



General Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2016

Henry Grube Educational Centre

Chair: Wil Dekker-Lonquist (McGowan Elem)

Attendees:

Claire	Juniper Ridge	Ginger T.	Westmount
Kristin	South Sahali		
Don K.	SKSS		
Lisa	McGowan	Rhonda K.	Trustee
Tibor	Rayleigh	Karl deBruijn	Superintendent
Jessica	Beattie		
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1. **Meeting to order** at 7:05pm
2. **Agenda.** Approved with addition: "First Aid" (Juniper Ridge).
3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes.** Correction: Tibor represents *Rayleigh* rather than Raleigh. *Moved:* Kristen. All in favour.
4. **Financial Report.** In February we wrote the \$1,000 cheque for the Unplug and Play speaker (Merlyn Horton).
5. **Executive Report:** The executive met to discuss parent education sessions, BCCPAC and the Literacy Week event.
6. **Parent Education:**
 - a. **FOODSAFE April 23rd 8:30-4:30.** Cost will be \$80 and covered by DPAC. Participants are asked to bring their own pens/pencils and lunch. Please register in advance through the DPAC gmail address.
 - b. **Jesse Miller:** March 10. 122 people registered thus far. People register in advance through email, and then collect their free ticket at the door. Sofie Winkels from RCMP will likely attend as well. Trustees are also aware of the meeting and have been invited to attend.
 - c. **Askable Adult.** Available dates are April 12 and 26. We need a venue to hold this wonderful event! ACTION: Claire will check with Juniper to see if their gym is available. If not, Karl has offered to help us find a free venue within the district
7. **Old Business:**
 - i. **BCCPAC Spring Conference.** April 29-May 1 in Kelowna. DPAC will pay for someone to attend!!! If you are interested, please contact us. In exchange for attending this awesome conference (hotel, meals and travel too), all we ask is a presentation from you about what you learned.
 - ii. **AGM.** The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair will become available on April 19th (as Wil and Don's terms come to an end). We are looking for new people to step up for a two year commitment to the District Parent Advisory Committee. This is your opportunity to provide a strong link between

parents, the district and the greater province (through BCCPAC). Please poll your school's parents (or consider stepping forward!).

8. New Business.

- a. **Juniper Ridge – First Aid:** Would DPAC consider sponsoring a “first aider” training for volunteer lunch monitors? Discussion: Superintendent DeBruijn states that there should be an employee onsite at each work site with first aid. It is understood, however, that having volunteers trained in basic first aid is always a bonus. Further discussion surrounded whether it was more cost effective for DPAC to pay for volunteers to attend pre-existing training (say, with St. John's Ambulance) or whether it should be a PAC (rather than DPAC) expense. ACTION: Erin will send out an email to the schools requesting whether there would be interest in a PAC sponsored or DPAC sponsored First Aid training, and if so, whether a cost-sharing model (DPAC funds a portion of the course) may be appropriate.

9. Superintendent's remarks:

- a. This is the first year that there have been fewer French Immersion spaces than children wanting them (approximately 20). As a result there has been disappointment for some parents in the community. There are plans to put French immersion in another site, but this is not ready yet – there has been a government mandated cost cut over the last fiscal years and this put the plan on hold. The District regrets that parents may be unable to put their children in French Immersion this year but they are hoping that in a year there will be opportunity for these children to go into first year French Immersion.
- b. School naming: “Kamloops School of the Arts” is the new name for the consolidated K-12 Arts School. What was “Beattie” will now be called “McGill Elementary”.
- c. A reminder of the additional inservice day. The updated calendar is available on the district website.

10. **Trustee's Remarks:** Budget bylaw was adopted at their last meeting. Deficit is approximately \$800,000. There are reserve funds available to cover this cost, as this deficit was anticipated. Reminder that the Accountability Framework is being reformatted as the old framework was deemed to be too difficult to navigate. As such, School Planning Councils, which used to be a part of the accountability framework, no longer exist. These will be replaced with a better working system. The board will be approached with a new plan in the Spring and then it will be rolled out as a trial. More information will be distributed as soon as it is available.

11. **KTTA Remarks:** No remarks.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm. **NEXT MEETING: March 15, 2015 7pm. HENRY GRUBE CENTRE**