

Dalhousie School Council School Update February 7, 2024

Call to Order 6:34pm

Adopt Agenda Lindsay and Heather

Adopt the Minutes Lindsay and Heather

1. New Report Cards format
Comment – I like that there is more transparency.
2. New Website and News Letter
Comment – The school website would be better to see the weekly updates.
Comment – Thanks for the updates. On the website would be better. It has to be consistent and easy to navigate.
Comment – The other ladies nailed it.
3. Spanish Courses for parents at Dalhousie
Comment – There are a few nights that are on parent council meeting nights.
Comment – We'll see if we can change the schedule.

4. Yearbook Contest

5. Recent events at Dalhousie

- Open House and Registration Information
- Grade 5 visit to SPB – Next visit in June
- NLA PD session with Dr. Mueller at Bob Edwards

6. Upcoming events

- Black History Month (class activities/projects)
- Dress as a sports player grade 5 (Feb 9)
- Registrations will close on (Feb 13)
- Senator Patrick Burns' Open House (Feb 14)
- Valentine's Day – Kindness Month (Feb 14)
- Teacher Convention (Feb 15-16)
- 100th Day of School Challenge/Celebration grade 1 (Feb 23)

- Pink Shirt Day (Feb 28)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (March 21-22)
- Dalhousie Fiesta

Comment – I think the Spanish representative took too long speaking at the open house and it was too much for that night. People looked bored by the time Charleen and I spoke. The grade 5's were so excited to be there for the tours and highlight the art.

Question – Why is spirit day only for grade 5's? There hasn't been many spirit days. What about the other grades?

Answer – We will bring it up to the staff. We will let parents know.

Comment – May 23 for Fiesta. Jackie will do an update with parent council.

Comment – For spirit day, Gracie said they made posters which implied it is for the entire school. Crazy hat day was also grade 5's only. Could spirit days be the whole school?

Answer – School spirit should be the entire school. We need to realign communication. We'll find out tomorrow.

Comment – There was like I guess an oversight last year, it's a lot to plan. Most of the spirit days fell on days that my child wasn't in kindergarten. It would be nice if they were distributed evenly.

Answer – They shouldn't be on Fridays. They can be any day of the week.

Question – In regard to leadership, any idea on what's happening with your position?

Answer – No, it's out of my control. I hope I can stay and apply if it becomes available. I'm 100% committed to Dalhousie. It will be reviewed at the end of March.

Comment – Parents need to know who it is going to be. Who do we contact about this?

Answer – I am the principal. I understand the frustration. If you have questions you can contact area office. It is out of our control.

Question – Is it possible Katrin comes back?

Answer – I don't know. I'm happy to stay. That's all I can say.

Comment – Last year Jeff said it takes at least a year or 18 months to have a transition. It could be September until we get someone permanent.

Answer – I can't answer. The timeline could be sooner or later than that. We are told we are there until we aren't. Feel free to reach out to area office, but I don't think they will say.

Question – Can we protest that a permanent position be posted?

Answer – I can't comment on that.

Comment – Email for area office area2@cbe.ab.ca

Comment – I will communicate to area office the questions that came up tonight. I don't have the answers myself.

Comment – Having our kids in a school that doesn't have stability doesn't feel good.

Answer – The kids don't seem to have been impacted, it's more the parents. I'll let area office know. Karla isn't going anywhere. I'll let you know what area office has to say.

7. Alberta Assurance Survey due March 1 – Grade 4s

Adjournment 7:20pm

Next Meeting March 6 6:30pm

DALHOUSIE PARENT SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES February 7th, 2024

Call to order 7:20pm

Adopt Agenda Heather and Jackie

Adopt Previous Minutes Lindsay and Heather

Co Chair Report

WOW! What an exciting year thus far! We have had a lot going on already! Lacey and her team pulled off quite the feat with running 3 Simultaneous Fundraisers before Christmas AND was able to hand them out on the same day! Together these fundraisers raised a total of \$5604.39 We just ran out latest School Spirit Apparel again for the first time in at least 3 years. It was a great sale! We sold over \$4100 in Hoodies & T-shirts with over 100 SOLD! This was not a

fundraiser – however with our fees paid and a small discount we ended up with just over \$41 in profit.

Parent council was able to subsidize the bussing for swimming and Skiing for our students – which cost a total of \$1591 for the swimming and we are still waiting for the invoice for the skiing.

The Fiesta committee has begun it's planning – more to come!

The Playground Committee is diligently working away to see our Playground Succeed – Lindsay will have an update.

The Fun Lunch Team is doing a fabulous job – we do require more volunteers if you are able to spare 45 minutes of your time once a week we would greatly appreciate it!

We just launched our Spring 50-50 Raffle – Tickets will be available to sell until March 15th – these proceeds will be going directly to the Playground.

WE HAVE A NEW CASINO SLOTTING!! We received word that we will be holding our next Casino in Q2 of 2025! That's only 1 year away!! Great news for us as we hopefully will continue to be on a 18 month rotation vs 24 months. We are still awaiting our Payment for the Casino we held in October. We should be receiving these funds by the second week of February at the latest. We will update once we do! In the meantime, we are still actively looking for a volunteer to take this position over – if you are willing and would like to be trained – please let Charleen know ASAP and I will get you started!

Treasury

Casino account is currently sitting at:

\$29,834.06

We earned \$0.55 in interest in December.

We earned \$0.25 in interest in January.

Operating account is Currently at:

\$33,639.90

We earned \$0.27 in interest in December.

We earned \$0.30 interest in January.

December we added: \$260.81 the extra balance from the 50/50 fundraiser, \$1526.66 for Mom's Pantry, Growing Smiles Amount equalled \$597. \$1628.54 for Healthy hunger, there was a carry over from healthy hunger for November deposited in Dec. for \$258.43. \$3642.43 for Purdy's which was higher than we had anticipated due to our school raising so much Purdy's gave us a better return on our fundraiser.

In December we paid \$1591.95 for bussing for student activities a significant savings in cost from last year, we also purchased gift cards for volunteers for their amazing help. We paid our parent council insurance for the year at the beginning of the month as well.

In January we added \$4100 for the hoodie and t-shirt order which we then paid \$4,059.04 for the order as well as \$97.64 for order forms for the hoodie and t shirt order. We have also added \$385.60 so far for January for Healthy Hunger. We also covered the cost of pizza for dinner for our teachers and staff at the recent open house for \$382.06.

Fundraising

We now have planned our newest Fundraising!!

Coco Brooks fundraiser - Dates are:

Start: Feb 5

End: March 4

Pick up March 18 3:00 - 5:00

<https://fundraising.cocobrooks.com/campaigns/dalhousie-school-playground-fundraiser>

Spring Planter Indeygo Fundraiser - Dates are:

Active as of today

Last order day April 15

Pick up TBD

<https://store.indeygo.com/fundraisers/my-new-fundraiser-2/>

Question – On the Coco Brooks fundraiser it asks who invited you. Still need a code, I don't think it is fixed

Answer – Lori can you please email Lacey to let her know.

Playground

We're nearly reaching our target of \$511,000! With just \$77,000 remaining, we're optimistic that our recent grant submission will bridge the gap. Despite the impending removal of the park this April, we're persistently pursuing other grants and fundraising avenues to ensure success. Any surplus funds raised will be directed towards supporting the School. If your company offers a donation matching program, we encourage you to contribute to our cause through the Parks Foundation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Also, don't forget about our 50/50 raffle, back in action! It's a fun way to contribute to the school while also standing a chance to win. It's truly a win-win situation.

If you have any questions, please contact the Playground Committee at dalhouse.playground@gmail.com

Question – Is there going to be a farewell to the old playground?

Answer – No, in case someone gets hurt.

Question – Will there be a warning before it gets taken down?

Answer – Yes, we will get a warning. It will be blocked off before they start demo.

Comment – Great work Lindsay!

Fun Lunch

We've had a great couple of months for fun lunch. In December we raised \$1628.54 and in January we raised \$1148.23. Next Wednesday we have Subway and Booster Juice, on February 20 we have Tim Hortons and Coco Brooks on February 28. We always need volunteers, if you have clearance please sign up!

Question – With Coco Brooks why is there no pepperoni pizza and no muffins for Tim Hortons?

Answer – Kristen and Kaeyli who took over fun lunch now do the ordering, so there will be some changes. We'll look into that.

Fiesta

The date is finally confirmed Thursday May 23

DJ has been confirmed, same as last year, Lori has been in touch with him. He's providing his tech and services and we will pay him this year, \$250

I have been in touch with a contact for food trucks, looking to book them again.

No silent auction this year.

Question – Are food trucks going to be in the parking lot again? We can have the trucks in the field.

Question – I'd like to help, but haven't heard anything.

Answer – We just nailed down a date. There will be a committee meeting and more communication soon.

School Shirts / Hoodies – RECAP: THANK YOU to all those families who purchased new Dalhousie Swag! We sold over \$4100 in merch. We were able to gift one student a new shirt as we had no up cycled shirts handed in. We were also able to gift our Administrative Staff one sweater each with the discount we received. This was not a fundraiser, however in the end we did make approx. \$41 in profit which has been added to our operating account.

Old Business

Winner of the weekly update trivia contest was Megan W.

New Business

The upcoming seminar from \$500 grant – April 9 or April 23 or 24th? Been in contact with Michelle Kincade from Evolve Psychology in regards to holding a seminar to talk about what she has observed clinically in her practice in working with kids/teens/ families over the past few years (during and after covid). Additionally, she could speak to some of the areas that she thinks would be important for families / parents/ teachers to be aware of as longer term impacts of the pandemic world. This kind of 'clinical experience' based talk would not include having a detailed, research information, in-depth power-point presentation. It would be more of a informal discussion with only a few slides to outline the main topic areas discussed.

New 50/50 Playground Raffle begun on Feb 2nd will run to March 15th

Next Meeting is on March 6 6:30pm

Adjournment 8:01pm