

Date: Jan 12, 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, Jennifer Durham	
Next Meeting	Feb 2, 2021 at 7:30 pm online (zoom)	

## Review Last Meeting Minutes

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

## Principal's Update

### New Staff

Mr Jason Lee has multiple roles at our school:

Wednesdays job share with Ms. Heywood (Div 2); Thursdays help with online learners, and Fridays remedy class size violations.

The background for this is class size and composition. There's a maximum number of kids in every class (e.g 30 kids in grade 7, with some adjustment for every special ed child in the class). The teachers union won a supreme court ruling regarding the matter. Over the last 3-4 years, we accumulated 28 days of teaching violations for Ms Heywood.

Bridget: Is Ms Heywood going to have 9 days off this year as a result?

Mr Woo: Mr Lee won't be able to cover all Ms Heywood remedies, and there are also other remedies for other teachers. There is a backlog of remedies for other schools as well.

## Online Music Performance

Ms Tchir, music teacher, will be preparing for an online music concert to be recorded and uploaded in March 2021. The preparation of Ms Fong's baby video is complete.

## Seismic Update

Chanos construction has completed the demolition of the portables. They paved a path for the vehicles. They managed to save a few picnic benches. There's also the matter of a giant planter tree, it's still unknown what they're going to do with it.

Mr Woo will purchase a time-lapse camera to record the construction of the new school.

Bridget sent some questions, with regards to the trucks going along 67th st at the time the kids are exiting the school (can they avoid those hours). Mr Woo will talk to Scott (the project manager) about it. Joel suggested that they also avoid the morning time

## Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home January 29. The format is a little different this time: CSL ("communicating student learning"). It's online, 4 to 6 pages long when printed out.

## Grade 7 student wins poetry recital contest

One of Mr. Moes students won a poetry recital contest, awarding the student \$300 and the school \$200.

## Outdoor School

DLG was given \$10,000 for outdoor education (announced back in November). Mr Woo has built 2 mud play kitchens.

DLG purchased class sets of pocket microscopes and magnifying glasses, and is looking to purchase class sets of binoculars.

The original plan to purchase 4 to 5 teepees may be changed as they take time to set up. Instead, regular canopies may be purchased.

DLG is still looking at purchasing options for mobile seating and writing surfaces.

This budget will have to be used up by the end of May.

Ashley: How about using (plastic) outdoors storage?

Mr Woo: Good idea, we'll look into it.

## Food Bank Drive

Ms. Lee and Ms. Chan will have a Lunar New Year/ Valentines gift package sale to raise money for the Food Bank.

## Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) and Student Learning Survey

Grade 4 and 7 students will begin FSA February 15, 2021 and later complete the Student Learning Survey. These are provincial government mandates.

## Option 4

2 kids are returning to in-person teaching. Prior to Christmas we had 4-5 kids retreating to at-home, and one of them is returning back.

If you want to learn from home, don't worry about it. You will NOT lose your place at the school, even if you are not technically option 4.

Shandelle: Some parents asked me about that. I told them what they have been told is not true and not to worry about it.

Mr Woo: We just need monthly contact. This will also be true if covid protocols stretch to next year. Tell them to keep in touch with the school. You will always be allowed to come back.

## DPAC Update

Joel:

We received 2000 responses for the DAPC Pulse Check. The results for that should be out before our first meeting, Jan 28.

Ashley: There was something on the Facebook group about Long Term Facility Planning. I asked parents to look at projected enrollment numbers.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jTNx9oXtZrzxBP90XLJibHTNIg56PEFDcCOG7eXXCpY/edit#gid=0>

Shandelle: Vic from the DPAC asked on behalf of the casino grants if there are other things that we wanted to purchase. Asked to email him if there are.

Bridget: Previously we had to pay the supplier directly, but they changed it so PACs can buy things on Amazon.

Mr Woo: We hopefully have enough money for projectors (wall-mounted type). We might need extra money from the casino account for it. The total is \$14,000 for 8 projectors. We'll hopefully have enough in 2 years in time for the new school.

## Financial Update

Bridget:

Both accounts (General and Casino) had zero transactions in December.

There's an outstanding check for \$2008 for Purdy's (the fund raiser) that I need to go to Kerrisdale in order to deposit.

Bridget: Mr Woo, do we have the invoice for the \$3,000 that we gave the school for purchases?

Mr Woo: We should have it, I'll give it to you soon.

## New Primary Playground Update/Plan to Raise funds

Bridget:

I've met with 4 different providers. We're 18 months away. Most quotes are valid for a year.

The requirements include a rubberized surface, at least 2 swings, and a slide on the embankment. We will look at the 4 plans that we get from them.

Some parents of primary kids expressed interest in participating.

We now have it documented that we won't be charged for getting the plans to give to the contractors.

Shandelle: No more disk swings, please. The big kids do dangerous things with it.

Shandelle: Did you limit the budget?

Bridget: I limited it to \$100,000, including installation.

Bridget: (cont'd)

Unlike the main playground, we won't be allowed to build it ourselves this time because it's a building site. VSB is paying for the rubberized surface. If we wait until after the school is closed then they won't. Further, getting a "recognition sign" (for thanking the donors) cost 1000\$ last time (even though it's just digging a hole and putting cement in).

I have approached multiple companies that are in the process of doing construction around the neighborhood to ask for donations. Alabaster and Coromandel have given us lots of money in the past. I have also approached Westlands and 8888. If you see other construction sites let me know or try on your own.

## Direct drive letter:

Bridget:

Last time we generated \$20,000 by asking for direct donations. I have shared the document via email. We had a few families donate large amounts.

We will want to translate it to Chinese as well. We can probably find one of the parents to do it.

## Budget Approvals

### \$200 for Music Teacher

For ability to play licensed music for more than 10 people at a time.  
Motedioned by Bridget, seconded by Denis, and approved.

### \$200 Churchill Scholarship

For former DLG students graduating Churchill secondary school.  
Motedioned by Bridget, seconded by Ashley, and approved.

### \$100 Magee Scholarship

Same as above, but for Magee secondary school.  
Motedioned by Bridget, seconded by Ashley, and approved.

## Other Business

### Calendar

#### Update on Summer Carnival

Ashley:

The suppliers we contacted last year for the Summer Carnival removed the 13 month deadline to use the deposit. Everything is booked ; we don't need to put down another deposit and we won't lose the deposit if we cancel. The alternative is to buy something related to Sports Day (May 21).

I suspect we're not going to be allowed to have the carnival, but that sports day will be allowed, cohorted.

The product I liked the most is an inflatable horse race, where 3 go at a time. Another one is a dual lane slide.

Do we want to try and spend the budget this year? Perhaps a snow cone day.

Mr Woo: We will probably not be allowed to have a summer carnival, unless all the kids are vaccinated.

Ashley: I doubt that anything that involves anybody except the school kids will be allowed.

Shandelle: Even if we're allowed, there won't be a large enough turnout. I like both the sports day and the snow cone idea.

Bridget: It's easier and cheaper to just give all the kids a Freezee.

Ashley: We booked the carnival but realistically it's not going to happen.

Bridget: Do we have enough space for the horse race thing?

Mr Woo: DLG has a sports day committee, I'll talk to them about it, and brainstorm ideas for a COVID-safe sports day.

Shandelle: Ashley, please send Mr Woo the websites with the sports equipment to help him brainstorm ideas.

Bridget: The kids enjoy sports day as is, we don't have to spend \$500 for a single activity, it is too much in my opinion.

Ashley: Agreed.

### School "Uniforms"

Bridget:

In New Zealand, schools have a uniform, a t- shirt and track pants. How about we have something like this? There are websites where you can offer them and you decide on what the markup is. it would be **optional**, just to give the kids some school pride.

I was thinking about this for next year, it's a lengthy process. I'll come up with a presentation on it for the next meeting.

Ashley: would you like me to run a quick survey about it on the PAC website?

Bridget: Yes please.

### Movie Night

Ashley: Regarding movie night, someone proposed that we do a movie night in the classroom, with no entry charge, but with donations.

Mr Woo: I think it's a good idea. You're allowed to serve pre-packaged items, and have the movie shown in the classroom.

Ashley: This way each class can choose their movie, so for example we can let older kids watch a slightly more scary movie.

Shandelle: Will teachers be on board? it's using the class time.

Mr Woo: Feb 11, or right before spring break, I think they'll be fine with these dates.

Shandelle: I think the popcorn is not prepackaged. Does that count?

Mr Woo: There are protocols for that (masks etc) and that's ok.

Shandelle: I'm concerned that it's a lot of work and time to make enough popcorn.

Bridget: The movie license expired on Jan 1, 2021.

Shandelle: Let's put some prices together. We want to make twice more than what we spend.

Ashley: Maybe also have a competition "Which class raises the most"?

## Set next Pac Meeting Date

Shandelle proposed February 2.

Motion by Shandelle, seconded by Bridget, and approved.w