

Delburne Parent Advisory Council

Monthly Meeting

September 12, 2023

Call to Order and Attendance:

Courtney Faber Gillespie, Nikki Pivert, Nikki Gongaware, Sheena Burk, Janelle Allison, DeAnne Hutchison, Jovelyn Pennock, Tricia Simpson, Brittany Zak, Leslie Raniseth

Review of Previous Minutes:

Minutes are adopted as presented

Trustee Report:

Not much to report as they have only had 1 meeting so far. They met new staff and picked committees to sit on.

Admin Report:

Lot's of new staff this year: 4 new teachers and 3 returning teachers. They have been hearing a lot of great feedback from parents about the energy of the school and excited for the new year.

Thank-you to PAC and especially Sheena for helping at BBQ

Terry Fox is on Friday. There is no big school assembly as the sound system is broken. Classes will be walking together and completing the track as a group. This differs from previous years where students were allowed to run at their own pace.

They have moved away from DCS awards at school. Teachers have been using mindfulness awards. Where they see a student doing something noteworthy and they write them a letter and award them with socks. Heard great feedback so far. As there are no awards being presented at monthly assembly's and they are trying to keep them short so, they will not be inviting parents to assemblies in the future.

High school awards are at the end of September

Volleyball and Golf have started

School pictures are on the 25th and they will have both ECS classes come in that day for photos.

Parent teacher interviews have been extended to 2 nights and each interview has been extended to 15 min vs 10 min. Parents can login to schedule and choose in person or by phone.

Dual Credit: 15 students will be going to Olds for credit in Welding and Intro to Trades.

EA Subs: Anyone can apply, they are looking for applicants

School has an updated logo and the online store will be closing on Tuesday.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes: Kim has all the ones we have and will add them to the website when she gets a chance.

New Business:

Parent Matters Committee: Nikki will be our representative on this council. This committee works with other opinion leaders from around the division to give feedback and opinions on issues as they relate to their school. Run by Kurt Sacher. It is a virtual format.

Nikki is also attending as our parent representative to the parent survey group. This is run by Peter who was hired to survey and write a strategic plan for the board. This will give the current board and future boards a road map to follow for completion of current work and future endeavours.

Nikki has attended her first meeting and after hearing the concerns other parents have about their schools she feels very grateful for the office staff and admin that we have. They are very friendly, present, and available.

AGM date and advertising: Set for Oct. 26 at 6:30

Buddy Bench for the playground: The idea of a buddy bench has been presented to the committee. Thoughts?

The committee liked the idea and Courtney will send a picture to Jocelyn. Who will contact maintenance. They will provide a price to build and we will apply for the community grant to cover cost.

Parent Tours: Used to do, could/should we do it again? Tabled for another meeting

PAC sponsored open gym nights Tabled for another meeting

Student Eating schedule: Parents have been speaking about concerns around the amount of food students eat at school. They will bring home full lunch kits and complain of not enough time. What do the teachers think? Is there a reason and a solution to this problem? Jocelyn will speak to the teachers and see what they think.

New WhatsApp group: Nikki started a WhatsApp group because:

Facebook algorithms really don't show posts to everyone and parents might not be seeing all of PAC posts.

The purpose of this page is to be a direct form of communication between parent council and parents. Hoping to bridge the gap and dispel misinformation. Information included will be Meeting reminders, and overview. Upcoming events, and the odd volunteer call out.

Main point to emphasize - we have zero interest or intention to bombard with messages and intend to limit to 1 per week.

It is private and encrypted.

Nikki will send the digital link with a write up to Kim by Friday for the newsletter.

Busing: Parents are upset and concerned by the amount of time students are spending on buses this year. Jocelyn encouraged parents to call transportation with their concerns and feedback. They like to hear what is working and what isn't. Phone number is 403- 227-7070

In the future these concerns can be relayed to your trustee. The trustee can help with district policy concerns more than the school admin is able to.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45

DPAC Financial Meeting

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Call to Order: 4:35

Fundraising:

Vegetable fundraiser:

We would like to get started on this right away. Information will be going home on Friday. Sheets will be sent with the youngest member of the family. We will also advertise in the parent newsletter. Vegetables will be delivered in the middle of October. Orders are due October 2. Executive Council will make changes to the form and make an info sheet. Information must be given to Kim by Thursday morning. How will the farm sort and pack the items?

Old Business:

Reminder to include 500-600 for a slush fund to cover teacher dinners and etc.

Hot Lunch: Leslie came and gave an update on Hot Lunch. We will be ordering from Boston Pizza (Gas alley, will deliver), Subway (South end on Gaetz), Pita Pit (Clearview) and KFC (South end) this year. Prices seem within reason.

She has a driver who has volunteered to be the driver for subway dates. She is looking for people to be the permanent drivers for the other restaurants. It would only be 1 Friday every couple of months.

Leslie will send me the schedule and then we will line up the drivers.

Hot lunch is advertised every week in parent announcements with a link.

Hot dogs will be starting soon.

New Business:

September Community Grant: Courtney will prepare an application and apply for the Buddy bench.

Parent teacher interview night: Council will be providing the staff with one supper during parent teacher interviews.

Treasurers Report:

Last year's expenses came in at \$10,809.33 from an approved budget of \$11,375. We were \$565.67 under which moves into this year.

Maximum budget this year is \$10,000, anything more would be pulling from this years fundraising. However, we will have the casino money after this year, so that should be available for 2024/2025 school year.

Casino: January 31/February 1 : Bree Hansen is our Casino Coordinator. She will work alongside Nikki Pivert and Brittany.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:51

Next Meeting: October 26 at 6:30