



Minutes – September 19, 2006
Henry Grube Educational Centre

Attendees:

Arnie Kidner	Brock Secondary	554-3284	arniekidner@telus.net
Sharlene McIlwain	Marion Schilling	374-9305	dskmcilwain@telus.net
Paula Schmidt	Sahali Secondary	377-3002	sdynamics@telus.net
Rob Schoen	SBO	314-9774	
John Harwood	Trustee	674-3270	harwood8@telus.net
Meghan Wade	Trustee	319-6516	mwade@sd73.bc.ca
Mark McVittie	KTTA	319-6836	
Lesley Davidson	Valleyview Sec.	374-8225	l2e2d2@yahoo.com

Adoption of Minutes: *Arnie motioned adoption of Minutes, Sharlene seconded, passed.*

Additions to Agenda / Adoption of Agenda: Paula added “Next Steps” and “District Review” to Old Business on Agenda. *Arnie motioned adoption of altered Agenda, Sharlene seconded, passed.*

Financial Report:

Caroline Connors has graduated from DPAC participation and Arnie Kidner has kindly accepted this role until such time as we are able to fill our Treasurer’s role;

Arnie reports a \$2500 deposit from gaming as of Sept.6, 2006.

Arnie’s submitted written report for August 30, 2006 states:

- \$2,124.63 in Chequing account with \$10.00 prep and service charges,
- \$6,479.33 GIC balance as of August 30, 2006, and
- \$ 366.20 Gaming account as of August 30, 2006.

Dean and Lesley have to sign at HSBC for signing privileges within the next ten days.
9:00-4:00pm hours (5:00pm Fridays).

ACTION: Lesley will sign this Friday.

Gaming account has to be looked after within ten days.

ACTION: Arnie will speak with the T.D. re their banking charges.

Arnie motioned adoption of Financial report, Paula seconded, passed.

Correspondence:

- Vancouver Island has 8 DPACS who share themes of;
 - Evolution improvement -what can DPACS do?
 - classroom knowledge
 - learning styles
 - ideas to increase parent participation
- Document mapping early development
- Legion’s encouragement provided to PACS and principals regarding Remembrance Day ideas
- Career Planning (went out to all PACS)
- DVD re: Parent awareness of divorce effects

Old Business:

1. Teacher's Contract: ratified by BCTF (www.bctf.bc.ca) and BCPSEA. (www.bcpsea.bc.ca)
2. Parent Education Workshops:
 - Call for input will be sent out to all PACs. DPAC needs feedback and parent involvement regarding;
 - what themes parents would like provided?
 - what day of the week/evening would optimize participation?
 - one day or two day weekend forum?
 - Looking for people willing to coordinate the workshop day. The infamous computer contact connections for PACs are still unavailable. Paula wants to work with whomever she can reach from last year's listings. Meghan Wade –Trustee- will work with whoever is coordinating the “**Parent Education Forum**”.
 - Parent Education Ideas at our table include;
 - A. **Financial responsibility** of gaming funds, transferring Bingo monies, changes in expenditures, etc
 - B. **Conducting positive meetings,**
 - C. **Provincial Distance Learning Policy Update** our students have a multitude of learning resources;
 - Multiple opportunities to enroll in multiple schools,
 - Video conferencing,
 - Virtual schools and
 - Trades opportunities.
 - D. **Schools of choice**
 - E. **Crystal Meth. And Provincial Program on Addictions (K-Grade7) and (Grade 8-12).** We need proactive action now in; our Elementary Schools, Education to parents, “Asset Building” and more.
 - F. **Homework Habits** BCTF may have resources for us
 - G. **Diet and Nutrition**
 - H. **Action Schools B.C.** information and **Professional Development** days and “**Pacific Sports**” opportunities

ACTION: Paula will send out a notice to PAC Chairs looking for input on timing and topics as well as interest in coordinating a Parent Education Forum.

3. District Review: Page 15 of the “District Review Report 2005-2006” includes a recommendation from the District Review Team that the district “consider enhancing the involvement of DPAC, other parents and students at the district level in the work to improve student achievement.” Paula reinforced that if we do not take advantage of this opportunity it would be a great loss. School District #73 is requesting one DPAC person assigned to liaison with each of the board committees. This will facilitate communication to DPAC about upcoming issues and opportunities rather than waiting for Board Agendas. See table below for opportunities.

Board Committees.

Education	Lesley Davidson /
First Nations	
Finance and Planning	
Human Resources	
Policy	

Please inform Paula or Lesley if you are interested in a role.

In addition, our attendance, learning and **reporting back to DPAC**, on School Board meetings would lend to our knowledge base.

School Board Meetings

Agenda and Minutes available Thursday on Website under “Trustees” tab (www.sd73.bc.ca)

Background information to Paula on Fridays

September 25, 2006 Vavenby	
October 16, 2006 Board Room	Lesley Davidson
October 30, 2006 Logan Lake	
November 6, 2006 Board Room	
November 20, 2006 Board Room	
December 4, 2006 Board Room	
December 18, 2006 Board Room	

Please inform Paula or Lesley if you are interested in attending a particular meeting.

Chair’s Report: Paula discussed her sharing of resource information with DPAC and PACs and her dedication to building the address book DPAC needs to communicate.

Committee Reports: None

Superintendent Remarks:

1. Mr. Ross Spina addressed our request for “**Graduation Portfolio Update**” information. It is not mandatory for this years Grade 12s to submit their Graduation Portfolio (GP). This years Grade 12 student may complete the portfolio with grades working towards their Grade Point Average (GPA) or receive a standing granted, four credits, which will not affect their GPA.

All Grade 11 and Grade 10 students are to continue with their Portfolios (GP) in preparation for their graduation. For further information please see;

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/portfolio Educ.portfolio@gov.bc.ca www.SD73.bc.ca

Lesley expressed concern that she has met parents who have no idea as to what their Grade 11 student should be doing this year. Ross spoke of Principals completing a random check by parents per telephone and supplying this same ongoing encouragement for Grade 10 and 11s to complete their “Graduation Portfolio” work. Ross informed us that the information went out in the first High School newsletter this school year. Ross has accepted an invitation to attend our

OCTOBER 17, 2006 DPAC meeting

@ the GRUBE Education Centre to

ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GRADUATION PORTFOLIO@7:00 PM

ACTION: Paula will confirm Ross Spina’s scheduling for addressing parent questions regarding “Graduation Portfolio” at 7:00 pm Tuesday October 17, 2006.

2. Rob reported that there is a decline of 300-350 students enrolled in School District #73 this fall. District classroom average pupil count 28.
Actual numbers to the School Board, October 16, 2006.
Actual numbers to DPAC by October 17 meeting and Ministry of Education October 29th.

Trustee Remarks:

John Harwood :

- October 24, is the Secondary Arts School – Pineridge Assessment - meeting at the Grube at 7:00 pm,
- There will be a “Gender Equity Conference” (World Conference) at Foresters February 2007,
- There is work towards a “school of choice” for Math and Science,
- On October 28 there is a Board Retreat especially in follow up to the “District Review”,
- There is a resource support structure for our students that provides such opportunities as;
 - Elementary Math
 - Nutrition
 - Fine Arts
 - French
 - New Science Curriculum – best practices
 - Technology (Audio/Video etc)
 - Attendance (BC Elementary Study Information System)
 - Literacy etc.
- Rob will provide Paula with a list of School Board resources and what they do to enable DPAC seeking out further informative resources.

Meghan Wade:

- Beattie School has received the “Scholastic National Kids Are Authors” Book Award and will be in receipt of their award Thursday at 1:00 pm at Beattie School.
ACTION: Paula would like to have DPAC decide on their willingness to purchase some of these books as gift opportunities. Tabled to next meeting
- Kamloops “Kool to be Kind”/ “Random Acts of Kindness” celebration week is the week of October 2, 2006
- “The Power of Being a Girl” for girls age 12 to 14 is October 18, 2006. Girls 12-14 planned the Conference. A couple of the themes are; “How do you be friends” , “Women’s Persons Day”,
- Big Brother and Sisters resigned agreement with School District #73 and
- The province is asking Beattie School for their Fine Arts Curriculum.

New Business:

- Paula reinforced that the opportunity, and encouragement, to attend the **BCCPAC DPAC Leadership Conference** invitation was finally accepted by Arnie and Paula.
- Paula informed us Nelson Grant of South Sahali Elementary has expressed interest in attending the **BCCPAC Fall Conference** in Kelowna November 16-19/06.
Motion by Paula to send two people to the BCCPAC Fall Convention with one being Nelson Grant from South Sahali Elementary. Sharlene seconded. Passed.
- Sara Cummings is a resource for PACs and teachers in SD 73 regarding accessing grants.
ACTION: Paula will ask Sara Cummings, Special Projects Facilitator, to attend November meeting to provide more information.

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, October 17, 2006 7:00 p.m. Grube Centre