

DPAC General Meeting Minutes May 15, 2012

1. Attendees: Christine Janis, Leesa Genier, Will Lenquist, Don Kitt, Peter Hergason, Scott, Redgrove, Meghan Wade, Karen Gero, Zacharie Jean, Staffen Lincalier
-Started 7:07

2. Christine approved agenda

3. N/A

4. Treasurer report: General Account

Balance ending Feb.29 \$5287.74

Balance ending Mar.30 \$5287.95

Balance ending Apr. 30 \$6100 to \$6200 (including ask able adult)

*Askable Adult... -\$362.00 (airfare)

-\$900.00 (2 sessions)

Gaming Account

Balance ending Apr. 30 approx. \$1200

* not necessary to spend by the end of the year. Staffen will check to see about signing authority for new chair (Will).

5. Some new mail not opened. Will open before next meeting.

6.A) School board meeting (Apr.30)

-There was a drop in money going towards transportation which will especially impact rural communities.

-NorKam Trade and Tech Center moving forward.

B) Executive Meeting (May 1)

-Reviewed purpose of DPAC (how do we want to help? what are we accomplishing?)

-Trying to make goals, need new ideas, causes, things to get done, what draws parents in and what stand are we taking? Take these questions back to your PACs and parents to see what their priorities are).

- No quality control with teachers (standing). We need to educate parents on how to express ourselves with regard to assessing teachers and figure out how to get this feedback to the necessary board.

-More consistency in communication between PACs and DPACs. Looking into making DPAC website more user friendly

-Possibly using gaming account funds for media training.

-Do we want to look into childcare during DPAC meeting to get more parents out? 43 schools in the district... trying to get reps from at least 20.

C) Meeting with Dr. Sullivan:

-September 24th (in-service day) IPOPOP conference -3 Motivational speakers (team building) 10-12 seats open to DPAC and 1-2 open to PAC (no charge). At South Kamloops Secondary. Purpose is to try to get teachers and parents communicating. Need to register through DPAC.

-Learning Improvement Fund:

*Each school discusses with teachers and parents what to apply for.

*Very specific criteria (support staff, resources, supplies)

*June 5th 10:00am. DPAC and Terry Sullivan discuss plan for L.I.F.

*Expected to be going into high demand schools with needy kids.

D) Will has upcoming appointments with:

-Jason Karpuk

-Terry Lake

-Kevin Kreuger

If there are any topics you would like to be discussed please inform.

7.A) Askable Adult- Speaker was engaging, topics and material relevant and helpful.

B) Happy thoughts:

-staff appreciation luncheon

-Henry Grube Education Center - very up to date (modern) French teaching resources.

8. Unfinished Business:

A) BCCPAC AGM. Anyone wanting to go...

B) Clarification on PAC buying "textbooks".

-These were "textbooks". The old ones were outdated so the PAC initiated purchase of more suitable textbooks for a French immersion school.

-Lots of schools are sitting with full storerooms of unused textbooks which are not necessarily the preference of a particular teacher. Schools should make inventory lists so new ones aren't unnecessarily purchased.

9. Year round schools:

-regulations have been brought in to allow.

-Basically this concept is being brought out for discussion (to get feedback).

- Looking at 3 longer breaks rather than one long and two short.

10. Superintendent's remarks:

-Been able to avoid layoffs this year. Trying to avoid chain of events of filling spots.

-Approx. 950 Kindergarten students enrolling and approx. 1200 high school grads last year. Going to have some high school teachers declared surplus soon.

11. Trustee remarks:

A) Rhonda Kershaw (Board meeting)

-English 10 students did presentations

-SunPeaks educational proposal

*policy 403.2-student acceptable use (personal computers, etc.)

*Web page publishing

Both have been voted on and approved.

*next school board meeting May 28th at 7:00pm.

B) Meghan Wade (Board Meeting)

-Heritage Fair (Judged)

*students did an awesome job!

*teachers still passionately believe in these things and pull them off, even with the job action (young artists, heritage fair, young authors, etc.)

-TRU is helping sponsor Chemistry Challenge and Math Challenge.

-1st annual corporate spelling bee fundraising sponsors "Mother Goose"

-I.B. meeting- 25-30 parents and students interested (1 from Merrit)

*the attraction is coming back now that the job action has ended

-It is now Post and Fill season

-Year round schooling - dictated through regulations...

12. DPAC reps: review and accountabilities:

-Go back to parents and PAC with what kind of goals should we have as a DPAC? What direction do we want to move in?

13. Next meeting 3rd Tuesday of June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.