

**PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE
DAVID THOMPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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February 21, 2018 Meeting minutes.

Attendance: , Kelley, Shauna, Kimberly, Kristy, Becky, Valerie, Leni, Christine, Terra, Barb, Jocelyn, Katrina.

6:14 meeting got underway.

Approval of December meeting minutes;

Christine motioned

Becky seconded

Minutes approved.

Kristin has resigned as Member at Large, Kimberly stepped into the role. Thank you Kimberly.

Addition to Agenda:

Discussion re parking lot.

Principal's report:

No report, both Principal and Vice Principal were unable to attend PAC meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

Teacher Liaison:

Ms. Gurski G2 requested funds for listening centre/phonics games for word work total costs \$426.83.

Leni motioned \$450 maximum cost

Christine seconded

All in favour - motion passed.

Ms. Kipp requested funds for Apple TV \$200 this would be used to view student projects on a big screen.

A question was asked if we keep track of what each teacher receives. Suggestion made that perhaps the school should pay. A question was asked if it may have already been purchased because it was a dated request.

The request was tabled.

Ms. Steffenson requests funds for Kamloops Museum fur trade tour \$104 - already has \$300 available from bussing account. It was mentioned that this class had already attended a lot of field trips and parents have not been asked to pay.

Ms. Bentz requests funds \$157.50 for an outreach program. Again was asked if could this money come out of bussing budget?



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DPAC Report - www.dpac.sd73.bc.ca

Meeting held previous night. Social media policy was discussed. Valerie asked if there was a DT Face Book page and about controls of that page. The response was that yes, there is a FB page and it is monitored by Coralee who filters all posts. Other schools have had issues with disgruntled parents starting their own FB pages and concerns for DPAC over policies regarding these other FB pages. Aboriginal engagement portion discussed ADHOC committee have gathered input from people around BC regarding Aboriginal parent engagement. Valerie has volunteered to be a part of the team that will assess the gathered data. Once again she has been asked to return to ADHOC committee.

DPAC AGM notification is two months, not one month to allow for the required 30 day notice if bylaws are changed. Suggestion was to give parents notice of AGM that is held in September for DT PAC in June.

A mention of an incident of concern that took place at a local Kamloops school elementary school and the ADHOC committee put forward to have that incident addressed in a professional setting.

Board meeting minutes are on DPAC website and an information package was sent around the table for parents to look over.

Treasurer

Leni mentioned that at this time of year the PAC will have the most money because of revenue received but not all expenses have been paid out.

Current balance in Gaming account \$16,900.

Current balance in General account \$51,259.

As yet not all Hot Lunches have been paid for. We are committed to \$5,000 misc but have not had all invoices but generally speaking the accounts are sitting healthy.

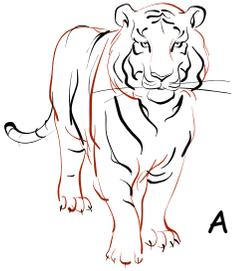
Valerie made a request if she could be allocated \$120 for gas money to attend DPAC meeting in May. Suggestion was that Valerie make a formal request for funds at next meeting.

Fundraisers:

Raffle: Nothing yet. Working towards playground equipment. Hoping for Mother's Day.

Movie Night: The movies has been booked and an annual license was purchased. The license allows for all movies to be shown that the company owns for one year for \$175.

Doors open at 5:30 - notices went out this week. There will be popcorn and pizza. After school yoga - 12 children attending.



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A suggestion of a paint night or trivia night were briefly discussed.

Old Business:

Fresh fruit and vegies: Allergy checks still need to be looked into.

A concern was brought forward about Monday's Hot Lunch. The caterer made the decision not to bring the buns - there was some confusion about quantity and timing seems to have been a factor.

It was agreed that these particular Hot Lunches are a lot of effort, but they are good quality.

Parking Lot: Not going as well as it was in the beginning, people have been returning to their old habits. It works when admin present but it does not work when they are not. The parking lot is still not safe as it should be at present. Questions were asked about signage or what other options are there to make the parking lot safer. It was decided that a letter would be addressed to admin by PAC with PAC's concerns and that the members of PAC feel that the admin still needs to address the parking lot issue.

It was noted that parents are now choosing to bring their children late to school so that they can use the parking lot to drop off their children. PAC would like to see the school contact By-law to enforce the drop-off zone and provide better signage. Kristy will draft letter to admin.

A request was made concerning the need for a Hot Lunch Co-Ordinator to be at the school every Wednesday to help with tasks involved with the running of the Hot Lunch program.

Next meeting March 15th at 6pm.

Meeting closed.