

Baker Drive PAC Meeting

April 7, 2025, 7 PM Zoom Call

Call to Order – Heba Elsonbaty (Co-Chair)

- Heba Elsonbaty read the Land Acknowledgement and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Rachael Sproston voted to approve the meeting minutes from March, and Corinne Mallonga-Hansen seconded.
- Rachael Sproston voted to approve the agenda for today's meeting, and Corinne Mallonga-Hansen seconded.

Principal Update - Joe Jamieson

- Students were happy to be back at school after the long weekend.
- A number of classes have spent extra time outside to enjoy the nice weather.
- There is a significant construction project underway involving the playground boundaries. The construction is taking longer than expected due to the rainy weather during Spring Break. There is also work happening on the staircase and driveway. That work should be done by April 24th. There have been some concerns involving cement cleanup and damage to the field, and the district has been contacted regarding a plan to clean this up.
- The district supports a gardening initiative and will be providing a variety of plants for students to plant around the school later in April.
- Como Lake relays will be occurring next Friday.
- Track Attack will be starting soon for Grades 3, 4, and 5. This is an opportunity for students to learn new skills, be outside, and enjoy time with classmates. Some students will go on to attend the district track meet.
- Students are working on a family project. There will also be a parent appreciation event upcoming, which will take place one morning.
- An email/community bulletin will be going out to discuss the class placement process. There will be guidelines for parents on how to provide requests on their child's class placement for next year. Generally, the focus should be on friend groups and learning, rather than directly requesting certain teachers. Staff takes this information into account alongside many other factors. Teachers also work with students to determine the best place for them.
- Staff is looking at how classes will be organised next year. It is likely that we will still have 10 divisions, although a lot can change between now and September and nothing is guaranteed.
- April 24 is a Pro-D Day, and staff learning will have an Indigenous focus. This will directly relate to the action plan for learning goal.

- There is an upcoming district-wide emergency drill on May 14th. Part of the process is that students will be dismissed earlier. There will be a process for releasing the students and documenting that they have been picked up. If someone else will be picking up your child, they will need to be on the student's emergency forms.

PAC Update – Heba Elsonbaty and Rachael Sproston (Co-Chairs)

- About half the student body submitted Readathon forms, and students seemed to really enjoy it. It is a low cost, low work-load fundraiser for the PAC. Division 10 raised the most money as a class, and Division 6 read the most minutes altogether.
- The Dickies Dumplings fundraiser took place last month.
- Staff Appreciation Day is coming up on April 23. We are looking for volunteers to help decorate doors, set up the library for the lunch, and serve the lunch. Homeroom parents will be decorating doors for classrooms.
- Neufeld's fundraiser is coming up, and orders must be in by April 15, to be picked up on April 23.
- The block party is coming up, and we are looking for volunteers. There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, and other fun activities.
- We will not be having a trivia night this year unless someone would like to organise it. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to do that.
- Freezie Fridays will happen during the last 6 weeks of the school year.
- We are still looking for a DPAC representative, fundraising representative, and homeroom parents for next year. Feel free to reach out if you are interested in these positions. The more people we can build into the community of volunteers the better. Budgeting is affected by a lack of volunteers, as we cannot budget for events that we do not have volunteers for.

Treasurer's Report - Mariana Perez-Garcia

- These numbers represent the time period from March 4, 2026 to April 6, 2026
- Total revenue was \$9,972.94
- Total expenses were \$3,483.27
- Net profit was \$6,489.67
- There was some discussion about how PAC funds are spent and allocated to classes for field trips.

DPAC Update – Christie Nelson

- This month's meeting had a special guest, who talked about the different career programs across different schools.
- A family survey has gone out.
- There's a new SD43 website being launched.

- There was some discussion about school safety protocols and the events that have happened in the past few months.
- There will be a special meeting on April 8 with the MLA.
- The next meeting is on April 29. If anyone is interested in attending meetings and being the DPAC representative next year, please reach out.

Adjourn

Heba Elsonbaty called to adjourn. Tamara Davidson seconded.

Attendees:

Christie Nelson, Corinne Mallonga-Hansen, Betty Siu, Joe Jamieson, Heba Elsonbaty, Mia, Rachael Sproston, Tamara D.

Board Members:

Heba Elsonbaty, Co-Chair | Rachael Sproston, Co-Chair | Corinne Hansen, Past Chair | Mariana Perez-Garcia, Treasurer | Christy Dirks, Secretary | Cooper Heibloem, Communications and After School Programs | Kimberley McCarthy - Hot Lunch | Christie Nelson, DPAC Representative | Joe Jamieson, Principal.