



General Meeting

Minutes

Feb 18, 2011

Henry Grube Educational Centre

Meeting Chair: Todd S.

Attendees:

Tibor B. – Heffley Creek
Tia W – Arthur Stevenson
Todd S - Parkcrest
Staffen L - BEST
Mark F . – Beattie
Gisela R – Sahali Sec
Peter H – A. Hatton
Susan N. – Summit
Zacharie J– Lloyd George.

Shyann V – D Thomson Elem
Sharlene Bowers – Board office
Denise Harper– Trustee
Karen G - AE Perry
Don K – South Sahali Elem
Ela K – Haldane
Sherie G – Pacific Way
Andy S - Valleyview
Tania V - Norkam

1. Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Todd S. Introductions were made.

2. Agenda:

MOTION to approve the agenda - CARRIED.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held January 18, 2010 were approved.



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4. Financial Report: Gisela R. presented a financial update.



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5. Correspondence of Note:

- a. Certificate of Sponsorship Family Literacy Week was received
- b. SD73 letter of offer of financial support (\$1,000.00) for Rosalind Wiseman was received

6. Executive Report:

- a. **Executive meeting** – Kevin Carswell & Jack Buckham, Team 73 fundraisers contracted to raise revenue to support extra-curricular activities across the district, made a presentation to the DPAC executive. The Executive will follow up with

some queries. Any PAC wishing to learn more about their activities is encouraged to arrange a presentation.

- b. **School Board meetings** – The budget preparations for the following fiscal year are starting.
- c. **Dr. Sullivan meetings** – Technology Policy and Textbook Policy are being reviewed. Only 2-3 percent of eligible students are choosing to write optional provincial exams,, since they are no longer required by universities and they carry a high risk of dropping the in-class marks. The SD will continue to look for ways of scheduling exam week to make it more effective.
There is no tracking in BCESIS of who has granted permission to share emails with PAC's.
- d. **Website** –. Executive was queried on adding a 'home' button.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Parent Education** – 32 persons attended the Bullying Webinar. License cost was \$100.00. Rosalind Wiseman event is being planned for April 16, 2012.
- b. **Parent Leadership Task Force** – They are continuing to follow up with stakeholder groups. Parent survey is open until month-end.
- c. **DPAC Rep reports & queries** – Exam week: Some PAC's were not aware that schools handled the schedule for the week differently. Further followup info is being sought. DPAC will forward parent input to the district (removing identifiers). There were comments on the consolidated Graduation process, and opinions are being sought on its effectiveness

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Avison report. The followup letter is still in draft.
- b. Nomination Committee – there were no expressions of interest.
- c. Parent conduct – One good sample document was found and posted to the website.
Synervoice – It was reported that only 37% of records have an email address, and there is no information on granting of permission to share address with PAC's. DPAC will continue to work to find ways of accessing the contact info of parents who have given permission.

9. New Business:

- a. **School Bullying**–DPAC will circulate the formal SD73 policy and query the membership on the members' perception of how it is being administered/enforced at school level.
- b. **21st Century Learning**– DPAC will seek to arrange a presentation in Kamloops.

10. Trustee's Remarks:

- a. Trustee Harper made general comments on the evolution of the education system, and noted that PAC's and DPAC's are important in the guidance of that evolution.

11. Superintendent's Remarks: SD73 is providing feedback to the Ministry on exam scheduling, and on the minimal participation on the writing of optional provincial exams .

12. DPAC Rep Accountabilities:

- a. Science Night - Feb 24 – Parent volunteers to contact organizers.
- b. DPAC AGM in April
- c. Solicit feedback on Exam Week
- d. Solicity feedback on new grad arrangement
- e. Satisfaction surveys open this month for parents of Grade 4, 7, 10 & 12

13. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday Mar 15 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM HENRY GRUBE CENTRE