



**Minutes District Parents Advisory Council
Tuesday, May 16, 2006
Henry Grube Centre**

Attendees:

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Delegations:

Following the “Introductions” on page 2, we were provided education by Susan Dixon on the “**Drug and Alcohol District Focus Group**”. Susan provided information on:

- The original 2003 Subcommittee with Trustees and Teachers (handout)
- Now the “Drug and Alcohol Pilot Project” includes the community, parents, PACs, DPAC, schools, students, teachers and trustees working together
- Average age of Crystal Meth exposure 11.6 years old in B.C.
- The Pilot Project includes Barrier, Logan Lake and Norkam Secondary’s and their seven feeder schools
- Focus on SPC’s goals of “social responsibility”
- Connie Buckle working on the “Directed Suspension Program” reduces the penalty by half. 78 students have participated so far in SD #73.
- The risk can be determined in preschool
- Grades 4-7 participate in the “Leaps and Bounds Program”
- Focus is
 - resilience in giving every student in the District education
 - make healthy students
 - it takes a community to raise a child
 - make partners in the community – assets
- *Susan offers parents the opportunity to identify their concerns, connections to websites (each school a page), a “Parent’s Page”(what would be good information?) and an invitation May 23, 2006 for parent representation on Project.* Susan Dixon 374-1084 sdixon@sd73.bc.ca

Introductions:

Participants were invited to introduce themselves and give a high point and a low point for their PAC.

<u>The Good</u>	<u>The Improvement Areas</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• school administration working with children’s request for plan equipment• well structured Parent Advisory Council (PAC) with diverse network of parents• really busy, strong PAC• # 3 school in the District this weeks media release• started a school garden and donations have since just blossomed• ”Open House” tomorrow to four feeder schools PAC meeting following• 3 tumbling block schedule – 1 linear afternoon class• Working on-trades / specialty focus<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ -maintaining 800 students• School Web site up and running with the work of 2 students• 2010 – 25th Anniversary plans• leading in Golf in the zone• District Review Monday to have the opportunity to acknowledge our parental needs• Trustee: judging and attending “Heritage Fair” – every school represented<ul style="list-style-type: none">- encouraging extracurricular activities• Trustee: I’ll be available to any PAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• schools not aggressive in creative School Planning Council (SPC) goals• lack of School District #73 (SD) derived information... improved knowledge base to parents• have to move child out for special needs success• PAC declining in attendance• burnt out PAC members• low parent participation• teacher punitive measures 50% off late assignment• need parents to stand up for the action they would like to work on• to participate in the resolution of our parental needs• Trustee: consideration for District Review and Parent Appreciation simultaneously

Adoption of Minutes:

Arnie motioned that previous minutes be accepted, Caroline seconded. Passed.

Adoption of Agenda:

Arnie motioned that Agenda be accepted, Dean seconded. Passed

Treasurer's Report:

- Caroline reports, as of May 16, 2006 (ultimately annual report), that we have exactly:
 - \$ 2,277.26 in the current account
 - \$ 6,437.60 in the GIC
 - \$ 366.20 in the gaming account(DPAC fiscal year Sept. to Sept. therefore due to be used by Sept./06)

Motion: To take gaming account action in October/06 instead of at this meeting.
Not seconded. Died.

Motion: To turn our current account over now from TD Canada Trust to HSBC on Victoria Street.

Caroline moved / Lorna seconded. Passed.

Discussion regarding fees charged to us and research re same.

Motion: Add to current (just passed motion) “and when GIC matures, turn over to HSBC”

Caroline moved / Lesley seconded. Passed

Discussion regarding the fact that to look after GIC as without an account in the same bank, there is no where to place the “mature GIC” (? June due date).

Motion: Accept Financial Report.

Arnie moved / Dean seconded. Passed

Correspondence:

Board Notes

Old Business:

- **Constitution and Bylaws** copy per Email (This reflects changes made at AGM)
 - Anyone who wants a copy of the current DPAC Constitution and Bylaws can contact Paula
 - BCCPAC web site has drafts of Constitution and Bylaws for any PAC needing resource. Elementary and Secondary templates available
 - Paula is an available resource for “Constitution and Bylaws” work.

- Letter sent to the SD Board regarding our need to receive **budget information** ASAP to be able to share with all our 51 schools. John elaborated that the information is released as available and the key may be for parents to look at the list and prioritize the importance of issues to each particular PAC and provide the SD with their list of priorities (be it PACs and DPAC) i.e. Literacy.
- **Trades Program** is up and running. Looking at inviting Greg Howard to DPAC to elaborate on Thompson Rivers University (TRU) hosted entry level trades and provision of “Dogwood” graduation requirements.
 - Questions re enrolling in Cooking from Grade 10?
 - Questions re do the Counsellors have the information the students need?
 - Questions re psychological education testing and resources for education? (ACCU-PLACER)

New Business:

- **New Direction** John presented new information regarding New Directions in education (released 15/05/06) “**Provincial Distance Learning Policy Update**”. Keen need to share resources with parents, PACS and DPAC a.s.a.p. One website: www.MyBCschool.gov.bc.ca
 - Can start September 2006
 - Shopping by parents and students to choose courses/schools/acceleration of their choosing
 - Parent information network at web site
 - DPAC interested in presenting to parents FALL/06
 - Please address your input to PAC/ DPAC

Committee Reports:

Caroline will present BCCPAC’s AGM/ motions to June meeting. Resources available at www.bcdpac.org

Library Report:

Lesley Davidson, Paula Schmidt and Dean Watts each have a copy of “**Boy Smarts**” by Barry MacDonald.

Resources:

“**Third Option Rocks**” is available free at Rodgers Videos. Access to Trades theme.

List of “Good Speaker Names”:

Paul McDonald

**Next Meeting:
7:00 p.m. Tuesday 13th June
Henry Grube Centre
Room # 4**

School District # 73 – District Parent Advisory Council
May 19, 2006
Present and Future Role / Focus

Advisory to SD #73

- *Position statements
 on a variety of issues
- *Discussion around broad issues

Communications with Board / Administration

- *Five Board Committees
 - Education
 - Finance
 - First Nations
 - Human Resources
 - Policy
- (two way communications to 51 PACS)

- *Board Meeting Attendance
 - each sign up

DISTRICT WEB PAGE

- *updating
- *make portal website(s) work
- *51 Email sites
- *John Cuzzola

Communications with Parents / Partners

- *Information re PAC contacts
- *? A strategy
- *take action on five
- *Email list

Capacity Building and Education for Parents

- *PAC education
- *Key issues Reception
 (donuts)
- *Pro-D Days
 Day care issues
- *Events