



General Meeting Minutes Nov 16, 2010 Henry Grube Educational Centre

Chair: Todd S..

Attendees:

Tibor B. – Heffley Creek
Sharlene Bowers – Board office
Barb C - Valleyview
Todd S - Parkcrest
Ela K - Haldane
Staffen L - BEST
Andy S. - Valleyview
Terry Sullivan – Superintendent

Joan Cowden – Trustee
Tania V. - Norkam
Peter H – A. hatton
Shelley A - Chase
Shyann V. – David Thompson
Susan N. – Summit
Scott R. – A. Stevenson
Karen M. – RL Clemitson

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

2. **Agenda:**

MOTION (Tania/Ela) to approve the agenda. CARRIED.

3. **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held October 19,2010 were approved as presented

4. **Financial Report:** Gisela R. presented a 2010-2011 budget.

MOTION (ShelleyA/ Karen M.) To approve the budget as presented– CARRIED.

5. **Correspondence of Note:**

- a. Fiona Clare had presented literature on Childhood Anxiety. Electronic format will be distributed to the membership.
- b. There was an offer of presentations to PACs on prevention of gambling addictions. This information will go out via the gmail list as well.

6. **Executive Report:**

- a. **Executive meeting** – summary of the meeting held in early November was offered.
- b. **School Board meetings** – Todd S. reported on the meetings that he attended.
- c. **Ruckert/Sullivan meeting** –discussed the 2011 SD73 conference, on Parent Involvement, and 21st Century Learning. Linda Jules and Leigh Ann Larsen will be on the 2011 conference organizing committee.

- d. **Website** – being maintained. There was a request to post the contents of DPAC Library on the website.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Parent Education:** - The committee is following up on requests for information on bullying and is in contact with Bill Belsey as well as Rosalind Wiseman. The possibility of offering webinars to parents is also being investigated.
- b. **Parent Leadership Task Force** – The members are preparing parent surveys, likely for January release, as well as meetings with other stakeholder groups.
- c. **DPAC Rep reports & queries** – Some feedback has been received on School Planning Council meetings.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. **DPAC Outreach**– presentations that were made to schools (D. Thompson/Pinantan/Savona) were discussed. Any PAC who would like to learn more about DPAC is invited to contact us via gmail.

9. New Business:

- a. **Assessment conference** – A report was submitted on the October 2010 conference. Comments from parent participants were overwhelmingly positive.
- b. **BCCPAC**– Reports were made by attendees of the BCCPAC Fall Conference. All were enthusiastic about the motivational impact of the conference.
- c. **“21st Century Learning”** – There was discussion on the new initiative that is being presented by the Ministry of Education to various stakeholder groups. DPAC will try to learn more and pass it on. This appears to be a very large-scale change to our education system, and will take several years to implement.

10. Superintendent’s Remarks: Noted that the “21st Century Learning” initiative is still in the planning stages. Also referred to the 3rd Aboriginal Charter that SD73 has just signed. He also noted that the ‘Children’s Charter or Rights’ was signed recently by the SD73 and other involved organizations.

11. Trustee’s Remarks: Commented favourably on several new attendees at this meeting, and encouraged any parents with concerns about homework etc. to schedule an appointment with the classroom teacher to discuss these issues.

12. DPAC Rep Accountabilities:

- a. Synervoice feedback – Feed back from PAC’s on its usage is welcomed, as there appears to be some disparity in its usage. Does your PAC have the ability to use this service when desired?
- b. SPC training session at 6 pm Thursday November 25th.

13. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday Dec 14 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM HENRY GRUBE CENTRE