

## DRBS School Development Association Minutes

January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:29pm

**Attendees in person:** Nick Berdusco; Jamie-Lynn Leci; Jacqui Lund; Nicole Leung; Natasha Monk; Theresa Phan; Jenn Lowry; Lauren Ling and Chris Kozelj. **Virtual attendees:** Jenny; Lisa Tran; Abiola; Panahi; Andrea Suarez; Miguel Urrutia; Carrie Plesuk; Nicky Palmer; and Diana Lasso.

**Motion** to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on November 19, 2024 was made by Jamie-Lynn Leci and seconded by Jenn. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve the agenda for this meeting made by Natasha, seconded by Jamie-Lynn Leci. Motion carried.

### Special Events Coordinator Update

Andrea has been in communication with Landmark and Cineplex to organize a movie event for kids. She is leaning towards booking the event at Cineplex due to capacity and pricing. More details on the event date will be provided in the February meeting.

### Casino Coordinator Update

The discussion focused on recruiting volunteers for the upcoming casino fundraising event. The council is trying to fill 16 remaining volunteer positions.

Strategies discussed for getting more volunteers include:

- posting sign-up information in parent chat groups;
- sending the volunteer sign-up link to the council members and volunteer email list;
- considering adding a "backup" volunteer role in case of last-minute cancellations; and
- designating an alternative General Manager role to ensure coverage.

### Communication Update

The council discussed the communication challenges as a result of the CBE communication change regarding what the school can share on behalf of the council. The group wants to ensure that parents stay informed about the latest updates, especially regarding fundraising efforts, and discussed the importance of remaining compliant with the policy.

**Action:** Jamie-Lynn will send the CBE comms rules to the SDA membership for review.

### Fundraising Update

Natasha provided an update on the school's finances and recent activities. The council raised approximately \$2,900.00 through GoFundMe fundraising efforts. This exceeded the original fundraising target for the year.

### Playground Coordinator Update

A plaque is being created to commemorate the playground, it forms part of the final documentation for the related grant.

### **School Clubs**

Jenn brought up the idea of creating some clubs for the students. Jacquie noted there used to be various clubs at the school before COVID-19, such as a coding club, polar bear club, and choir, that were run by teachers. The Leadership Club is currently the only club running. School scheduling makes it difficult.

Jacquie suggested that Jenn follow up to get more information on how the Leadership Club was started and see if that model could be replicated for other clubs. Jenn will follow up at the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.