

THE WEEK AHEAD

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What's coming up this week?



May 15: PAC AGM Meeting @ 7pm

May 16: Grade 7 Year End Planning Meeting @ 6:30pm

May 18: District Track Meet for Grades 4-7 at Minoru

May 19: PRO D DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



The District Track Meet is next week! We are excited to have students in grades 3 to 7 participating. Grade 3-7 parents should have received a yellow track notice to sign & return. On the notice, we ask you to let us know your child's transportation plan on the notice as well.

Reminders

- Parking at Minoru is 3 hours only and will be full. Give yourself plenty of time to park outside of Minoru and walk in.
- Students must check in with Ms. Wallace or Ms. Orzen when arriving at the track. We expect all students to arrive by 9am
- Parents must check out their child or the children they are driving with Ms. Wallace or Ms. Orzen.
- Fun! The track meet is a learning experience for our students and we emphasize fun and sportsmanship at all times.
- Pack a lunch with lots of snacks, wear a hat and put on sunscreen
- No cell phones – keep them at home. All calls to home can be done through Ms. Wallace or Ms. Orzen
- Stay on site – students are expected to be at their event, watching an event or be in the stands. For safety we ask all students go to the washrooms at the Arena with a buddy or to the outside entrance washrooms at the pool.
- Parents may be pick up their child from the track at the end of the day please check out with Ms. Wallace or Ms. Orzen. Some students have one event however we expect students to stay at the track and cheer on their fellow Dragons.

Please read the yellow notice very carefully. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions.

- Ms. Wallace

Hop On

The bike rack was full for three days this week as over 120 students rode to school and participated in the Hop On program brought to Dixon by Cycle BC. Students acquired bike skills and safety from Coaches Payton and Nico from Hop On. Let's keep it up! If you can and live in our catchment or close please walk, scoot, roll or ride to school! We know many classes will be venturing out on bike rides up on the West Dyke in the weeks leading up to the end of our school year.



Ms. Wallace's view of our overflowing bike racks!

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Planning Next Year's Classes

In the Spring of each year, we begin our planning for the coming year.

We have preliminary staffing meetings with board office personnel where we look at possible scenarios for the organization in the fall. At Dixon, our team relies on student information from many sources to help us in determine the best placement for all the students. This includes information about your child's strengths and stretches, social relationships, interests, their learning styles, and previous placements.

Class placements are made as a team of the current year's teacher, resource staff, & administration. When placing students, the following are a few of many considerations:

- A child's placement in the class in relation to previous years (single grade, combined class)
- Ministry composition guidelines Classroom balance
- Learning requirements and supports
- Placement recommendations made by teachers (classroom, resource, speech and language pathologist, administration, counsellor, etc.)
- Social Responsibility strengths and stretches

If you feel there is any new information required by the school to help determine the appropriate learning environment for your child, please 1st speak to your child's classroom teacher and if you wish please submit this information to Ms. Wallace by email to kwallace@sd38.bc.ca by Friday, June 2nd. Alternatively, please feel free to call Ms. Wallace and ask questions to learn more about how we organize for optimal success for our learners.

Thank you for understanding that it is not possible to request preferences for specific teaching personnel or specific combined placements. We will not be taking any friend requests as our team is fully aware of friendships and what learning environments are best for our learners. Please understand that with limited placement possibilities, input is always considered but never guaranteed. All information provided will be shared with our staff and taken into consideration. Please be aware that final decisions regarding placement is a school-based decision.



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Dear Dixon families,

There is an urgent need for volunteers to run the Dixon PAC next year. Without volunteers, there is a chance that there will be no PAC next year.

What does that mean? The reality is that, without a PAC, our school is at risk of losing thousands of dollars from both government PAC grants and fundraising money. That money is used to purchase classroom supplies and fund field trips, school improvement projects, guest speakers, sports equipment, musical instruments, and MANY more essential items that all of our children benefit from.

The time to step up is now. If you can fill one of the roles described below, please reach out to dixonpac@gmail.com as soon as possible. All volunteer roles can be shared and training/orientation is available. Thank you!

PAC Executive Positions

Volunteering for a PAC executive position is a great opportunity for parents and guardians who would like to volunteer but are not available during school hours. The PAC is especially in need of volunteers for the Chair and Treasurer executive positions. These positions must be filled to hold official status as a PAC.

1. The President/Chair:

- Prepares for and runs PAC meetings;
- ensures that policies and procedures are followed;
- acts as a signing officer,
- serves as the principal spokesperson of the Council.

2. Treasurer:

- Book-keeping/accounting experience is recommended.
- Keeps financial records and renders financial statements to the Officers, Members, and others when required;
- acts as a signing officer,
- assists the Executive to prepare a budget and tentative plan of expenditures for the Council.

3. Vice-Chair

- assists the Chair and, in the absence of the Chair, shall preside at meetings and otherwise perform the duties and functions of the Chair; and
- performs such other duties as the President may from time to time direct.

4. Secretary

- records the minutes of the meetings of the Members and Executive;
- issues and receives correspondence on behalf of the organization;
- has custody of all records and documents of the Council.

If you are able to fill one of the positions listed below or would like to nominate another parent (with their permission) for a position, please contact the Dixon PACat dixonpac@gmail.com as soon as possible. All roles can be shared.

Food Day Volunteering

5. Food Day Coordinator - Order Management:

There is an opening for a volunteer to manage the backend hot lunch days ordering system. This volunteer does not need to be on-site during lunches. Please contact the Dixon PACat dixonpac@gmail.com if you are able to help.

PAC Frequently Asked Questions

Did you know that you are a Dixon PAC member? All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to participate and are members of the PAC.

What is a PAC?

A PAC (Parent Advisory Council), through the BC School Act, is the official collective voice of the parents and guardians of a particular school's student community. The PAC will often:

- Provide input to the school.
- Learn about (and participate in) school-based activities.
- Advocate for all students of the school community.

A school must also have a PAC to be eligible for certain funding grants.

What happens at a PAC meeting?

The key topics are:

- PAC Treasury Report: the PAC treasurer reviews the PAC budget. If PAC funding is requested, a vote to use PAC funds may take place.
- PAC Spending: Based on the needs of the school, the PAC votes on how to allocate grant funding and fundraising money.
- Administrators update - the principal and vice-principal provide an overview of what is currently happening in the school and what future events are being planned.
- Fundraising: the PAC fundraising representative provides an update on hot lunches, movie nights, the annual craft fair, dine-to-donate, sales, etc.

Important Dates Ahead



- May 16: Grade 7 Year End Planning Meeting @ 6:30pm - library
- May 18: District Track Meet at Minoru
- May 25: Hot Lunch
- May 25: Hugh Boyd Grade 7 Orientation
- Jun 1: McMath Grade 7 Orientation
- Jun 8: Hot Lunch
- Jun 14: School Wide Trip to Jericho Beach
- Jun 16: Movie Night 6pm in the gym - students with parents welcome
- Jun 28: Grade 7 Year End Celebration
- Jun 29: Last Full Day of School



Important PAC Dates

All PAC meetings start @ 7pm in the library. Our goal is to keep the meetings on about 1 hour in length.

- May 15: Annual General Meeting
- Jun 19: PAC Meeting



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Dates

May is...

Asian Heritage Month

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

- May 5: Dutch Heritage Day
- May 5: National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- May 5: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- May 22: Victoria Day
- May 25-27: Shavuot (*Judaism*)
- May 26: Buddha's Birthday (*Buddhism*)