

DPAC October 22, 2013 Minutes

Introduction & Welcome

Attendees: Will Dekker, Scott Redgrove, Erin, Felker, Rachelle Tatten, Kira Wood, Don Kitt, Leesa Genier, Neil Trouton, Todd Smith, Sofi Almers, Jocelin Gordon, Chystal Perret-Reid, Rhonda Kershaw.

Financial Report: No expenses since last meeting.

Parent Education:

Food safe course offered - general interest shown
-email Will with interest.

DPAC roadshows - guest speaker
-Informative info for new PAC members

Old Business:

Anti-homophobic policy - Handout is response agreed upon by executive (approximately a year ago KTTA justice committee requested this policy be ammended. This came to the board for review, so it went out to board partners and now is being discussed.

Todd Smith - motion to accept the handout as official DPAC stand on the topic, Kira Wood - Second, all in favor.

*DPAC discussion concludes an overall agreement with the executive handout.

BCCPAC fall conference deadline to apply is November 12.

Social media policy guidelines - Will - motion to accept, Kira - Second, majority in favor. There are no current guidelines.

New Business:

Request for support, from Kay Bingham.

The subject of teacher placement after September 30 - Erin Felker has drawn up a letter to send to the SD and KTTA and other pertinent parties requesting they address this issue. Their feeling is that our children are not benefiting from having a change in teacher after the first month of school. This current system is creating a lack of faith in the principal's organizational skills and priorities.

The SD process - The estimated next year's enrolment dictates the budget for teachers. September 30th is when the actual count of enrolment is finalized. The report then goes to the ministry of education and funding goes through. Will will ask Dr. Sullivan on Friday's meeting, how the assignment process works.

This topic is tabled till the next meeting, at which time a draft will be discussed,voted on, and drawn up.

Trustee Remarks:

BC Ed Plan - asking for input into curriculum and grad program. There was a committee of 60 looking into feedback to decide on draft for curriculum. The goal is to be less specific but more goal oriented (outcome based) Assessment methods are also being looked at. The goal is that the same child will be assessed by more than one teacher at the same level. This allows needs targeting. The curriculum has been released for K-9 (as a draft) Grades 10-12 and the grad program will try to be out before Christmas For more info - curriculum.gov.bc.ca or on Twitter - Hashtag "BCCurric" The "buzzword" of the BC Ed Plan is "21st century Learning"

DPAC Reps Accountabilities:

Please find out interest level for going to the BCCPAC fall conference.
Some itinerary items include: Barbara Colorosa as the keynote speaker
Government speakers
Union speakers
Speakers on treasury and gaming
"PAC 101" presentation

Will (chairperson) meets Friday October 25th with Dr. Sullivan and will discuss:
School sponsorship
Mining local talent for DPAC speakers

Next DPAC meeting November 19th