

# Douglas Road Elementary PAC Meeting

Feb 10 2026/ 6:30 PM / IN-PERSON & ONLINE

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

## Attendees

Nadia Volpe - Principal

Abby Pond - Chairperson / Munch-A-Lunch & Events Coordinator / Social Media Support / Bottle Recycling Assistant

Nicole Sprauer - Chairperson / Bottle Recycling Assistant

Jenny Wong - Vice Chair / Treasurer

Nicole Jappy - Vice Chair

Rachel Burch – Secretary / Social Media Support

Christina Yee - Munch-A-Lunch & Events Coordinator

## Absent

Bee Yiu - Head Teacher

CJ Liu - DPAC Representative

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## Agenda

### Land Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge the land on which we live, work, and play is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam),

Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

### Principal's Update - Nadia Volpe

- The salmon project continues - kids are engaged in learning about the salmon life cycle
- Afro dance just finished - the kids also learned a bit about black history month
- Friday February 13th, the school will have a visit from the Superintendent
- Friday, February 13 the intermediates will see a performance called "Where Have The Buffalos Gone?"
- Following up on whether we could host an ADHD/Autism pro-d information session for families – Nadia was in touch with our district representative regarding this, who will look into the idea of bringing it in for the district
- Year end event: This needs to be booked.
  - - Is this something Nadia books or PAC books?

- What are some other options for dates or places?
  - Thursday, June 18 was another date thrown out as an option
- Discussed transportation and decided: we will do buses for K through grade 5 and public transit for grades 6-7
- We also need to be thinking about the school-wide field trip to Harwood park in Sept.

#### Updates from PAC:

- Valentine's Treat Sale Fri, Feb 13 2:45pm-3:30pm (lollipops, cookies, macarons, cupcakes)
  - Working on getting some volunteers - emails and Whatsapp messages have been sent out and will be sent out again
- Zootopia Movie Night on Feb 26 - MAL up to date (teacher laptop?)
  - There are two TOC laptops
    - Nadia will look into this option for PAC to use
  - MAL (Munch-A-Lunch) should be up to date, but might need to push this more, as pre-orders are low
    - It was decided that PAC will push this after the treat sale
    - Discussed Dominos options
    - PAC will need to purchase plates
    - Debated whether to push the MAL deadline to Monday, February 23
  - Posters will be hung up after the treat sale
  - Popcorn options:
    - Usually get popcorn from Cineplex
    - Large bags are available at Walmart - Nicole S. will look for this next time she's there to confirm
    - The Dollar Store might also have large bags of popcorn
    - Discussed the option of buying a new popcorn maker for the school
  - Discussed the possibility of getting the grade 7 students to help set up again, as that really lightened the workload last movie night
- Send out Walkathon Flyers after Spring Break
  - Last year, the school raised \$3000; the goal for this year is \$4000
    - Discussed how to promote this goal
      - Perhaps we tell the students that we want to beat our \$3000 raised from last year – just so there's no disappointment if the \$4000 goal isn't reached
  - Discussed the possibility of sending a poster home with kids with a QR code to make it easier to give to others to donate
  - A Canva poster will be created for walkathon
  - Discussed the option of a sundae bar for the class that raises the most money again
- Year End Field Trip at Edmonds Splash Park
  - See Nadia's notes

## Additional Discussions:

- The next DPAC meeting is Wednesday, February 18
  - CJ is not available - Abby and Rachel will look into whether Brandon or Tim can go in his place
- Recycling/Trash Pickup:
  - Discussed the option of implementing some kind of program to pick up trash that rotates between each class
    - Something like this was started already back in September
      - It's a looser program and some teachers are regular at doing it [picking up trash], while others are not regular
    - Custodian comes and sometimes picks the trash up, but this depends on the needs of the inside of the building
    - The situation has gotten worse in the last year due to a few things:
      - 1. With the re-opening of the nearby gas station (students will go there to purchase snacks)
      - 2. Littering (some accidental, some not)
      - 3. During Covid, food and snacks were not allowed outside, but now they are, so there's been a vast change in how much trash is seen around the school grounds
    - Discussed the option of bringing garbage bins or buckets back outside
      - This has been an issue with the loss of custodians and also with the crows getting into them
  - Discussed whether it was a possibility to make it mandatory for each class to rotate and help
  - Can the PAC help in any way?
    - Idea: Offer a reward to help
      - However, we would want it to be an intrinsic thing, not a reward-based effort
  - Discussed the idea of bringing the soft-plastic (i.e. wrapper) bins back
    - The school had this at one point and, unfortunately, had a massive rodent problem
    - The district also doesn't deal with the soft-plastic recycling, so it would have to be a teacher or parent volunteer
    - It is unlikely that the school would go back to this option
  - Closed the conversation by Nadia saying that she would bring it up with the teachers again to promote and encourage trash pickup and perhaps make it more of a structured, consistent effort, and see what the feedback is
- Garden/Other Projects:
  - Some other projects that need attention:
    - Emergency bins - these need to be restocked with food and water
      - The water is supposed to be emptied every 1-2 years, and this hasn't been done consistently, so it needs to happen
      - Last year, the school went through the food and took out what was old/expired
      - Nadia has a list of what is needed
        - The question was brought up of whether we want food that

- needs to be replenished every 1-2 years, or some of the emergency food that lasts around 5 years
  - Another option would be to put them in the classroom's emergency backpacks
    - Multi-purpose room needs to be cleaned and reorganized
- The Garden Project:
  - The galvanized bins (garden bins) need to be cleaned and pressure-washed
- Discussed the idea of a PAC/Parent/Community volunteer day for these projects
  - Brought up the idea of bringing in the firefighters or Beedie to help
  - The idea was brought up to tie in the project to Earth Day (April 22) and maybe even get students involved
    - We would need to plan and organize it very well, as to make it not overwhelming
    - The outside work (pressure washing garden bins and working on the emergency bins) would probably be okay to do on this day, but not the multi-purpose room, as this is an early dismissal day
- Discussed the possibility of rubberizing the section for the garden project
  - Abby can get some quotes for this, as she works with some companies who do this work

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Valentine's Treat Sale** - Feb. 13, 2026
- Movie Nights:** Feb. 26 (Zootopia) and Apr. 10 (Zootopia 2)
- Walkathon and Treat Sale** - May 29, 2026
- Sports Day:** June 12, 2026
- School Wide Field Trip:** June 19, 2026
- Year End Assembly:** June 23, 2026
- Leaving Ceremony:** June 24, 2026