



David Oppenheimer Elementary School
Wednesday, May 11, 2022, PAC Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Esther Moreno, Sara DiMarino, Liz Baca, Denice Banfield, Hope Sterling, Mami Iimura, Vivian Kuan, Tina Ton, Lisa Merrick, Mike K, Persis Hui, Roz Hilay, Serena Woo, Sharlene Steele, Shelley Werboweski, Diana Kang

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm

I. 6:45 – 6:50 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order – Esther Moreno & Sara DiMarino (PAC co-chairs)

Land Acknowledgements by Esther

Adopt Agenda by Sara DiMarino, Seconded by Liz Baca

Adopt Minutes April 20, 2022 by Sara DiMarino, Seconded by Vivian Kuan

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

a) Walk-a-thon – A huge thank you to our PAC for organizing this fun, community building event.

The whole school seemed lighter that day. The staff all had positive feedback. Thank you so much for the day and for the amazing funds that were collected to make our school better.

b) Earthquake Drill – Thank you to all the parents from Division 16 who came to the school to help us practice our Reunification Drill.

c) Sports Day – Friday, May 20th. Parents are welcome to come out and cheer on their children. If you take any photos, please do not share them online. We look forward to another fun, sunny day! Classes will move through stations together.

Here is the timeline:

9:40 to Noon – Students outside rotating in stations as a class.

1 to 2:30 – Grade group races and Tug-o-war at Bobolink

2:30 Dismissal (Teachers will watch all students not picked up at 2:30 until 3:03.)

d) Social Media – The internet is a huge powerful learning/communication tool but it is unfortunately filled with content that is not appropriate and difficult for our children to process and understand. I know we all want to keep our children safe online. For our older children, the pandemic has pushed a lot of socialization online. Online socialization has a unique dynamic, as it can feel anonymous, allowing people to say things and send things that would appear out of character. This is just a reminder to all parents who have given their children devices to use when they are not watching. It's important to have a system in place to monitor their online behaviour. We are finding students increased rates of sleep deprivation and depression linked to online time.

e) Writing Assessment – We are taking a school wide look at our children and writing. This may end up being our new school wide goal for 2022-2023.

f) Class Casting – We will be starting this on Monday! I have collected all of your input forms and I will be checking in with teachers to ensure we are taking these into consideration. Along with this we consider:

Compliance

Friendships/Possible Conflicts

Academic Level Balance

ELL Groupings

Social Emotional Needs/Work Habits

Gender Balance

- g) **Walking School Bus** – DASH - Dedicated Action for School Health is a registered charity committed to promoting, supporting and facilitating the creation of healthy school communities in BC.

<https://dashbc.ca/?initiatives=walking-school-bus>

I have been in contact with them to ask for a facilitated walking school bus for our River District Area. We are now on the list but they want to know if there is interest in parents walking with them and getting trained to take the reigns

May Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 12	Welcome to Kindergarten (A-J)
Friday, May 13	Welcome to Kindergarten (K-Z)
Wednesday, May 18	Immunization Clinic for K and Grade 1, 6 & 7
Friday, May 20	SPORTS DAY—2:30 PM Dismissal!
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day— SCHOOL CLOSED

III.7:10– 7:20 Budget Update – Serena Woo

- We're doing really well on our budget. Just waiting for the rest of the receipts to come in for the classroom funds and the final numbers from our Walk-A-Thon.

IV. 7:20 – 7:45 Committee/Event Reports

- a) **Walk-a-thon**—Sara
Tremendous THANK YOU to everyone for your support! We surpassed our \$5000 goal!! We raised over \$8100 for our school!
- b) **Hot Lunch**—Sara/Tina
We raised \$624.50 from the parent community. It costs about \$550 to provide snacks for kids in need, so we have been able to do that this term.
Munchalunch accounts with remaining credits will be mailed a reimbursement cheque at the end of the school year.
- c) **Fruit and Veggie**—Viv/Mami
This has been going very well this year. We have organic apples for next week and in June it will be cucumbers.
- d) **Sports Day**—Sara
We have former students coming to help out. Parents are welcome to come cheer on their kids. We will be providing freebies to each of the students.
- e) **Grade 7 Committee**—Serena/Carolee
Monday, June 27th is the grad fundraiser. On Monday, June 6th come join our meeting if you want to help out for the Grade 7 grad.
- f) **Wooden Plaques Update**—Hope
We haven't heard anything back from grounds as to when these can be put up on the fence, so it looks like it won't be until next school year. Maybe we will do an event at the beginning of next school year to promote it.
- g) **Teacher Recognition**—Sara
Nothing has been finalized yet as everyone has been getting caught up.

V. 7:45 AGM will be held at our June 8 meeting

Reminder: our treasurer (Serena), and both co-chairs (Esther & Sara) as well as a long standing member of our Executive (Mami) will be stepping down at the end of this year. We will be looking to vote in a new Executive in June. Here are the positions that make up the Executive:

- Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson or Co-Chairs (2), Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising Coordinator, up to 3 Members at Large (with specific functions) and Principal

To put your name forward you must be present at the meeting.

VI: Other:

- **Sara**—Esther took photos and videos from the Walk-a-thon. We'll put together a slide show that Ms. Sterling can share with the school.
- A brand new Paddle Board was donated to the school as a fundraiser. It has a \$700 value. We will be auctioning it off in a silent auction. The starting bid will be \$250. Esther and Hope will take this on.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, June 8 at 6:45 p.m.