

# DBES PAC Agenda

**Tuesday, April 18th, 2022 at 7:00pm**

Meeting in DBES Library & via Zoom

**Due to the attendee rate, the meeting was cancelled. All reports were submitted via email.**

In attendance: Rae-dene Pednaud (Principal), Megan Kelso, Jana Curll (DPAC), Grace Lewis (Greenhouse Coordinator), Ted Chisolm (SCS).

Regrets: Rachel Watson(Secretary), Ellen Manson(Fundraising), Kate Hayward, Victoria Goodier(Treasurer), Meghan Mathias(Co-Chair), Jason Stanford(Co-Chair), Ann Skeltcher (Trustee)

**Discussed: A dishwasher was purchased by Ted. Rae-dene has the invoice to submit to PAC for reimbursement.**

## **Principal's Report, Rae-dene Pednaud**

- *Basketball wrapped up for boys with a play day at Elphinstone. It sounds like they had a fabulous time. Unfortunately, we did not have enough participants for our girls to have a play day – we will work on promoting girls' basketball more prior to the season next year. A huge thank you to Crystaleen Obray and Brian Williams for coaching our teams.*
- *Several of our classes took part in a Metis dance session before Spring Break and our Div. 1 and 2 classes went tree planting with Cody and Megan and had a fabulous learning opportunity provided by Community Forests.*
- *TCO2 came to speak to our Grade 6/7 classes about online safety.*
- *We continued planning for our Greenhouse and Gardens and our Spring Harvest Celebration (Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>) and it so amazing to see all students engaged in learning about growing food.*
- *We have a new Intermediate Garden Club at lunch on Wednesdays – Thank you, Kerry!*
- *On that note we are looking for:*
  - *Seedling trays*
  - *Garden Volunteers for watering – reach out to Grace – [gracesnotes@gmail.com](mailto:gracesnotes@gmail.com)*
- **Things to come:**
- *Track and Field – thank you, Peter!*
- *Ultimate – thank you, Simon!*
- *April 25<sup>th</sup> – Earth Day Assembly*
- *April 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony planning*

### **Community Schools Update, Ted Chisholm**

- We are getting quotes from Olson Electric to repair the pull stations and one fire alarm sensor in the greenhouse as rain coming in from the Roof Louvre has caused problems, which means we will be accessing our 'GH Capital Sustainability Fund' that the PAC has put some funds toward.
- Ellen has been attending the Growing Green monthly meetings, and our plan is to sell some Greenhouse starts at the Spring Harvest Celebration. She is going to arrange for some parents to assist and there is a need to clarify with the PAC how we do this going forward. DBES PAC has generously supported and contributed to the greenhouse over the past 4 years, and it would be good to find a balance for what you feel is fair. Should proceeds from sales go to the PAC to reimburse for what you provide at the beginning of the year? Would PAC want to do a revenue split?
- I am working on a model to build towards some sustainability, which involves some benefit to Grace, (or future key volunteer who takes her place).
- As the CS has limited funding to support her time, having her benefit from what is grown and sold as a fundraiser since she is doing most of it seems fair. Having some proceeds going to build a contingency fund is necessary. As PAC members are likely going to be involved in some of the initiatives, I would like to have a conversation to discuss what would be fair for you.
- Could be at next PAC meeting or I can set up another time to discuss with executive if you are interested.

### **Greenhouse Coordinator, Grace Lewis**

Are there any parents that would like to hear more about the importance of pollinators in the gardens?

There are opportunities for the PAC to grow and share or sell plants from the green house, (fundraiser) as well as either promoting food plants through a school "program" or at the local Farmer's Market. If there are any parents interested they can, either call Ted or leave a message at the school and I will follow up.

We have different plants growing that students will be excited to share news of!

Lastly, I'd like to do a call out now, to find parents that would like to do some watering this summer. Benefits include introduction to greenhouses,

growing new veg and of course there will be some fresh food to share. Now is the time to do an orientation and get involved.

### **Treasurer's Report, Victoria Goodier**

- bank account is at \$12,316.99 and the gaming account is \$3,911.18

### **Fundraising Report, Ellen Manson (via email)**

- Greenhouse Committee is looking for volunteers fro June 9 Celebration
- Starters will be sold
- Bake Sale?

- Coffee and Tea Fundraisers at the end of May
- Missing orders from Butcher Dave's coming next week and customers will be notified.

**DPAC Update, Jana Curll**

[Full DPAC minutes available here.](#)

- Alun Woolliams – Trac Director presented 'Connect the Coast', a movement for an multiuser path from Langdale to Sechelt as an alternative to the single vehicle highway. (Bikes, walking etc.) Studies and recommendations are underway for the proposed path to run parallel to the hwy. The first parts would be Langdale to Gibsons, DPAC voted unanimously to write a letter of support for the project.
- Colten Rockford – SD46 student presented proposed Free transit for all students (inclusion of secondary and post-secondary). DPAC voted unanimously to write a letter of support for the initiative.
- **DPAC Chair report:**
  - BC Cancer is asking schools to join Sun Sense. Schools will be given resources to provide UV protection.
  - BCCPAC nominations are open for the board of directors. DPAC has the funds to send up to 2 people in May.
  - The DPAC gaming grant is now tentatively spent so Foodsafe compensation is closed for now. Funding may be reopened in the fall.
- **Trustee Report, Stacia Leech:**
  - -5 Year plan is up for review. Community engagement is underway.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16 @7:00pm, In the DBES Library & via Zoom**