***Executive Committee***

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**DPAC General Meeting**

**What exactly is DPAC?**

* DPAC stands for District Parent Advisory Council. We are the official parent voice for School District 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).
* Each PAC is encouraged to elect 2 DPAC reps to attend our monthly meetings.
* We elect an executive to conduct business between meetings, but our direction is determined by our members, just like at PACs.

**What is the role of DPAC?**

* Our mandate, according to the School Act, is to advise the Board of Education on any matter relating to education in the school district. We funnel parent input to decision-makers in our district.
* We facilitate communication – we send a lot of information out to the PACs on upcoming events and programs that might interest them.
* We provide training and education for parents, as well as opportunities for exchanging ideas. We host speakers and put on workshops and networking events.
* We function as a resource for individual parents and PACs as they do their work at the school level.

**Agenda**

**Tuesday April 18, 2017**

**Henry Grube Educational Centre**

1. **Call to order and Introductions**

**Attendees: Sheri Lakusta (Westmount), Allison Tremblay (South Sa-hali), Kira Wood (South Sa-hali and McGowan Park), Katie Cavaletto (Westmount), Melinda Hunter (Westmount), Brittany Lafont (Marion Schilling), Audrey Shaw (Marion Schilling),, Valerie Newbreast (David Thompson), Amber Hooton (Juniper), Brad Gerow, Don Kitt (South Kamloops Secondary), Assistant Superintendent Rob Schoen, Meghan Wade (Board of Education)**

1. **Review of the Agenda**

**Motion to accept: Melinda Hunter, Seconded: Kira Wood Motion carried**

1. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

**Motion to accept: Katie Cavaletto Seconded: Melinda Hunter Motion carried.**

1. **Old Business**
   1. **Social Media Policy – Rob Schoen went over the history of the Social Media Policy. His goal is for every PAC to discuss the draft at their May meetings and send their comments to** [**CHuk@sd73.bc.ca**](mailto:CHuk@sd73.bc.ca) **by no later than May 30, 2017.**
2. **New Business**
   1. **Increasing awareness of and access to federal and provincial grants for RESPs (Letter from Rebecca Cain). \*Information has been emailed out to PACs and DPAC Reps**
   2. **BAND Together (D.Kitt) – This is a new program where people can donate their instruments. They will be put into an inventory and students can apply to rent out for the school year. They can be dropped off at Kamloops Ford Lincoln.**
   3. **YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (Letter from Catherine Flamank) \*Information has been emailed out to PACs and DPAC Reps.**
   4. **Foodsafe Level 1: DPAC will pay for 10 parents to attend Contact Karen Heiberg directly.**
   5. **Question from Westmount on Funding for Technology – The question from Westmount was on where funds came from for technology purposes. Assistant Superintendent Rob Schoen answered their question.**
3. **Treasurer’s Report – The information was already presented at the Annual General Meeting which occurred earlier in the evening. There were no new attendees so the financials were not presented again.**
4. **Bursary Committee Update – Information will be presented at the next meeting**
5. **Executive Report – Nothing to report.**
6. **Superintendent Remarks – The budget presentation was last week. Feedback is due May 1 as the vote will take place on May 8.**
7. **Trustee Remarks**
   1. **Trustee Wade spoke at length about the various funding envelopes and the specifics around them. The enrollment for the next school year is stable with only a decline of seven students.**
   2. **SD # 73 is in receipt of a $ 1.2 million grant over the next 3 years to be put towards initiatives in Youth Trade.**
   3. **SD # 73 is also in receipt of a one time funding of $700,000 from the government. The only stipulation from the government is that there must be notification to the PACs as to how this money will be spent. Further communication on this to come. The focus for these funds is to assist in the implementation of the new requirements.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.**

1. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING: May 16 at 7 pm at the Henry Grube.**