

Regular Meeting Minutes January 26, 2010 Henry Grube Educational Centre

Attendees:

Sandra L. - Parkcrest
Denise Harper – School Trustee
Leah-Ann L – Rayleigh
Renee A. – Westsyde Secondary
Traci A. – B.E.S.T.
Cathy T. – SSKS
Gisela R. – Sa-Hali Sec.
Tania V. – NorKam Sec.
Tibor B. - Heffley Creek
John Churchley – School Board Office

Sharlene B - School Board Office
Susan N. – Summit Elementary
Leigh-Anne L. – Juniper
Zacharie J – Lloyd George
Andy S – Valleyview Sec
Alison S – Kay Bingham
Todd S - Parkcrest

1. **Introductions:** Meeting convened at 7:00 pm by Tania. Introductions around the table.

2. **Approval of agenda:**

MOTION to approve the agenda as presented (Gisela R./Sandra L.) –
CARRIED.

3. **Adoption of minutes:**

MOTION to approve the minutes of the Nov 10, 2009 Regular Meeting as
presented (Gisela/Susan) – **CARRIED.**


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4. **Financial Report:** January 2010 monthly update provided by Gisela R.

5. **Correspondence of Note:**

a. none

6. **Executive Report:**

a. **Kindergarten**– There was discussion on upcoming ‘full-day’ kindergarten. Todd S. advised that his investigation shows attending kindergarten is optional. The expectation is that there will be no ‘half-day’ attendance’ option to parents, only all-day or not at all. The understanding is that 8 new teachers will be hired to accommodate this mandate. DPAC will be investigating the details on funding for this initiative.

- b. **KTTA meetings** – A DPAC committee and KTTA committee met informally to discuss issues of mutual interest. Discussed was the possibility of a joint letter from all local groups involved in the education system, (ie KTTA, CUPE, DPAC. Etc) denouncing the Fraser Institute’s use of FSA statistics. Also under consideration is a joint letter to encourage a 3-year funding commitment from the Ministry of Education rather than the current year-to-year model.
- c. **Gmail correspondence**– The general consensus of attendees is that DPAC is not sending out too many broadcasts of material.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Website**– SD73 has their new structure in place. DPAC needs volunteers to manage the technical aspects of uploading data, as well as volunteers to manage the administration of data to upload.
- b. **Corporate Sponsorship**– The DPAC committee had voiced issues with the new School Board policy as it was being presented at School Board for approval, but the new policy was sent back to committee. There are two retired coach/teachers who are proposing to create and manage a district-wide pool of funds raised by corporate sponsorship. This would affect the policy, so rather than approve and then revise a policy, it was decided to defer the changes.
- c. **Parent Education**–A successful networking luncheon was held in late November.
- d. **ABC literacy event**–An event was held on Sat Jan 23rd, and was well-received. It was attended by the mayor of Kamloops, and various media personalities. This was the 4th annual event, but the first year for the ‘Heap the Honda’ theme to solicit book donations. Six schools participated, it was noted that Heffley Elementary provided 1,323 books.
- e. **DPAC/PAC reports** - it was noted that BCCPAC membership was down among the local PAC’s, and there was discussion as to whether it was due to apathy or intentional. SKSS was enquiring as to how best to seek funding for capital improvements to their school. Suggestions were offered by DPAC attendees and by Trustee Harper. There was also assistance sought on the proposed Beattie ‘school within a school’ merger, and how best to accomplish it in a favourable way. Gisela R advised that DPAC is already considering that issue, and will likely offer some form of workshop/seminar/.training, once the final configurations have been determined.

8. Old Business:

- a. **Parent Education** - SD73 has confirmed funding for Barry MacDonald (www.mentoringboys.com) to do a presentation. DPAC will negotiate a date, likely in April or May. Renee A. will join Gisela R. and Tania V. on this committee. She will contact Glenda G. as well.
- b. **Parent Teacher Leadership Task Force** – Applications close January 31. A volunteer was sought for the selection committee, Traci A. volunteered.
- c. **Website content** – The following suggestions were made regarding what to post on the website: Parent resources (list from Renee A.), all items that go out via the gmail list, advocacy resources (how to navigate the system/process), DPAC meeting & event dates (calendar), links to BCCPAC resources, motivational articles re how to empower parents to become involved, list of community service providers & programs (Mother Goose, One-to-One Reading, Fruit & Veggie programs, etc), contact information for DPAC exec, place to share event news, fundraising ideas, etc.

9. New Business:

- a. **BCTF literature regarding FSA.** There was discussion of the BCTF material being distributed to parents by delivering through the use of students. It was part of a negotiated settlement with BCTF, but there was still disapproval among attendees. It was decided to propose a resolution to BCCPAC's AGM to discourage this, and exact wording will be drafted later in the week.

MOTION the executive tweak the wording of the proposed motion to be presented to BCCPAC (Gisela R./Renee A.) – **CARRIED.**

- b. **Transparency of SD73 meetings.** The general consensus among attendees was that the discussions were acceptable, with the exception of the Brock middle-school proposal. Trustee Harper noted that the Brock concept as proposed at the public meeting was a result of late deliberations based on various inputs received after the publication of the original proposals, and suggested that further public input is requested at the upcoming consultation meeting.
- c. **BCCPAC AGM** - The AGM is upcoming in April, and interest was solicited, with none expressed.

10. Superintendent's Remarks: Terry Sullivan noted that many discretionary responsibilities and duties of the School Board staff have been delayed to provide priority to the questions arising from the various public meetings.

11. Trustee's remarks: Trustee Harper advised that trustees have taken note, and appreciate, that DPAC has been a visible presence at almost all public meetings on reconfiguration.

12. DPAC Rep Accountabilities:

- a. Are any persons interested in attending the BCCPAC AGM? (www.bccpac.bc.ca)?
- b. DPAC would like feedback on what material PACs would like to see posted on the DPAC website (in development). Also, anyone able to help with the job of posting this material?
- c. DPAC would like to collect information on how many Grade 4 and 7 teachers sent BCTF material home, in order to evaluate the amount of attention that this issue may or may not require. Any responses would be appreciated.
- d. Comments as to whether or not there are too many broadcasts from DPAC are welcome.
- e. Feedback on school reconfiguration meetings re transparency.

13. Next meeting: February 16, 2010 from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Henry Grube Centre.