



General Meeting

Minutes

Dec 14, 2010

Henry Grube Educational Centre

Meeting Chair: Todd S.

Attendees:

Tibor B. – Heffley Creek
Don K – South Sahali Elem
Todd S - Parkcrest
Staffen L - BEST
Kerry F. –
Gisela R – Sahali Sec
Karen G – AEPerry

Pamela T (Juniper)
Susan N. – Summit
Scott R. – A. Stevenson
Renee A – Westsyde Sec.

Denise Harper – Trustee
Sharlene Bowers – Board office

1. Introductions:

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

2. Agenda:

MOTION (Gisela/Kerry) to approve the agenda - CARRIED.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held November 16,2010 were approved as presented .



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4. Financial Report: Gisela R. presented a financial update.



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5. Correspondence of Note:

a. none

6. Executive Report:

- a. **Executive meeting** – summary of the meetings attended in December was offered by Gisela. Science World will be hosting a public event Thursday Feb 24, 2011. the evening, and parent volunteers are sought. Members of the Executive attended a meeting with the MLA's and covered a variety of topics, including our desire to be included in developing a plan for the 21st C. Learning project.
- b. **School Board meetings** – Trustee's schools of responsibilities have been reviewed. We will post to website when available.

- c. **Dr. Sullivan meetings** –The recent meetings were reviewed. The Math Committee applicants will be selected soon..
- d. **Website** – being maintained. Noted that from past request, the contents of DPAC Library are already on the website.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Parent Education** – Bullying webinar with Bill Belsey is going ahead in February. “Queen Bees & Wannabees” with Rosalind Wiseman is being proposed to SD73.
- b. **Parent Leadership Task Force** – A facilitator has been assigned, and the group is still collecting information,
- c. **DPAC Rep reports & queries** – SynerVoice – some feedback was received, and it is clear that principals are handling the situation differently in different schools. DPAC will not take any action unless requested by schools.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. none.

9. New Business:

- a. **Avison report** – DPAC recommends PAC’s review the report, and we’ll discuss in January whether DPAC should state a position publicly.
- b. **Family Literacy**– Jan 24, 2011- DPAC is a sponsor. Details from organizers are yet to come..
- c. **“Parents behaving badly”** – Some schools are having problems with disrespectful parents. There was discussion on how to alleviate issues. There was discussion of a ‘Student-Parent Contract’ and also discussion of a ‘Statement of Responsibilities’ assigned to : Principal, Teacher, Student , Parent. The difficulty is that there is actually no one responsible for enforcing such contracts, and the ones who are in conflict are the least likely to read such documents.

10. Trustee’s Remarks:

- a. The assignment of schools was mentioned again, DPAC will seek to obtain and publicize the new list.

11. DPAC Rep Accountabilities:

- a. Synervoice – should DPAC push for action on this issue?
- b. BC College of Teachers – should DPAC develop a public position?
- c. Science Night - Feb 24 – are there any Parent Volunteers?
- d. Read Avison report and be prepared to discuss it next month.
- e. Find out if your school has a Parent Code of Conduct or similar document.

12. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday Jan 18 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM HENRY GRUBE CENTRE