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DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
7:00 pm – Upstairs Board Room

1. Elections of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary
2. Approval of agenda and previous minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Superintendent's Report
5. BCCPAC Memberships
6. Share a Strength & a Stretch
7. Next Meeting: January 20, 2027
8. Adjournment

Brooks Secondary DPAC Update:
Brooks PAC will be meeting the fourth Wednesday of the month, except for December, March and June. Agendas and minutes are posted to the Brooks website under PAC each month. At our September meeting, we welcomed a few new parents and elections were held. The following were elected:

- Chair – Kate Boyd
- Vice Chair – Katya Buck
- Secretary - Laura Wilson
- Treasurer – Tai Uhlmann
- DPAC Rep – Kate Boyd/Danielle Quinney

October is our main funding meeting, so we look forward to seeing the requests. We will also continue to work on connecting with more parents.

Edgehill Elementary DPAC Update:
Our school community is thrilled that the school renovations are wrapping up! We have so many extra spaces for all sorts of different learning and we are really excited to see how the year unfolds.
Our ongoing fundraisers include a monthly pizza hot lunch, Growing Smiles Greenery (winter and spring), and winter Purdy's, plus ongoing fundraisers through Mabel's Labels and Tru Earth-a small trickle in over time but when we zoom out adds quite a bit. We also host a photo day at the end of November, which we have framed as a community event-we create a holiday backdrop and hire a photographer to offer family photos. While the photos are being taken we have different stations for holiday themed activities and offer popcorn and hot chocolate by donation. It doesn't raise much, but it's a great way to connect with families. This will be our second year, and with the renovations complete, we hope to grow it into a yearly tradition. Our main fundraising goal this year is to help outfit the school with all-new gym and sport equipment to match our beautiful new gym. We are also setting funds aside to reimagine our sensory space, which has been missed during the renovations.

James Thomson Elementary DPAC Update:
Concern about limited parent engagement continues to be a focus. We now have a full executive of 4, including a brand-new parent as Vice-President, and interest from other parents, so we are seeing some success. We also have a new Volunteer co-ordinator and a new Fundraising co-ordinator.

Our new Vice President, Katheryn Scarfone, is also going to be my co-rep for DPAC and will hopefully be able to attend with me this week.

Since it is increasingly evident that our PAC members – the caregivers of our students – are overwhelmingly unable to attend meetings, I will be creating and promoting a private Facebook group for them. Hopefully this will provide more opportunities to engage with and listen to all our caregivers, not just the ones who have time to volunteer.

We have turned both our major fundraisers – the Halloween Carnival and the Track and Field concession – over to divisions 1 and 2 (our English and French grade 6/7 classes), to assist them in fundraising for their class trips, as that is our single largest expense. The PAC will be running other fundraisers, including the concession at the Halloween Carnival, a Spring Carnival in April. Fresh To You orders are in, and that is our main fundraiser this fall.

Henderson Elementary DPAC Update:

- Our biggest fundraiser is H3 October 23/24. 30+ people have signed up to volunteer. Please come out and support us!
- PAC is looking at making meetings more accessible to parents/caregivers
    - All meetings will be available virtually via Teams
    - We are looking into having child minding available – paid
- Along with teacher's classroom wish list we are asking for an OLC wish list so PAC can assess cost and supplement if necessary. Overall goal is for all students to enjoy the full gamut of outdoor activities at the OLC; unhindered by cost as well as giving consistent experiences to all the classes/students who attend.
- PAC sponsors home alone course for grade 4 students and babysitters course for grade 7 students. These will happen in the spring.

Westview Elementary DPAC Update:

Our Sensory Room: All items have arrived, and the project is on track for completion in November! Remaining work includes finishing some further aesthetic, installing the mirrors and marble wall. Staff training and educational resources are also being developed to support the effective use of the space.

School News: At the beginning of the month, we welcomed families to our open house to meet teachers and explore their children's classrooms. We also enjoyed our first sushi lunch of the school year!
House Teams: Our new house team logo was finalized at the end of last school year, and we're now moving forward with ordering spirit wear. We're looking forward to seeing our house teams represented around the school!