

Date: Mar 2, 2021	Location: online (zoom)	Start Time: 7:30pm
Chair: Shandelle Skaley	Recorder: Avishai Weissberg	End Time: 8:30 pm

Membership	Role	Attended
Bridget Ford Ashley Hansen Shandelle Skaley Avishai Weissberg Joel David	Co-treasurer Co-chair Co-chair Secretary DPAC rep	Y
Peter Woo	Principal (Non-voting member)	Y
Other members or participants	Denis Ryan, Lyndon Price, Ana, Aimee Claire	
Next Meeting	Apr 6, 2021 at 7:30 pm online (zoom)	

## Welcome and Introduction of Executive and Parents

Welcome Ana (a new member), with kids in kindergarten and grade 3.

## Review Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved. Motion raised by Bridget, seconded by Ashley and approved.

## Principal's Update

### Option 4 students return to school

March 1 was the last return date for option 4 kids. 4~5 kids returned, and we also 2 new kids from other schools.

As of March 1, 2021, we have 54 out of 370 students learning from home (15%).

### Next School Year

It looks like we will have 2 kindergarten classrooms for September 2021. This will be a change from 16 divisions (currently) to 15 divisions. There will be a teacher surplus (meaning they will have to move to another school).

VSB will confirm this in April as they allocate staffing.

## Concert

The concert is now on YouTube. Thanks to everyone's hard work to make it happen. A special thank you to Ms. Tchir, the music teacher.

We planned on having more female speakers, but somehow we ended up having only boys. We tried to replicate the hussle and noise of the regular concerts in the video.

## Movie Afternoon

We are looking forward to Movie Afternoon for Thursday, March 11. All teachers are onboard. We have obtained a Criterion subscription (which the school will pay for), which will be used for the movie afternoon.

We have just been updated bandwidth-wise, so we should be good for all the classes to stream their movies at the same time.

We are cleaning out the freezer in preparation for the ice cream.

## Seismic Update

Much excavation progress has been made. We now have a large hole to be the foundation on the west side of the site.

Some students tried to push down the blue fence. We have made announcements to students not to do this.

We still have ample space between the school and the fence (about 3m), it's going to narrow down to about 1.5m.

Bridget: Have we heard anything about the trucks near the school during morning/afternoon peak times. I saw trucks again during those times.

Joel: initially they did a good job, but the problem came back.

Mr Woo: We did talk to them about that. I'll bring it up again.

Ashley: Somewhat related, in the past couple of weeks, I've seen lots of issues with cars not paying attention in the lane near the kindergarten. I've seen cars doing u turns.

Mr Woo: I'll try to be out there tomorrow. It's better that a staff member approaches them.

## COVID protocols

Some of the teachers said we are getting a little complacent with our covid rules. We have found more than one child in the washrooms, some kids have stopped following the yellow lines on the floor. The teachers are reenforcing covid rules as a reaction.

As for playing in the playground, it's fine, but we ask that they keep their mask on and sanitize their hands.

## DPAC Update

Joel:

We are drafting terms of reference for the Anti Racism committee. This is with regards to the school board's anti-racism committee. If you're interested in participating in some way, let us know.

There's another meeting coming up about the budget for the next school year. If anybody wants to participate, let me know. The link will be on the VSB and the DPAC websites.

## Financial Update

Bridget:

We managed to raise \$18,465 for the playground donations, via a direct appeal. This is a new record. A few people already asked who to give the money to, so we are expecting about \$6000 more.

For the movie afternoon, have managed to raise \$60 (will be reflected in next month's balance).

We have had zero expenses for the month. The remaining balance for the general account is \$35,403. There has been no movement in the Casino account, leaving us with a balance of \$17,744.

I'm going to apply for next year's casino grant, expecting about \$7K. It will land in our account in October.

Shandelle: The goal is \$95,000, so what we've managed to raise so far is pretty amazing

Avishai: Who were the donors? all parents?

Bridget: Yes, this does not include non-parent local businesses yet.

I'm going to approach real estate agents over spring break to ask for more donations. if you know of any businesses, please let me know or approach them yourselves.

Denis: Will it be all new equipment? What's going to happen to the equipment from the current playground?

Bridget: This is a primary (younger ages) playground. The main playground will stay as is. As to the existing primary playground. It will serve the school that will be coming into DLG once the new building opens. After that, we could repurpose it, perhaps to a basketball court.

Shandelle: We are taking in proposals for the new playground.

Bridget: I've received only one proposal so far. So far there is no interest from other parents in the new playground's design. I've gotten some interest from the teachers.

Bridget shared one proposal, with 3 different designs. They all have 2 swings and a slide down the embankment, with some variation in the other facilities.

Bridget: We'll need to decide by April 2022.

Mr Woo: Does the price include installation?

Bridget: Yes, we (the parents) are not allowed to install on our own. Kent told me the playground company has to be the one doing the installation.

## Other Business

### Movie Afternoon - Update

Shandelle: In lieu of the movie night, each class will be hosting its own movie. We got lots of donations after sending out communications. There seems to be a lot of excitement from the kids.

Ashley: I have some partial donations. Just today, we have 208\$. We are expecting more.

Bridget: We got a login/password for Criterion, and Mr Woo is going to test it bandwidth-wise.

The license price has gone up, but students can now access it from home. (previously you could only access from school).

Ashley: It's going to happen on Thursday March 11 afternoon. Only one teacher asked to do it on Friday instead. We will work something out with popcorn etc. We're going to do the shopping on Monday, Friday is the deadline for sending funds.

Bridget: Did all teachers agree to it?

Mr Woo: no one objected

Ashley: We need 2 volunteer parents for popcorn, one for packaging. Can anybody else help with packaging?

Mr Woo: Maybe grade 7 kids can help. Another option is some staff who are free during that time.

### Photo Day

Ashley: We're hoping to do individual student photos, outside semi-professionally. The school board may not allow it this year.

Mr Woo: They allowed it for secondary but not elementary for some reason. I fully support doing it outside. We can take it ourselves and email them out.

Bridget: I'm more concerned with class photos, which I like.

Shandelle: we should do it after spring has started

### Misc

Bridget: What are we going to do about Sports Day and the Graduation Ceremony this year?

Mr Woo: The superintendent will get back to us, about kindergarten. But for secondary, it's already decided that it's going to be virtual. As for Sports Day, we'll need to figure something out.

Shandelle: How about doing it in Oak park? It's far but much bigger.

Mr Woo: great idea. lots of schools do that.

Bridget: We can also do it in Churchill.

Mr Woo: Another idea that came up is to split it up between smaller and bigger kids.

Ana: Why don't we have garbage cans outside the school?

Mr Woo: We have garbage cans. I'll ask the custodian to put them out.

## Set next Pac Meeting Date

Shandelle proposed April 6. No objections.