



General Meeting Minutes December 15, 2015 Henry Grube Educational Centre

Chair: Wil Dekker-Lonquist (McGowan Elem)

Attendees:

Don K	SKSS		
Meghan W	SD73		
Claire T.	Juniper Ridge		
Kristin S-A	South Sahali Elem	Karl deBruijn	Superintendent
Ginger T	Westmount Elem	Darren Angman	RCMP
Valerie	David Thompson		
Laura McA	Kay Bingham		

1. **Meeting to order.**
2. **Presenter: Sofie Winkels – RCMP.** Presented a “Social Media: Online Safety and Responsibility” talk. It is possible to invite Sofie to speak and present at individual PACs. Both Elementary and High School age appropriate presentations are available. There are also resources on the school district website for parents.
3. **Agenda.** Approval moved by Ginger T. Seconded by Claire.
4. **Minutes from the previous meeting.** Approval moved by Kirstin. Seconded by Claire.
5. **Treasurer’s report:** None.
6. **Executive Report:** The executive met with George Campbell. A letter was sent to the Community Foundation regarding setting up a bursary. Parent Education Sessions (Askable Adult, Jesse Miller and Food Safe) will be presented in 2016.
7. **Correspondence:** None.
8. **Old Business:**
 - i. Call out for interested parties to attend the BCCPAC AGM in Kelowna.
 - ii. Call out for interested parties to put their names forward for DPAC Chair and executive.
9. **New Business.**
 - a. **Idling Policy.** There is no district wide policy but many schools have “no idling zones”. These, however, are difficult to enforce. **ACTION:** PACs to conduct education within their schools and work with administration to put up signs. Districts with work with them to support No Idling. Contact Board office for further information and support.
 - b. **Question from Juniper Ridge regarding Food and Beverage Sales and Guidelines.** How many schools within SD73 enforce the Food and Beverage Sales Guidelines? **ANSWER:** It is not a District wide policy and not enforced SD wide. School controlled machines must follow guidelines. The District won’t be regulating PACs and their fundraising efforts. “Can a Principal dictate food rules?”: **ANSWER:** Yes, principals are the authority but should be judicious in making decisions. It is advised that PACs work with the Principal if there are challenges.

- c. **Shutters.** Question from David Thompson re: “Are the shutters installed for lock-down purposes?": ANSWER: No, they are to prevent break-ins and smashing of windows.
- d. **Lock Downs.** Question from David Thompson: “Is the language about lockdowns really necessary?” ANSWER: The procedures the district is using have been certified and suggested by the highly accredited agencies and the Centre for Threat Assessment. SD isn't trying to hide information from parents, but rather to keep all children safe. SD is in the process of changing the phone system to eliminate threats made over the internet.

10. Superintendent's remarks:

- a. **Scooter/Bike Racks:** Every school works it out. The children are not allowed to use/ride on school grounds. SD staff looked at scooter storage/bike racks. Grounds crew will work with school/PAC to implement/build/purchase.. SD purchasing department will work with the PAC/school.
- b. **Jesse Miller – March 9th.**
- c. **Accountability Framework.** 4 representatives from DPAC are requested to sit on the committee for the Accountability Framework. This will help inform what information we would like to have supplied to parents in terms of student performance. This committee is from the District Level. First meeting in mid January.

11. Trustee's Remarks:

- a. Denise Harper has been acclaimed as Chair for a 1 year term. Meghan Wade acclaimed as Vice Chair for a 1 year term. Rhonda and Meghan are DPAC reps.
- b. There will be a retroactive raise for Admin/Principals and VPs. There has been no raise for last 6 years.
- c. From last Wednesday's meeting: There is a new minister of education. The new minister saw Bert Edwards Science and had a tour of SKSS. Minister of Health Terry Lake was also present.
- d. MacArthur Island is rented out for grad 2-3 years in advance. Possible conflict with grad and high school teams playing Principals.
- e. Convocation dates have changed for in-town schools.

12. KTTA Remarks: No remarks.

Meeting adjourned: 8:53 pm. **NEXT MEETING: January 19th, 2015 7pm. HENRY GRUBE CENTRE**