

Date: 11 September 2024	Site: DLG Library	Start Time:	6:00	PM
Co-Chairs: Scally C. / Ashley H.	Recorder: Kathleen Pathak	End Time:	7:02	PM

Membership	Role	In Attendance?
Ashley Hansen	Co-chair	Y
Scally Chu	Co-chair	Y
Herman Chan	Treasurer	Y
Kathleen Pathak	Co-Secretary	Y
Ajay Pathak	Co-secretary	N
Shandelle Skaley	Former Co-chair	Y
Jonathan Weresch	Principal (Non-voting member)	Y
Susan Worthington	Vice Principal (Non-voting member)	Y
Other members or participants	See sign-in sheet for names	
Next Meeting	8 October 2024	

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### Welcome And Introduction - (Scally / Ashley)

- Advised group that a sign-in sheet was being circulated for required sign in of all attendees.
- Provided overview of the PAC, as follows:

#### What is PAC

- Parent Advisory Council (a Society)
- We raise funds to contribute financially to the school.
- We communicate and advocate for, and, on behalf of students.

#### Membership & Voting

- All parents of students of DLG are voting members.
- For each PAC meeting, a minimum of 5 voting members are needed (for quorum).
- Voting is done via a show of hands; however, if 2 or more members request secret ballot, it will be implemented.
- A motion is raised to initiate a discussion. Once the motion is seconded, the discussion begins. A vote (if needed) is held after the discussion is completed.

#### Meet the PAC Executives

- Scally: Co-Chair. Formerly Treasurer for 2 years
- Ashley: Co Chair for fifth year
- Herman: Treasurer for first year
- Shandelle: Former Co-Chair
- Kathleen & Ajay: Co-Secretaries for second year.

District PAC update (<https://www.vancouverdpac.org/>)

- Forming their executive team currently
- If you are interested in more information or want to volunteer feel free to visit their website.

### Approval of June Meeting Minutes

- Postponed until next meeting

### Principal and Vice Principal Updates

Principal Update – Jonathan Weresch

Vice Principal Update – Susan Worthington

- Thank you to everyone for being here. It is great that past co-chair is here and sharing information and providing a hand-off.
- Lucky to have a VP this year due to the growth and new building.
- VSB has come together with the first nations communities to bring in an Acknowledge the use of land acknowledgement. The text is as follows:
  - *With deep gratitude and respect, I am honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm|Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh|Squamish Nation & səlilwətaʔ |Tseil-Waututh Nation.*
- PAC is important as it provides three levels of voice:
  1. Parents voice to school administration and staff.
  2. A voice to the District on behalf of the school – the PAC doesn't just report to parents but also the district (VSB) and is able to write letters to the district as well.
  3. The voice about spending PAC money directly for things for the school (i.e. art supplies, sports equipment, etc. PAC can fund programs and help with funding areas that need to grow.
- We are enjoying getting to know parents; only one week with the kids. 18 divisions, with 3 kindergarten classes and will alternate between 2-3 classes each year.
- We have a new kindergarten teacher, and a new 3/4 split teacher. We are still looking for maternity leave coverage for Candice Fong (music teacher).
- All parents will receive communication from the board office on Monday 16 September regarding FSA (foundational skills assessment).
  - Grades 4 & 7 write these tests every year. The data has been used to rank schools when it was not meant to be used for that.
  - VSB is working hard to change this perspective.
- Programs coming out – Soccer (grades 5 & 6); cross country (grades 4-7); and an arts program for selected children as it is fully funded.
- Teachers' Discretionary Fund
  - In the past it was \$150 for FTE and \$75 for Resource, usually done in the second term
  - PAC is being asked to visit the idea of providing the funds in the first term.
- There will be no newsletters this year, but rather a weekly email that will be sent on Friday.

- Coming up:
  - This Friday will be the first fire drill – speak with your kids about this; bell goes off – go outside by division, take attendance. There are required to be 10 drills per year.
  - There will also be “lock down” and “shelter in place” drills.
  - Assemblies will be on Fridays, with the first one being 30 September, followed by 11 November.

**Comments & Questions to Administration:**

- Would be nice if we have a member from each class at the PAC meetings. Remember this is where your voice is heard as well and there is childcare.
- Best way to communicate is via the PAC email.
- Is there a meet the teacher plan?
  - Meet the teacher is not a requirement, however we like to do it.
  - A meeting is being held with the teachers to determine format and delivery.
- Are assemblies still open to parents?
  - Yes, any assembly is open to a parent or guardian of a student in the school. Topics can include learning about various cultures, talking about things affecting the community, or even classes sharing things they have learned.
- Traffic has been crazy – can the district look at something like crossing guards (not children)?
  - Parents can volunteer. In previous years, stop signs were purchased and are available.
  - Maybe you can approach Marpole-Oakridge Community / Policing Community.

**Financial Update (Herman / Scally)**

- Account Balance – starting fresh for the new year; Total cash = \$20,337.40
- Deposits (money going in)
  - Hot lunch payments – Will be set up this way again this year.
  - General Donations received
  - Frozen treats
  - Shopfunds
- Payments / Expenditures – None yet for this year
- Outstanding items
  - Staff appreciation lunch
  - Science fair posters
  - Movie event gummies and first day of school baked goods
  - Coffee cups for first day of school
- Gaming account; Total to date = \$3,980.10
  - This a government grant that is given to each school that applies for it. \$20/student based on last year’s enrolment. This can be used for extracurricular sports equipment, club uniforms, field trips, but nothing for in school curriculum use.

## Fundraisers

Month	Event	Notes/Comments
September	Orange Shirt Day	Due to time constraints with printing / shipping, we will not be doing it this year. We will revisit next year.
October onwards	Hot lunch program	Starts in October; order form is ready and will be sent out to everyone Second year of program and due to success has expanded to four days per week. Monday – Myst Asian Bistro (Taiwanese) \$6.50 / order Tuesday – C'est Mon Café (American) \$7/order Wednesday – Minato Sushi (Japanese) \$4-7/order Friday – Subway (sandwiches) \$5/order
November	ShopFunds holiday gift cards	Purchasers pay face value PAC receives rebate payment based on the cards purchased (a percentage basis).
	Purdy's holiday chocolate	Local chocolatier with an excellent school program PAC will run holiday chocolate purchase program
	Mitchell's Soup Co.	New this year Opportunity to purchase soup in a package (simply add water)
March	In-class movie snacks	Fundraisers for the in-class snacks. More details to come.
April	ShopFunds end-of-school-year gift cards	Final run of program for school year Last chance to purchase gift cards for summer
May and June	Frozen Treats Day	Purchased from TCBY in Maple Ridge Small cups enjoyed by kids and adults

## Events

Date	Event	Notes/Comments
September 26, 2024	Indigenous Awareness Workshop	Working with Indigenous Worker to set something up
October 24, 2024 @ 5:00 pm	Halloween Movie Night	Evening event in the gym. Principal will attend No admission fee. Only costs will be pre-ordered pizza or snacks on site. Family event – parents must attend with kids. People can dress up and have fun. Movie will be geared to the younger core age group.
December 20, 2024	In-class Movie Day	PAC is offering the snacks for all the students for this movie day. Shandelle has put forward a motion to discuss paying for the snacks. Herman seconds. Welches gummy bag and one bag of popcorn, only 75% filled: approximately \$500. Shandell puts forward the motion to provide up to \$500 to provide the snacks to the students for movie day. Herman seconds. In favour – All (unanimous) Against or Abstain - none
February 20, 2025	Multicultural Day	Interested in doing something for this date PAC will need school engagement and participation as it would be during school time and parent volunteers would be needed.
March 14, 2025	In-class Movie Day	Snacks will be a fund raiser
May 23, 2025	Frozen Treats Day	Frozen yogurt / sorbet available for pre-purchase Will be provided at end of school day before going home and not eaten in the school
May 30, 2025		
June 6, 2025		
June 13, 2025		
June 20, 2025		

PAC meetings are the first Tuesday of each month

- 2024: 8 October, 5 November, 3 December
- 2025: 7 January, 4 February, 4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June (Annual General Meeting)

Please feel free to email the PAC at any time at: [Pac.dlg@gmail.com](mailto:Pac.dlg@gmail.com).

### Adjourn meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM