



General Meeting Minutes May 18, 2010 Henry Grube Educational Centre

Chair: Todd S..

Attendees:

Tibor B. – Heffley Creek Elem.
Sharlene Bowers – Board office
Andy S. – Valleyview
Scott R. .. – Parkcrest Elem.
Meghan W. . – Beattie
Gisela R. – Sa-Hali Sec

Terry Sullivan - Superintendent
Joan Cowden – Trustee
Tia W. – Arthur Stevenson Elem.
Dave M – A Hatton
Todd S - Parkcrest

1. **Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Todd S. Introductions.

2. **Minutes:**

MOTION (Gisela/Meghan) to approve the minutes of the general meeting held Apr 20 , 2010 as presented – CARRIED.



Minutes of April 20
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Financial report May
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3. **Financial Report:** May 2010 update provided by Gisela R.

4. **Correspondence of Note:**

- a. Notice of the annual 'Zombie Walk' was received.
- b. Notice of the 'Double Dog Dare' event at Big Little Science Centre was received.

5. **Executive Report:**

- a. **Executive meeting** – items from the meeting were placed on tonight's agenda
- b. **School Board meetings** – School fees are being reviewed for next year. Analytical review of the year just past will be presented in September 2010.
- c. **Children's Charter** – Based on the United Nations charter, there will be an in-school survey in the fall asking our children about their opinions about the rights of children.
- d. Wade/Sullivan meeting – DPAC executive member met with Supt. Sullivan about a number of issues.

6. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Website** – DPAC hopes to publish a list of resource material in the DPAC library soon
- b. **Parent Education: Barry MacDonald: Effective Parenting Strategies for Boys** - Event was considered a success, all tickets sold, so DPAC raised just over \$4000. The strategy of selling tickets through school appeared to be beneficial.
- c. **DPAC Rep reports & queries** – No discussion offered by attendees

- d. **Parent Leadership Task Force** – First meeting was held. Next one is June 3rd.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Special Needs committee** - no activity, no volunteers
b. **Friend for Life Program**– Is seeking active representation from DPAC, it was noted that Meghan W is our champion.
c. **Corporate Sponsorship** – New draft issued for discussion, it was noted that now no minimum dollar figure applies to the proposed policy, which would appear to centralize all fundraising in the district office. It was agreed to circulate the draft and discuss again at the next meeting.

8. New Business:

- a. **2010/2011** – proposed meeting dates were published.
b. **Textbook Policy**– 1st draft has been received and circulated for comment. Input to be reviewed next month.
c. **Spring Break** – there was parental interest in reviewing duration of spring break. We'll send out a request for input.
d. **Strategic Planning** – DPAC's three roles of education, communication and advisory/voice was reviewed, formal draft to be prepared by Gisela and presented in June 2010.
e. **PAC roles vs. DPAC roles** – In consideration of legislation assigning accountability for cameras in schools to SPC's, there was discussion of the definition of the roles of the two groups.

MOTION (Meghan/Dave) The Executive is to send a letter to the Ministry of Education asking clarification of the rationale behind legislation asking them to consult with School Planning Councils rather than Parent Advisory Councils–
CARRIED.

- f. **Cameras in Schools**–

MOTION (Meghan/Tia) DPAC is to solicit input from PACs on pending legislation regarding camera surveillance in schools CARRIED.

- 9. Superintendent's Remarks:** Noted that Ross Spina's Assistant Superintendent position is being cut upon his retirement this year as a cost-saving measure. Responsibilities will be reorganized geographically. (note - Details were in the Kamloops Daily News on May 19, 2010.)

- 10. Trustee's Remarks:** Trustee Cowden requested a change in June meeting date due to a conflict with School Board responsibilities. It was agreed to change the date to Monday, June 21, 2010.

11. DPAC Rep Accountabilities:

- a. Solicit input on proposed legislative changes re surveillance cameras at schools.
b. Solicit input on textbook policy, corporate sponsorship policy, and 2-wk Spring Break.
c. Reminder: Jun 30 gaming deadline for PAC's

12. NEXT MEETING: Monday June 21 , 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM HENRY GRUBE CENTRE 1A