



Dorothea Walker Elementary School

PAC General Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025

Meeting Commenced at 6:33 pm

Attendees:

- a) Kim Hafeman –PAC President
- b) Rosie Kufeldt – Communications Representative
- c) Jenn Drever – PAC Secretary
- d) Nicole Goodis – PAC Vice President
- e) Lisa Wilson – Member at Large

DWE Administration:

- Marie Josee Bedard, Principal

Meeting Chaired by:

- DWE PAC President, Kim Hafeman

1) Approval of agenda and previous meeting minutes (Kim Hafeman)

- a) DWE PAC welcomes all parents of DWE students and DWE administration
- b) Territory Acknowledgement.
 - i) DWE PAC acknowledges that our community is located on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Syilx/Okanagan people.
- c) Motion to approve meeting minutes from January:
 - (1) First: Nicole G.
 - (2) Second: Lisa Wilson
 - (3) All in favour
- d) Motion to approve agenda for tonight's meeting:
 - (1) First: Nicole G.
 - (2) Second: Rosie
 - (3) All in favour

2) Principal's Update (Marie-Josée Bedard)

- a) Feb 21 – Spirit Day
- b) Feb 26 – Pink Shirt Day (OKM kids coming to present about this)
- c) Feb 27/28 early dismissal for student led conferences
- d) March 15-30 spring break
- e) April 16/17 Musical
- f) Discussion currently taking place within the school administration about 2025/2026 school calendar and parents in attendance did not share any major issues with school calendar from this year. Note that this was only for items within DWE control, not district wide calendar items.
- g) MDI Results (Middle Years Development Instrument)
 - i) The grade 5 students participated in the MDI survey. Here are two brief videos about the MDI survey
 - ii) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUANTabp01Q&list=PLlQgnzU8TdkrF2LBo0Ce5Xp-U_nLuqmWb&index=13
 - iii) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0jwe71Ls6g&list=PLlQgnzU8TdkrF2LBo0Ce5Xp-U_nLuqmWb&index=20
 - iv) At DWE, optional participation in Grade 5 (kids can even choose to opt out of individual questions if they want)
 - v) Explanation about what “confidential” means was given to the kids
 - vi) Students were encouraged to ask the teachers walking around if they didn't understand the questions

vii) Mme Bedard went through the results from our grade 5 cohort with parents in attendance tonight and discussion about how our school compared to other schools in our district.

3) **Financial Update (Kim Hafeman on behalf of Teralee Burton)**

- a) January:
 - i) All accounts balanced
 - ii) Income: Money generated from hot lunches and interest in savings account
 - iii) Expenses: hot lunch vendors, movie night expenses, school wish list
 - iv) Movie night profit of \$585
 - v) Motion to approve January financials:
 - (1) First: Nicole G.
 - (2) Second: Rosie
 - (3) All in favour

4) **BCCPAC (Kim Hafeman)**

- a) Cheque did not make it to their office on time to renew our membership. BCCPAC refused to make an exception about our membership due being late. (Mail strike contributed to this, but they did not make any exception to their rule for us). This means we do not have a vote for this year at the BCCPAC level. Kim asked the BCCPAC to please forward our request to their Board of Directors and has not heard back.

5) **School Fundraisers:**

- a) Hot Lunch (Kim on behalf of Ashley Rowan)
 - i) Ongoing struggle with having enough parents to volunteer during handouts
 - ii) Impending threat about hot lunch being cancelled, this would be devastating for our school as hot lunch is a major fundraiser towards teacher wish lists and school activities.
 - iii) Brainstorming as a group about what we can do to encourage volunteers
- b) Spirit Wear (Lisa Wilson)
 - i) Online store setup again and can be launched anytime
 - (1) Slightly fewer items available this time because certain things required minimum numbers for order
 - (2) Discussion to launch next week and be open for two weeks so kids can get orders back shortly after spring break. Discussion of how to announce to kids.
- c) Yearbook (Kim Hafeman on behalf of Jenn Dyson)
 - i) Jenn getting content together and trying to decide when to launch cover contest

6) **School Community Events (Kim Hafeman)**

- a) Hot Chocolate – February 13th
 - i) Ran smoothly. Kids adored it. We did have enough volunteers for this.
- b) Spring Dance – April 25th (Kim on behalf of Tiffany Earl who volunteered to lead)
 - i) First committee meeting took place. DJ Haymaker is committed to the date. Gym is booked.
- c) Family Fun night – June 6th (Jenn Drever on behalf of Ashleigh Christensen)
 - i) First committee meeting took place. New volunteers came to the meeting and some exciting changes are coming this year!

7) **COPAC Update (Jenn Dyson)**

- a) SD23 Budget survey closes March 3 at midnight. Link below.
- b) <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/628310494/welcome>

8) **Other Business** – no

9) **Adjournment of Meeting:**

- Motion to adjourn @ 7:48 PM:

- Nicole G.
- Adjourned.