



General Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016

Henry Grube Educational Centre

Chair: Don K – Vice Chair DPAC

Attendees:

Kira W.	South Sahali		
Todd S	Parkcrest/Brock/Nor Kam		
Lisa	McGowan	Rhonda K.	Trustee
Tibor	Rayleigh/Brock	Meghan W	Trustee
Valerie N.	David Thompson	Bill H	Assistant-Superintendent
Tia	Westsyde		
Amber H	Juniper		
Jessica K.	Beattie		

1. **Meeting to order** at 7:05pm
2. **Agenda.** Approved with addition “First Aid” under “Old Business”. *Motion to Accept:* Kira.
3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes.** Correction: Under Attendance: Jessica listed twice. *Moved to accept (with correction):* Tibor. All in favour.
4. **Financial Report.** Bank statement not yet in. \$2800 in gaming account after we paid for the Literacy event. Approximately \$11,000 in General Account. We have not yet received an invoice from the School Board for the Jesse Miller event (the total event cost approximately \$6,500). DPAC will pay a portion of the total invoice. Question as to whether the General Funds should be put into a higher interest account or stay where it is. It was discussed that the Executive Committee is looking to create a bursary with some of these funds that would be managed by the Interior Community Foundation.
5. **Correspondence:** Rotaract Camp Focus.

“Good morning Parents of SD73! Weekend of leisure and leadership in beautiful Shuswap. As you may already know we hold an annual camp for kids 13 to 18 years of age. It’s a camp for kids to learn a little bit of leadership, teamwork, life skills, and have a bunch of fun doing it. We hold it at Camp Grafton, which is donated to us by the United Church. The camp is lead by Kamloops Rotaract - young professionals in the community that already lead in various community events and projects. Volunteers are composed of individuals from various professions of engineering, teaching, business, transportation, and health care. I would love to come in to meet some of the members of PAC and present Camp Focus to you. Camp Focus is a weekend camp that runs from May 27th to May 29th. We arrange transportation from our meeting spot (Nandi’s) in Kamloops to Camp Grafton, which is located in Magna Bay on the Shuswap. Food and cabin bunks are included. There’s running water, but no showers and bunks are kind of hard, but who wants to spend their time sleeping anyways. To apply – have your kid fill out the form and drop off at Nandi’s Flavours of India on Columbia Street at their new location. Any questions I can be reached at here or on my cell. Thanks for your time, [KEITH LEUNG](#) PRESIDENT, KAMLOOPS ROTARACT WWW.KAMLOOPSROTARACT.COM

6. **Executive Report:** The executive met to discuss parent education sessions, BCCPAC and the Jesse Miller event.
7. **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. The last day for registration is April 1st.
 - b. **Jesse Miller:** Feedback from the event: disappointing attendance (approximately half of the registered people actually attended); that the speaker was interesting and engaging; and parents who attended were pleased with the event. The Assistant-Superintendent also noted that at the school presentations, children were also pleased with the event overall, and Jesse's message was tailored to the age group he was speaking to. For those who were unable to attend, Jesse has a short (12 minute) TED Talk online.
 - c. **Askable Adult.** Aberdeen Elementary will host the event on April 26. We will confirm hours and send out registration information ASAP. Discussion surrounded promotion of the event, cost/by donation/free admission and the target audience for the presentation.
8. **Old Business:**
 - i. **BCCPAC Spring Conference.** April 29-May 1 in Kelowna. Tibor from Rayleigh and Brock will attend on behalf of DPAC and will do a short presentation at the May 17th meeting.
 - 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!). Meghan has suggested perhaps we contact the newspaper to put the word out as well.
9. **New Business.**
 - a. **Juniper Ridge – First Aid:** Would DPAC consider sponsoring a “first aider” training for volunteer lunch monitors? Discussion: Superintendent DeBrujin 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:** As the year is quickly slipping away, we will revisit this in the Fall term and go forward at this time.
10. **Assistant-Superintendent's remarks:**
 - a. Reminder: Across the district the first day back from Spring Break is an in-service day. A reminder that next year will also be a two-week Spring Break, but the following year (2017/18) may be one week or two weeks. The duration of spring break for the 17/18 school year will be re-negotiated with the teachers again, and

input will once again be sought from parents/caregivers, teachers and the Board's Education Committee.

11. Trustee's Remarks:

- a. A new Superintendent has been chosen. Karl will officially retire on July 31st and Alison Sidow will take over for him on August 1st. There are two additional retirements coming up as well – one district principal and one assistant superintendent. These postings will come up in the near future and the Board will be represented on the interviewing committees.
- b. Accountability Framework was presented to the Board last night. It is available on the District Website. The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning stems from last year's changes from the Ministry of Education. More information is available on the District Website, under Trustees, and last night's board meeting.
- c. It has just been announced that \$40 million will be available from the Ministry for shelf-ready projects in schools. We have several ready to go as a SD with respect to the conditions of the schools (building maintenance, floors in gyms are examples)
- d. Renaming schools: Clarification and update – What was formerly called "The Beattie School of the Arts" (the school that occupied the Beattie Building near the corner of McGill and Columbia Streets) will now be called "The Kamloops School of the Arts" and will be relocated to the JP Campus Buildings. The school children that used to attend "Stuart Wood" elementary will move into the building at the corner of McGill and Columbia. This building will continue to be called "Beattie". The Board rescinded the motion to have this building renamed "McGill Elementary".
- e. Aboriginal Head Start funding question was addressed by the board. Meghan suggested Cheryl Sebastian be contacted through the First Nations Education Council for clarification on funding issues.
- f. Budgeting process is starting. Public presentation meeting is Thursday April 21st. DPAC presentation will be before our meeting on April 19th.
- g. Question with regard to how janitors are funded for schools: square footage and students are two of the criteria factored in to how much janitorial service is provided to a school per day.

12. KTTA Remarks: No remarks.

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: AGM April 19th 7pm
General Meeting 7:20pm**

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NOTE: DPAC is at risk of being discontinued for 2016/17 school year if nominations are not presented for a Chair and Vice-Chair! Please consider nominating yourself on April 19th!