

# General Meeting Minutes April 20, 2010 Henry Grube Educational Centre

Chair: Gisela R.

Attendees:

Tibor B. – Heffley Creek Elem.  
Tania V. – Norkam Sec.  
Taren B.. – Parkcrest Elem.  
Meghan W. . – Beattie  
LeahAnn L. - Rayleigh Elem.  
Gisela R. – Sa-Hali Sec.  
Renee A. – Westsyde Sec.

Barbara C. – Valleyview Sec.  
Tia W. – Arthur Stevenson Elem.  
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Zacharie J. – Lloyd George Elem.  
Joan Cowden – Trustee  
Sharlene Bowers – Board office  
Terry Sullivan - Superintendent

1. **Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by Gisela R. Introductions waived.

2. **Minutes:**

MOTION (Zacharie J/Renee A) to approve the minutes of the general meeting held March 16, 2010 as presented – CARRIED.

  
Minutes of March 16  
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3. **Financial Report:** April 2010 update provided by Gisela R.

  
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4. **Correspondence of Note:**

- a. Green Thumb has mailed us information on their fall production, offering discounts for block bookings in the district. [touring@greenthumb.ca](mailto:touring@greenthumb.ca), [www.greenthumb.ca](http://www.greenthumb.ca)
- b. BC Coalition for School Libraries is promoting awareness of their importance, in view of budget reviews that are imminent. [www.bccsl.ca](http://www.bccsl.ca)

5. **Executive Report:**

- a. **Executive meeting** – none since the last general meeting.
- b. **School Board meetings** – Discussion that Board is managing their funding issues, and we were reminded that expressions of concern should go to the local MLA's and the provincial government, not the school board.
- c. **SD73 Budget consultation** – Meghan W. attended on our behalf. Substantial staff cuts are coming, but most of these will hopefully be covered by retirements.
- d. **BCCPAC AGM:** Gisela R. and Tibor B. reported on their attendance

## 6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Website** – We are beginning to upload more documents to the website.
- b. **Corporate Sponsorship** – No new draft yet.
- c. **Parent Education**
  - **Merging Our Futures: Transition Planning for Our Kids**– went very well on March 30. Approximately 40 people attended. Evaluations were very positive.
  - **Barry MacDonald: Effective Parenting Strategies for Boys** –Sales appear to be doing well, available tickets will be re-allocated according to demand. Buy early!
- d. **DPAC Rep reports & queries** – Brief discussion was offered on Executive vacancies. We will call for interest again in the fall. Also some questions regarding the 2-week Spring Break that is being implemented in some other districts (no current plans for SD73).

## 7. Old Business:

- a. **Parent Leadership Task Force** – Appointments were announced by the SD73. The first meeting is planned for next month.
- b. **Special Needs group**– No one has come forward to champion this yet.

## 8. New Business:

- a. **Strategic Planning**– postponed to next meeting.
- b. **SD Budget Actions**– Tibor to draft a letter to MLA's for review.

9. **Superintendent's Remarks:** Supt Sullivan stated that schools are in the thick of transition planning right now. Reminder that meeting tomorrow is to discuss proposed catchment area changes that will take effect Sept. 2011.

10. **Trustee's Remarks:** Trustee Cowden reported that they had a 90-minute meeting with MLA's Krueger and Lake, & encouraged DPAC to keep up pressure re adequate funding as well.

## 11. DPAC Rep Accountabilities:

- a. Review interest in presentations of Green Thumb Theatre Productions
- b. Solicit interest in special needs committee – contact [sd73dpac@gmail.com](mailto:sd73dpac@gmail.com)
- c. Consider joining the DPAC executive!

**NEXT MEETING: May 18, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM HENRY GRUBE CENTRE 1A**