

Dalhousie Elementary PAC Association
AGM Minutes
September 13, 2023

Call to Order: 7:13pm

Adopt Agenda: Charleen Nickel and Amanda Tomlinson

Co-Chair Report – Year in Review

We had a very busy year last year with field trips, residencies, and classroom volunteering being reinstated. We also really amped up our fundraising as we are trying to get our new playground built. In September we had our apple and harvest veggies fundraisers which we are both offered again this year. We also supplied the teachers and staff with dinner during Parent/Teacher conferences. We know that everyone is always appreciative of those meals and we really enjoying providing that for the staff. A special thanks to Corrine, our fun lunch co-ordinator, who logged many hours inputting all of the staff meals.

In October, the younger grades went to swimming lessons and we were able to help out with the bussing for the lessons, which we are always happy to do. For some of the kids in grades 2 and 3, it was their first time on a school bus and first ever field trip, so seeing their excitement was very special.

The end of the calendar year brought more teacher meals and hopes of skiing and snowboarding for the kids in grade 4 and 5. Unfortunately, mother nature had other plans and skiing and snowboarding had to be postponed.

In the new year, we really got started behind the scenes with grant writing for the playground and the fiesta committee came together to start planning the fiesta. The grades 4 and 5 were finally able to go skiing and snowboarding and we were happy to help with bussing again for that.

Over the months leading up to spring, so much time and effort was poured into both the family fiesta and grants for the playground.

We rounded out the year with Grade 5's going to Que Pasa, River school and their farewell celebration. We were able to help out with bussing again, providing some relief to parents for the cost of some of the activities.

We had a very successful family fiesta in June, a welcome addition after years of it being absent. We had a silent auction to raise funds for the playground which was a massive undertaking. Special thanks to Lori Walker-Krause for all of her time and efforts canvassing the neighbourhood for donations from local businesses, putting all of the silent auction baskets together and being the organizer of the fiesta. It was a huge job and we appreciate everything

so much. We were able to raise a large chunk of money for the playground which was the best reward after all of the hard work.

The playground has its own update so I won't go into any details here, but an immense amount of work has gone in to fundraising, grant writing, presentations to donors, emails, etc, so Thank you to Sara Foster for being in charge and knowing when and how everything needed to be done, and to Kristi Millar and Allison Etwaroo for their assistance with grant writing. We are getting near our goal and something that seemed like a pipedream for so long, is finally in sight. It is very exciting.

Dalhousie is very fortunate that we have a parent who is willing to give her time weekly to offer up parents an opportunity to not make a lunch. I know I appreciate it, greatly, but fun lunch also brings in a massive amount of money to the school, and it just wouldn't happen without the hours and hours of time that Corrine puts into it. We are so incredibly appreciative to her for all that she has put into the program.

Ginger and I would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to volunteer, attend a meeting, purchase from fundraisers, buy a fun lunch, or contribute to the fiesta. It was amazing to see the parents of Dalhousie come together. The last 2 years have seen a lot of changes for the parent society as we went from the covid times of not being able to do much of anything, to trying to build a playground, and a huge party for the students and their families. Ginger and I have been really proud of our fundraiser and secretary, Lacey Brown for all of her work, and to our co-treasurers Charleen Nickel and Corrine Kinzell for keeping us in the black and able to operate despite the bumps in the road. They have all been amazing and really care for all the kids at Dalhousie.

We wish the new executive team being voted in tonight all the best.

Treasurer Report

Operating - \$150,763.43 – Received our cheque from Flip Give for \$657.49

\$0.21 in interest

\$42 – paid for apple fundraiser

\$125,000 received from CFEP for Grant Money for Playground which will be transferred to our Casino Account to properly reflect money on hand for Playground.

2022-2023 Financial Report was filed in July – still waiting for response of Report Completion

Casino - \$81,666.87 – NO activity to report (206,666.87 once transfer is complete)

Question – Who looks at different activities for the kids to participate in?

Answer – We do provide funds toward these activities. Those are planned through the school and Parent Society just provides some of the funding.

Casino Update

Our next Casino is fast approaching! The dates are Sunday October 22nd and Monday October 23rd. We are still needing several volunteers to sign up to fill all of the open positions.

The Casino is a massive fundraiser for the school. We can raise at least \$65000 (hopefully more) for the school. This is a significant amount of money to bring in, especially as we are desperately trying to fundraise for a new playground. If you are at all able to cover a shift for Dalhousie, you will be making a big difference for every single Dalhousie student.

Shifts still needing to be filled:

Sunday October 22nd:

- 7 pm to 3:30 am Cashier
- 11 pm to 3:30 am Countroom
- 7 pm to 3:30 am Backup

Monday October 23rd:

- 7 pm -3:30 am Banker
- 11-3:30 am Cashroom Supervisor
- 11-3:30 am Countroom (FOUR spots still need filling!!)

To sign up, please visit our website www.dalhousieparentsociety.com

No experience necessary, and you don't need your police check completed to sign up.

Question – Can you only have one position if you sign up for multiple shifts?

Answer – Yes, it needs to be the same position for all shifts.

Question – Can you reduce the hours in a shift?

Answer – No, the hours and shifts are set by the AGLC

Comment – We still need a new casino lead

Playground Update

- Dalhousie was awarded the \$125,000 CFEP grant!!! Thank you for everyone's hard work in achieving this. I can tell you after discussing our case at length with our case presenter that they truly take into account the whole picture and no matter what level of involvement you had from donations, to spreading the word, to paperwork to feedback... your involvement mattered and made an impact.
- Last year in 7 months we were able to bring in approx. \$187,238 from direct donations, sponsorships and grants. That is truly a remarkable number and something to be very proud of as a school. That number does not include any of our fundraising profits or the fun lunch totals either; if we included those we would be over \$200,000 for the school year last year.
- With the casino fund sitting at approx \$86,500 and grants at \$155,000 and the parks account at approx \$25,238 (will have exact numbers when our account person is back from holidays next week). We have \$273,738 of our goal raised!!! With the casino in October hopefully bringing in \$80,000 plus and Park n' plays generous \$78,490 in-kind donation we will be at right around \$432,000. That is sooooo close to our final goal, we only need \$104,000; with cash on hand from the various fundraising over the past two years Dalhousie Parent Society should be able to kick in at least \$25,00-\$30,000. \$70-\$75,000 gets us across the finish line and a park by spring!!!!
- I'd like to forth a motion to have Dalhousie Parent Society make a cash contribution towards the playground.
- I'd like to bring forth a motion to kick off the school year with a back to school 50/50 to celebrate our playground grant and get us rolling on crossing the finish line.
- I'd like to bring forth a motion to do a **Christmas** holiday 50/50 at the end of November and a final playground push 50/50 at the end of February to close the gap on the last funds needed.
- I've spoken with Tim regarding the grant and target of a spring build. He advised as long as we had our equipment ordered before the November price increase we can skate a date for spring. He will work to see if there is a way to do a price hold as well as help finalize colours and the last CBE approval and coordination. With that being said I'd like to motion we do an email server via CBE communications to all Dalhousie families and have them vote on colour options.
- If anyone would like to get involved and help or would like the sponsorship package to spread the word please email us at dalhousieplayground@gmail.com
- Lastly I have some good news/sad news, I have relocated to another city and no longer have a child enrolled at Dalhousie so I will be taking on a more background roll. The great part of this is though the amazing Lindsay L will be taking on my role as playground director/coordinator/person. She is phenomenal and I have no doubt she'll kick butt and bring this across the finish line.
- I really enjoyed my time with all of you and will definitely miss getting to be hands on in the action but I do look forward to helping in the background and seeing it come to life.

Question – What are the cheapest colours?

Answer – There are different colour profiles

Question – Could we send parents options?

Answer – I'm hoping that we can send it through school messenger for everyone to see.

Question – When the playground gets pulled, what happens to that space?

Answer – It would be a rock pit. The playground parts go to a playground graveyard.

Question – Will it be built in the summer?

Answer – It is a 2-3 week turnaround time. Could break ground in March.

Question – Can someone donate time on the demolition that would cut down on the cost?

Answer – If we get a grader that will save between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Fun Lunch Update

The first 2 orders of fun lunch this year we have made \$689.29.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with fun lunches. Please look for healthy hunger sign up genius email which has the link to sign up. Important reminder, in order to volunteer you must have a police clearance completed in the last 5 years with Dalhousie School. If you have any questions please email us.

Upcoming fun lunches are Mucho Burrito on September 19 and Subway and Booster Juice on September 27. The deadline to order is five days prior.

Fundraising Update

It's back to school, it's almost fall and it's time for our favorite fall fundraisers!

Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser :

Davison Orchards is a local apple farm in Vernon BC we have partnered with Davison for several years and everyone who participates loves the apples they receive they come packed in a 15 lb box with several varieties available

Form can be printed from our website link

https://www.dalhousieparentsociety.com/files/uqd/23fabb_1f065f70b6ca4fe08bac30d89e5b136b.xlsx?dn=Ordertrackingsheet2022HCAGOB.xlsx

Indeygo Harvest Bundle Fundraiser:

<https://store.indeygo.com/fundraisers/harvest-bundle-fundraiser-2/>

This is a great community builder fundraiser! Tell your friend and neighbors about these wonderful fresh from the farm fruit and veggies

Payment can be cash, cheque or etransfer for the apples. For the Indeygo fundraiser,

Payment can be made directly on the website.

Be sure sur check our website for links to the forms and ordering sites

dalhousieschoolparentsociety@gmail.com.

Attendance:

Lindsay
Aimee
Amanda
Brian
Nubia
Charleen
Clark
Corrine
Danny
Elaine
Elliot
Scott
Melissa
Krisha Ann
Ginger
Hadi
Heather
Heidi
Chris
Holly
Jackie
Jacky

Julie
Kaeyli
KC
Kelsey
Kristen
Kristi
Lauren
Amber
Lindsay
Lori
Luke
Melanie
Melissa
Melissa
Melissa
Miaomiao
Michelle
Michelle
Morgan
Rachel
Sara
Shaunna
Simran
SP
Stephanie
Stephen

Motion to elect Executive for 2023/2024 school year:
Charleen Nickel and Lori Walker Krause – Co Chairs
Corrine Kinzell – Secretary
Amanda Tomlinson - Treasurer

Next AGM Meeting September 2024

Adjournment – 8:07pm

