBC keep an inventory of what each school has?
 2. Is there a maintenance schedule for existing technology?
 3. Are schools provided with a lined item in their individual budgets for maintenance? If not, then who is expected to pay?

b) DPAC Surplus

- There was a surplus in the VSB DPAC budget. Each school in the district has been given an additional \$1292.07 for discretionary spending.
- It was suggested by the PAC to use these funds to help Oppenheimer families in need over the holidays.
- Motion put forward to use DPAC Surplus of \$1292.07 and \$57.93 from our Christmas Hamper and Snack Fund to purchase \$1350 worth of gift cards for Christmas Hampers being put together by Principal Sterling and the Oppenheimer Staff. (Approved below during the Budget approval.)

c) Budget for the 2021/22 School Year

- Serena shared the proposed budget for the 2021/22 school year.
- Approval of budget includes the use of the DPAC Surplus funds to go to the purchase of gift cards for Oppenheimer families in need.
- Motion to approve the budget: We move to approve the budget for the 2021/22 year including the use of the DPAC Surplus funds to go to the purchase of gift cards for Oppenheimer families in need.
Budget approved unanimously with 11 votes.

IV. 7:35 – 8:00 Committee/Event Reports

a) Hot Lunch & Snacks--Tina

Hot lunch is going well. Cheese whirls-- cheese stick on a bun. Kids love it. Wok Box is happening Friday, which is new. A lot of parents didn't know there was a December 10th item. A teacher approached us about providing snack items for low-income students. In the new year we will give opportunity for families to help provide extra funds for families.

Motion put forward for the winter session: We move that \$342.72 from our Munch-a-Lunch profits be used to cover snacks for children in need for the winter session.
Passed unanimously with 11 votes.

b) Fruit & Veggie--Sara

Some things were delayed with the food, but everything is on track now. Recently students had pears and halo oranges. Apples will be coming up next.

c) Division Parent Chat Groups--Melissa

As of Friday, Dec 3rd - we have 130 parents signed up via survey. All 18 divisions' chat groups have been set up. There are 7 volunteer parents. Melissa has kept track of each parent as we asked them to introduce themselves along with their kid(s) name. So we know they are in the right chat group and part of Oppenheimer families. Melissa will keep adding parents once they signed up via the survey.

Melissa forward the "Safety Alert" email from Ms. Sterling to all divisions chat group on Friday.

d) Shop Funds--Lisa

\$1025 raised for PAC initiatives through our Shopfunds Giftcard fundraiser! We have so many families and staff members to thank.

e) Spirit Wear--Sharlene

We had a total of 34 orders and sold over 70 items. We raised a total of \$250. Orders will be delivered to the school next week and distributed to student's classrooms.

f) Grade 7 Committee--Serena

Sharlee will be hosting a bottle drive in January 8th. More details to come. Please save your bottles.

g) Babysitting/Stay Home Safe Course--Carli

January 17th Stay Safe Course is full. Babysitting course has four more spots left.

h) Wooden Plaque Fundraiser--Esther

102 plaques have been sold in total. All are featured in the display case across from the office. We will have them lacquered between now and Spring and installed before the year is out.

i) Walk Home from School November Event--Esther

We gave out 46 pins for students who walked home from school 10 or more times in November. We will do this again in either April or May and host another afterschool prize give away.

j) **DPAC Liaison Report**—Hannah

REMINDER: Thursday, December 16, 3 pm — Deadline for most mini-school applications (high school)

Organizing presentations and participating in the work of the VSB requires many p vparent volunteers. With a number of our executive stepping down from their roles at the end of this year, including Esther (chair) and Alan Patola Moosman (treasurer), it is important for volunteers to come forward for our DPAC to fulfill their mission. **If you are interested in our work, please consider stepping forward. If you have questions, please contact chair@vancouverdpac.org**

V. 8:00 New Business

a) **Walk-a-Thon--Sara**

We would love to have parents involved in planning the walk-a-thon. It could be a major community event. Often walk-a-thons have themes—there are tons of creative ideas out there. We want to start brainstorm and plan—what is it going to take to make it happen? If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please send an email to the PAC at pac_opp@vsb.bc.ca Or you can talk directly with Sara DiMarino or Esther Moreno.

b) **Auction baskets**

Esther will take this on, but is looking for anyone who likes to be creative/make crafts, we would love to have some help. We will do a call out for donations as well. We will also need volunteers to help receive the texts for the donations. This money will go to help provide money for families in need over the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2021 @ 6:45 p.m.

Picture below of our growing Oppenheimer Family (Ft: Mami!)

