

## Notes from DPAC AGM Feb 18, 2014

Chair: Don Kitt

### Attendees:

Don Kitt - SSES

Meghan Wade - SD73

Peter Helgeson - Arthur Hatton

Jocelyn G - David Thompson

Kira Wood – SSES

Neil Trouton - Dufferin Elementary

Rhonda Kershaw - SD73

Crystal Perret-Reid - Westmont

Crystal Shirk – Dallas Elementary

Debra Buddon – Aberdeen/SKSS

1. Introductions and Welcome.
2. Agenda. Agenda was approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Helgeson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Crystal P
3. Minutes. January minutes were approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Kira Wood.
4. Financial Report. Gaming Grant application was sent and approved. \$2500 was added to DPAC account as of Feb. 13.
5. Correspondence of Note. No correspondence to report
6. Executive Report. Wil was present at a meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Dpac Rep. Good meeting reported with a willingness to work together. Mention of FNEC meetings.
7. Committee Reports. Parent Education, new members are needed. Only one active member on committee.

Food Safe course March 8<sup>th</sup>. 7 signed up by mail, (total of 14 to date) more would like to but no responses back from DPAC email. Don Kitt will look into email issue. Course is \$20 + \$5 for lunch. Class size limit of 25.

8. Unfinished Business. mention of Henry “Gizmo” Williams presentation this Thursday. BCCPAC Conference, two slots still open for people that would like to attend. Application email to DPAC for consideration. DPAC AGM for April, most executive positions are open for election.
9. New Business. Peter Helgeson asked Trustees about upcoming meetings on school closures/ boundary review, specifically potential closure of Stuart Wood and cost associated with that school as an aging school. Trustee Rhonda Kershaw read all 6 recommendations, 3<sup>rd</sup> recommendation deals directly with school zone reconfigure/closures. Questions also asked of the Trustees about French programs/lack of French program on the North Shore. 6<sup>th</sup> recommendation dealt with this. Also discussion about possibility of K-12 Fine Arts campus. Public meeting at Henry Grube on March 27 at 7pm to focus on these recommendations. Discussion on the filling of the SD Superintendent position. Applications closed this Friday, board is handed the long/short list, they make cuts and then the short list is interviewed. Interviews are happening the weekend before spring break. DPAC is invited to be part of the initial Interview panel along with other stakeholders on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

10. Trustees remarks: Talked about two week spring break, due to start 2014/15 school year. Feedback given both negative and positive. A committee has been put together to look at offering programs during 2nd week of break. Programs to be available to kids that need some extra help, have been identified through local schools. There will be an opt out clause if two week spring vacations receives too much negative feedback so it will be able to go back to a one week break. Trustees also presented report on First Nations/Aboriginal Students Graduation rates. Great success in SD73. Program has been in place for 18yrs. Parents from Sun Peaks presented to SD73 Board on 4 day week. Board will not support 4 day week with a two week spring break. Ongoing discussions. Social Media Parent Night very well attended, great information. School District 73 students and TRU students put together TEDEX (Ted Talks) some videos that will be available on You Tube searching Ted Talks Kamloops, also some students from SD73 took part in Model UN in Vancouver recently.
11. Accountabilities: Food Safe Course Deadline and BCCPAC Conference deadline.