



Regular Meeting Minutes February 16, 2010 Henry Grube Educational Centre

Attendees:

Meghan W. - Beattie
Joan Cowden- School Trustee
Scott R. - A.Stevenson
Renee A. - Westsyde Secondary
Tia A. - A.Stevenson
Gisela R. - Sa-Hali Sec.
Tania V. - NorKam Sec.
Tibor B. - Heffley Creek

Sharlene B - School Board Office
Susan N. - Summit Elementary
Leigh-Anne L. - Juniper
Andy S - Valleyview Sec
Todd S - Parkcrest

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

2. **Approval of agenda:**

Added New Business item of discussion, the DPAC AGM

MOTION to approve the agenda as amended (Renee A./Leigh-Anne L.) –
CARRIED.

- 3.

Adoption of minutes:

Noted that chair was Todd S., not Tania V. .

MOTION to approve the minutes of the Jan 26 Regular meeting as
amended (Tania V/Leigh-Anne L.) – **CARRIED.**



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



Financial report
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5. **Correspondence of Note:**

- a. Noted that two parties requested to present. DPAC policy is to accept written submissions for discussion, not in-person presentations

6. Executive Report:

- a. **Publicity** – A group Executive picture was taken, along with an article about DPAC, submitted to a local publication, Vision. Other items discussed were the catchment policy, effect of sports inequities as a result of reconfiguration, and website strategy, for carryover to the regular meeting.
- b. **School Board meeting** – SD73 and DPAC co-signed a letter with KTTA and CUPE to the Ministry of Education, stressing mutual concern about the lack of reliable and reasonable funding policies. KTTA presented the board with a letter expressing concern about the lack of validity of Fraser Institute rankings. Staff long-service awards are being presented in schools.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Website**– The Executive is seeking assistance from educational institutions, due to a lack of financial resources to purchase services, and a lack of volunteer resources.
- b. **Corporate Sponsorship**– The policy is still in committee at the School Board level.
- c. **Parent Education**–Barry MacDonald is confirmed for Monday May 10, at Alliance Church, which seats 450, at \$8.00 each. A sales/distribution delivery system is being worked out. An evening workshop on managing school mergers will be developed for an evening in late March.
- d. **DPAC/PAC reports** – no other interest was expressed in attending the BCCPAC AGM. Two persons independently suggested approaching PAC's to pool funding for a representative at the BCCPAC AGM, it was decided to leave that discussion with PAC's until next fiscal year.

8. Old Business:

- a. **Parent Education** – Barry MacDonald presentation was discussed with committee reports..
- b. **Parent Teacher Leadership Task Force** – Selection committee has not made any decisions yet.
- c. **Website content** – was discussed with committee reports.

9. New Business:

- a. **Policy 300.1 Catchment areas.** A policy as drafted with legal counsel was presented. The significant difference is that there will be no dispute resolution process at school level, a policy will be defined, and the only parental recourse will be legal actions if it can be proved that the policy was not followed. Attendees noted that the 'grandfathering' only addresses current students, and does not consider siblings who already have the expectation that they can follow their older family into a particular school. Terry Sullivan noted that the current proposed wording explicitly does not allow that, and he will examine wording to ensure that the commitments to existing grandfathered siblings, which are intended to be honoured, are addressed. The other issue is that for dual purpose schools, it is not intended that one can attend a school of choice at an out-of-catchment location, then drop that program and attend the regular-curriculum school at the same location, The policy will be reviewed to ensure that such a circumstance is covered.

- b. **Sports Teams.** The effect of reconfiguration is being considered and reviewed by the School Board. Trustee Cowden will report back when more is known.
- c. **DPAC AGM** - The local AGM is upcoming in April, and initial call for nominations to the Executive (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Members at Large) was presented by Gisela. Anyone who would like more info about what's involved is invited to contact sd73dpac@gmail.com.

10. Superintendent's Remarks: Terry Sullivan noted that planning will begin for the fall, subsequent to the final reconfiguration meeting on Feb 22. That meeting will have videoconferencing viewers at Hendry Grube and at SKSS in the JP building.

11. Trustee's remarks: Joan Cowden echoed past appreciation that DPAC has been a visible presence at almost all public meetings on reconfiguration, and welcomes DPAC assistance in merging of PAC's as schools close.

Final note was a mention that discussion of full-day kindergarten needs to be addressed in more detail, and that it should be on the agenda for next month.

12. DPAC Rep Accountabilities:

- a. Are any persons interested in attending the BCCPAC AGM? (www.bccpac.bc.ca)

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