

<b>Date:</b> 2 December 2025	<b>Site:</b> DLG Library	<b>Start Time:</b> 6:00	PM
<b>Chair:</b> Ajay Pathak	<b>Recorder:</b> Kathleen Pathak	<b>End Time:</b> 8:09	PM

Membership	Role	Attended
Ajay Pathak	Chair	Y
Scally Chu	Vice-chair (acting chair for this meeting)	Y
Herman Chan	Treasurer	Y
Kathleen Pathak	Secretary	Y
Ashley Moller-Hansen	Former Co-chair	N
Jennifer Durham	DPAC Rep	Y - late
Manninagh L'Abbé	Member at large (acting secretary for this meeting)	Y
Robert Chang	Member at large	Y
Jonathan Weresch	Principal (Non-voting member)	Y
Susan Worthington	Vice Principal (Non-voting member)	N
Other members or participants	N/A	
Next Meeting	6 January 2026	

***With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəʔəm|Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh|Squamish Nation & səliwətaʔ|Tsleil-Waututh Nations.***

### **Welcome and agenda overview - (Ajay)**

### **Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

- Scally made a motion to approve the November minutes.
- Herman seconded the motion.
- Vote to approve the minutes – Approved.

### **Youth & Family Worker (YFW) Update**

- Family worker who observes what is going on and fills in gaps
- A large thing that's been noticed is that the culture of DLG has changed over the years, especially related to cultural differences, language challenges, housing and food scarcity issues that we didn't have to manage daily before now. Now, there are families that are not able to pay school fees or feed their families. It is a challenging year for a lot of families.
- This year, student council started a food drive, which is a great initiative, but hard for people to support when they themselves are going to the food bank. We need to ensure that we are all thinking about the effects these initiatives are having on these kids / families. We need to stay more current on what is happening.
- This year there are about 20 families that we wanted to give Christmas hampers to (otherwise they won't have a meal for Christmas), and all organization registrations are closed, and we

are not able to do much for these families this year. Maple Grove is able to sponsor only two families this year.

- I'm just asking that people are more aware of this and how we can all be more aware of this moving forward. We are still helping each other in the community, but it is getting harder.
- This is not just a problem here; it is across the district. The Greater Vancouver Food Bank is struggling and are really needing help as well.
  - Manninagh has some options from her school and hopefully that can help as well.
- Economy has changed and layoffs are happening. Housing prices have gone up. Our fundraisers have gone down as well. Purdy sales and hot lunch sales have gone down as well.
- The class who collected the most food had a party, which was of little incentive to those who don't have food to bring.
- Some of the issues with kids (like fighting) is because many have not had any breakfast.
- We have the back-pack program and getting 10-11 bags to help for families on the weekends.
- Got \$370 towards hampers that have been donated.
- Started a coffee group for families and am learning more about needs and struggles of families.
- There are a lot of new immigrants who have come in as well and are struggling as well. And how do you bring these people into the school and culture and see that we are here to help. There is a lot of stigmas on asking for help as well.
- Last year we gave out 13-15 hot lunches and this year over 30 hot lunches are being asked for.
- When we plan things in the community, we don't just want to have things that are fun, but we need to realize that families can't afford to go to these events.
  - Let us know who needs to be bypassed and we will make it work, but the list needs to come from Litsa.
  - The funds we raise, we use for other free events, like the movie day in December where we are paying for all the popcorn or candy, we are giving every single student.
- Buy Nothing Marpole on Facebook Marketplace

### **Principal and Vice Principal Updates (Jonathan Weresch)**

- November is a quiet month usually – there was a lock down event which was successful with no noted traumas or issues.
- Academic achievement – specific to literacy. Dibbles is a literacy screener and was used throughout the school to help educators predict what may be happening with student development and where they can steer the kids through the year. All teachers were advised what these scores meant and how it gives an idea of capability and who may need more help than others. Items observed/evaluated (based on age/grade) include:
  - Letter Recognition
  - Phonetic sound fluency
  - Non-phonetic sounds
  - Nonsense word recognition
  - Word recognition
  - Assessment Rating:
    - Red is at risk for problems

- Green are where they should be
  - Star is above
  - Yellow is low risk
- Grade 4/7 did the FSAs and should be distributed in the next week or so.

### **DPAC Update (Jen) – Last meeting was 27 November**

- Presentation from Dr. Anna Stokke who is a professor of mathematics in Winnipeg at the last DPAC meeting. She emphasized practice of basic math facts (+/-/x/division), as higher level math requires basic math facts. If you are trying to do your own research – be careful when people say their opinion is coming from research, it could all be opinion pieces and not factual information.
- Talk about DPAC organizing workshops in the new year that parents can attend on specific subjects. More to come on that.
- Very brief update on Carlton / Flemming proposed closures.
- Was there a touch on a budget during the meeting? In January there is going to be a public consultation process where you can fill in a survey online where you can add what you think the priorities are for the VSB.

### **Financial Update (Herman)**

- **General Account:** November just had the standard expenses for lunches. Ending balance is ~\$1,500. Made our first monthly payment to the new vendor (BriteMinds)
- **Net profit:**
- **Hot lunch:** November we had similar profits (~\$400) to October which is less than last year
- **Gaming Account:** Received claim for knitting club and issued the cheque. New balance ~\$1,200
- **Halloween movie night:** Still profitable, but about ~\$100 less than last year for profit.
- **Admin to send PAC the invoice for the movie program.**

### **Teachers' Discretionary funds**

In the past, PAC provided \$150 to division teacher, \$75 to resource teachers and \$25 to SSAs (f/t allocation) into a pool that is selected by a democratic system.

This year we are suggesting / planning:

- Division & Resource teachers = 24 x \$150 = \$3,600 (including library and music teachers)
- SSAs = 14 X \$25 = \$350
- All Teachers and SSA's \$3,950
  - Scally made a motion to provide \$3,950 to the teachers and f/t SSA staff as a discretionary fund.
  - Herman seconded the motion.
  - Vote to approve the minutes – Approved.

### **Funding requests (Scally)**

We will need to redo the PAC fund request forms – with clearer instructions and funding must be approved before the funding is approved. This is not a reimbursement service, and not all requests will

be approved. It will also indicate that they need to use their discretionary fund prior to completing a funding request.

1 Ms Leung and Ms Clements

- Pumpkins for in school field study – Instructional (~\$65)
- Apply/design/skill/technology – bird making kits (40 kits) – Instructional (~\$575)
- School set of safety hammers and safety goggles – Instructional / extracurricular activities (~\$125)
- Outdoor equipment for sandbox and mud kitchen – Outdoor activity (~\$100)
  - Total amount requested is \$690-800. Requested for ASAP
    - Instructional (~\$635)
    - Outdoor activity (~\$100) – can come from the gaming grant and it focused on inclusivity.
- Scally made a motion to approve the hammers / goggles and outdoor equipment with the provision that these need to be shared but deny the pumpkins and ADST items (due to specific curricular items).
- Herman seconded the motion.
- Vote to approve the minutes – Approved.

2 Dungeons and Dragons – Ms. Welton – 27 enrolled students. Manuals, books, figuring's, maps, dice; educational goals are communications, social connectivity and learning. Amount being requested is \$135 total.

- Scally made a motion to approve the amount of \$135 to purchase all requirements.
- Manninagh seconded the motion.
- Vote to approve the minutes – Approved.

3 Division 9 – Ms Shum – a new electronic pencil sharpener; was damaged and need a new one. Requesting \$44 for the electronic sharpener.

- Scally made a motion to deny the amount of \$44 to purchase a new electronic sharpener.
- Kathleen seconded the motion.
- Vote to approve the minutes – Approved.

## PAC Fundraisers

Month	Event
December	Purdy's Holiday Chocolate Gift Program - Pick up is tomorrow (a total of 18 orders)
December – Christmas concert	Christmas Concert
9 January 2026 (Fri)	Holiday Winter Theme Dance
February	Cookie Fundraiser - Need to look into various companies
26 Feb 2026	Pink Shirt Day
13 March 2026 (Fri)	In-class Movie (snack package purchase)
April (TBD)	Chatime Bubble Tea
29 May 2026	Frozen Treats Day
29 May 2026	Sports Day
5, 12, 19 June 2026	Frozen Treats Days
June (TBA)	Chatime Bubble Tea

## **Events (10 minutes)**

- K-Pop dance – Update:
  - 26 Jan – 5 Feb 2026 approved
  - Here in the mornings and each class gets one session per class
  - Primary gets one 45-minute class
  - Intermediate gets one 60-minute class
  - Check to see if there can be two classes somehow? Like a 40/20 or 30/30 minute class. OR if we can combine some classes to get two classes for each group.
- Glow Dance / Winter Theme Update:
  - School cash online has been set up
  - 5:30 – 7:30 pm – DJ time
  - Posters are up
  - Pizza only for the food – Dominos (same cost as Thursday's)
  - Sour gummies / chips
  - Pop juice / Pop
  - Need to discuss decorations
  - Lighting – Vancouver rental company; Long and McQuade
  - Request for daily announcement to be noted.
  - Make a backpack flyer - Scally will make / Ajay will help print and distribute.
  - Can we utilize the student council? Glow in the dark tattoos.
- Winter Concert:
  - Thursday, 18 December 2025 @ 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm
  - 2 tickets per family
  - Herman applied for gaming 50/50 raffle license for Christmas concert
  - Donation box for music program
  - QR code on the back of the program-donations of \$20 or more
- In-Class Movie Day:
  - 19 December 2025
  - PAC provides popcorn and gummies to all students
- Sports Day 2026:
  - Friday, 29 May 2026
- Split Second Basketball:
  - Will look into the possibility of having them back, good value for money.

## **Concerns from parents:**

- Full masks which were worn on Halloween. Could we return to a no mask policy.
- Pest issues – dead rodents and droppings are being found. Pest control people will be called and traps to be set (glue traps). Trying to close entry points, but many different entry points (even the brushes under the doors – they can fit in there).

**Next PAC Meeting:** Tuesday, 6 January 2026

## **Adjourn meeting**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM