

Date: June 1, 2021	Location: online (zoom)	Start Time: 7:45pm
Chair: Shandelle Skaley	Recorder: Avishai Weissberg	End Time: 8:45 pm

Membership	Role	Attended
Bridget Ford	Co-treasurer	Y
Sophia Lopes	Co-treasurer	
Ashley Hansen	Co-chair	
Shandelle Skaley	Co-chair	
Avishai Weissberg	Secretary	N
Joel David	DPAC rep	
Peter Woo	Principal (Non-voting member)	Y
Other members or participants	Lyndon Price, Catherin Jang, Jimmy Lee, Aimee Claire, Denis Ryan	
Next Meeting	August 31, 2021 at 7:45 pm online (zoom)	

A statement on Kamloops

The meeting started with Ashley reading a statement on the recent finding of unmarked graves of 215 indigenous children at the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

Welcome and Introduction of Executive and Parents

All attendees introduced themselves.

Review Last Meeting Minutes

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

Annual General Meeting

Chairperson Year Review - Shandelle

Shandelle read out a statement reviewing the last school year:

To say 2020/2021 has been a unique and challenging year is an understatement. We started the year not knowing what to expect, or even if the schools would stay open and if they did, what it would look like for students, parents and teachers.

We had to make a lot of adjustments, but the DLG parents, teachers and PAC Exec really rose to the challenges and helped create a safe, fun and successful school year and I believe our PAC enhanced the learning environment, provided support and moved forward the DLG school community through our activities and projects.

We made it a whole year with only 2 covid exposures. We are thankful for the precautions the school and families took.

We did a very fun and successful Halloween event which was loved by both the kids and Teachers. Thank you to Ashley and the team who organized that event.

We did our Christmas Purdy's fundraiser with a few changes and a great team of parent volunteers. Thank you to Bridget and her team.

We were able to purchase outdoor equipment for outdoor learning and a lot of sports and outdoor activities to enable students to have more outdoor activities and utilize the space we have with the school build.

We did a great in class movie day which was a great success. Thanks to Ashley and her team.

We launched a Playground fundraising campaign that was incredibly successful and we are so thankful for the generosity of the DLG community. We also are in the process of collecting proposals for a new Playground. Thank you Bridget for leading that project.

We have seen the new school project start and it is in progress.

We started a sub-committee for the Sensory room in the new school.

I would like to thank the PAC Exec team and parents as well as Mr. Woo and the DLG teachers and staff for going above and beyond this year.

Financial Year Review - Bridget

We have 2 accounts, a general account and a "casino" account.

In the general account, we had income from several fundraising events.

We raised \$747 for Trick or Treats, \$2,209 from the Purdy's fundraiser, a whopping \$31,802 from playground donations, \$1,780 from Movie Afternoon, and \$1,060 for the staff appreciation catered lunch.

Most of our expenses were for fundraisers. We spent \$2,180 for teacher disbursements. These were used for supplies for classrooms, pizza parties, etc.

Our total balance for the year is $+\$37,609 - \$3,546 = \$34,063$.

Since we started this year with a positive balance of \$16,953, this brings us to a balance of \$51,016 at the end of the year.

In the Casino account, money that comes in (casino grants) must be spent within 2 years. We started the year with a balance of \$10,866. We spent \$3000 on sports equipment for playing outdoors, \$117 on Halloween blowups, \$223 on a canopy from Canadian Tire for sporting events (to replace the one that was damaged), and \$200 for a scholarship for DLG graduates who are graduating from Churchill Secondary.

We received our annual Casino grant of \$7,220, which puts the end of the year balance at \$14,544. The remaining balance is planned to be spent on the new playground.

With both the General and Casino account, we have about \$70,000 to spend on the playground.

Executive Team Vote

Shandelle: We didn't get any nominations for the executive team. Would anyone tonight like to nominate themselves?

Ashley: I would like to nominate Cat (Cathrin) as a member at large of the executive team.

Bridget: How is that different from other attendees who are not members of the executive team?

Do members at large get any extra rights?

Some discussion ensued on this topic, without reaching a final conclusion.

Shandelle: We can vote and then confirm the bylaws later. Cat, please introduce yourself.

Cat: I'd like to help out. I have a creative background in art. I attended DLG as a child.

Cat's membership was motioned and approved.

Shandelle: I suggest that we keep the current members and carry over until fall.

Ashley: I'd like to just keep the existing PAC. Last year we had to carry over due to Covid.

S: We'll assess over the fall, because things may change over the summer.

A motion was raised to keep existing members of the executive team in their respective roles until Autumn. The motion was approved

DPAC Update

Due to Joel's absence, the update was given by Shandelle.

DPAC AGM (Annual General Meeting) is on June 24th. Parents are all welcome to attend.

Principal's Update - Mr Woo

Good speech, Shandelle. Thank you PAC for all the activities. You've done so much, even for a Covid year. Thank you for the equipment, the staff expenses, etc.

Kamloops

Thank you for the statement on Kamloops, Ashley. There were a lot of emotions, sadness and anger. Ashley planted orange flowers to commemorate the event.

The teachers have been supportive. We understand that we need to do more.

We have an indigenous worker who comes in once a week. She used to only work with indigenous kids, but due to the teachers' requests she now works with all the students.

A lot of kids didn't know much about residential schools, but this changed thanks to this shift.

We are wearing orange shirts all week, and continue to educate about systemic racism.

Teachers received emails from parents, and I'm happy that they are involved.

Seismic update

Adam Sitter (project manager) was away all week. In any case, there's not much to report on.

Sports day

We are planning a sports day, but we are going to put it on hold. It might be the last 2 days of school. The last day is Tue June 29. The grade 7s have something ready for that.

Bike to School week

It's been really nice this week (weather wise). During class time, kids were able to sign up to ride their bicycles in the yard.

Last day, Graduation Ceremony

This will happen at 7:00pm on the last Thu (June 24th).

Grade 7 kids will go home, change and come back. We'll live stream it. If we are unable to get wifi, then we'll need to move the ceremony indoors. In that case parents won't be able to attend.

We also need to make sure the outdoor speaker work.

The following day we'll do a celebration near triangle park.

Ashley: Have you considered a wifi extender?

Mr Woo: wifi is explicitly secure and we're not allowed to connect anything to it.

Avishai: Actually I think it can work without needing to compromise security.

Photo day

We had an extra Photo Day for kids who missed the original day.

Thank you card

Mr Woo showed a thank you card from the teachers to the PAC parents.

Shandelle: Mr Woo is awesome. I hope you can stay longer. Thank you for everything you do.

Bridget: What is the number of classes next year?

Mr Woo: We will have 16 classes next year, with no splits except one 6/7 split and one 1/2 split. This is pending VSB approval, and also depends on no more 6/7 kids joining next year.

Ashley: Who's taking the 1/2 split?

Mr Woo: Ms Mckenna.

Further, Jason Lee will be resigning from his part time job. He wants a full time job, so he's leaving DLG. There might be a full time position for him next year, we still don't know.

Bridget: If anyone is retiring let us know. In the past we donated books to the library with their name.

Other Business

Calendar

Staff Appreciation Lunch - June 17, 2021

Shandelle: I've been getting quotes. I'm getting boxed lunches because only 14 teachers can eat at a time in the lunchroom.

Mr Woo: One group eats at 11:30 and one at 12:10.

Bridget: Did we take care of beverages?

Shandelle: There will be coffee, tea, and an assortment of beverages.

Bridget: Can we do a bucket with ice like previous years?

Shandelle: Teachers need to select what they need in advance, including dietary restrictions.

Mr Woo: We can make an online form for teachers to select their menu.

Shandelle: How many staff and teachers are there?

Mr Woo: about 40

End of Summer Class Cohort Luau update - June 18, 2021 (Ashley)

The event is weather dependent, we can push it to Monday.

Cat is lending us her soap bubble machine, so we don't need to rent it. This allows us to push it forward as much as needed.

We removed Luau in favor of a beach party due to concerns of appropriation of polynesian culture.

We will have 4 stations, starting 10 minutes before the end of lunchtime:

- Play area with tug of war, beach balls, coconut bowling, maybe sand from the construction company
- Tin foil smores wraps with halal and kosher marshmallows from parents
- Coloring contest for younger kids, for older kids limbo
- Beach volleyball + Freeze stand and tiki bar, chalk drawing on the teachers' parking lot

For covid concerns, just wear masks and sanitize hands before every station. We are not required to sanitize all the equipment between cohorts.

I could use help the day before with a few tasks (balloons blow up, make lots of smores, etc)

Shandelle: how many volunteers do you need?

Ashley: The more the better, let's say about 10 people. That and 2 people per station on the day of the event itself.

Multiple meeting attendees volunteered.

Shandelle: If you know anyone else who is willing, let us know

Sensory Room Committee update (Ashley)

3 families attended the first committee meeting. It was just introductory, not formal.

The attendees didn't expect the planned rooms to be so elaborate.

We will host a more formal planning meeting in the coming weeks

We are trying to find grants.

We'll be able to make better decisions once we know our budget.

Mr Woo: I can talk to the staff and get them involved as well.

Next PAC Meeting Date

Shandelle announced:

- PAC Executive Team Meeting Date (August 31, 2021)
- PAC Meeting (Sept 14, 2021)

Bridget: Do we need to vote on tea/coffee (for parents) on the first day of school?

Mr Woo: That's September 8th.

Shandelle: What was the budget last year?

Bridget: less than \$50

Shandelle: I have managed to create a good relationship with the Ontario Starbucks (near Canadian Tire) so I'm confident we'll be able to get coffee donations like previous years.

Shandelle motioned to approve up to \$50 for coffee and treats. Seconded by Denis and approved.

Shandelle: Our goal is to go back to in-person meetings starting next year.