



# Minutes

March 27, 2007 – 7:00  
Henry Grube Educational Centre

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**Attendees:**

Andy Slizak	Ralph Bell, Valleyview Sec.
Kristy Jenkins	Westwold Elementary
R.Dean Watts	South Sahali Elementary
Wendy Matheson	David Thompson
Lorna McMillan	Valleyview Sec.
Gisela Ruckert	Beattie Elem.
Sharlene McIlwain	Marion Schilling
Gwen Leahy	Dufferin Elementary
Paula Schmidt	Sahali Secondary
Rob Schoen	School Board Office
Mark McVittie	KTTA
Mike Johnson	Active Schools Coordinator 376-2266
Chris Rose	Trustee
Lesley Davidson	Valleyview Sec. 374-8225 <a href="mailto:l2e2d2@yahoo.com">l2e2d2@yahoo.com</a>

*Regrets; Megan Wade, Heather Bryan, and Laura Soles (Clearwater).*

Convened at 7:00 p.m. by Paula Schmidt (Chair).

1. **Delegations:**

*Mike Johnson, Active Schools Coordinator.*

We learned about specific work being completed encouraging **Physical Activity** in;

- “Energy Blasts” “Yoga for Kids”
- “Chinese Skipping” “Exercise Band” work.

Our children may presently receive 2300 minutes in total gym time in a year, and each of us needs 33,000 minutes of physical activity a year. We are role models. Other encouraging programs include;

“**Walking School Bus**” program, our physicians role modeling “**primary prevention**” and

“**The Healthy Eating Committee Work**” through SD#73. We were informed some food producers are changing the content of their food to improve the dietary situation.

*Mike Johnson is available to all PACS and students to share education and encouragement.*

**2. Adoption of Minutes:**

*Motion: Acceptance of Minutes* Wendy/Gisela Carried.

**3. Adoption of Agenda:**

*Motion: Adoption of Agenda with additions* Gisela/Dean Carried.

**4. Financial Report:** DPAC is very happy to announce that Wendy Matheson has accepted the role of interim treasurer.

\$ 2,064.63 (chequing) as of Feb. 28, 2007

379.46 (gaming) as of Feb. 28, 2007

6,552.48 (GIC) (at 2.45%). This has to be moved by June 13, 2007.
Email Caroline Conner and Wendy Matheson re Parent education reimbursement for flier design. Not reported re completion.

**5. Correspondence:**

- Invitation to LAT Meeting “A Play for Effective Learning Assistance”
- B.C. Teachers Federation document re FSAs
- Chair John Harwood’s response to the Catholic Civic Rights letter
- BCCPAC Leadership
- BC Teacher’s Video presentation  
Grube Education Centre, 7:00 – 8:30 pm Thursday, April 12, 2007  
SFU’s Dr. Paul Shaker and Peter Cowley discuss “the accountability of the Fraser Institute’s use of results from FSAs”.

**6. Old Business:**

- **Treasurer and Executive Members** - Wendy is our interim Treasurer. Gisela is our newest Member at Large.
- **School Board Meeting Attendance:**
  - Agenda and Minutes available Thursday on Website
  - Background information available from Paula on Friday before
  - Up to date Agenda at door Monday night
  - Each of us is encouraged to participate for our knowledge, representation and sharing.
  - Our learning and reporting back to DPAC is encouraged.

March 26, 2007	Lynne Monteith
April 2, 2007	Gisela Ruckert
April 23, 2007 (Barriere)	
May 7, 2007	
May 28, 2007	Jeannine Jubinville
June 11, 2007	
June 25, 2007	Gwen Leahy

- **School Board Committee Liaisons:**

Education	Lesley Davidson /
First Nations	Dean Watts /
Finance and Planning	
Human Resources	Wendy Matheson/
Policy	Gisela Ruckert /

- Correspondence from John Harwood (Board Chair). “Human Resources” and “Finance” are not considered to be interactive Committees with parents. “Education” and “Policy” have the opportunity for input.
- Conversation needs to happen with First Nations Committee to see if there is an invitation to DPAC to participate.

Paula will communicate with John Harwood re “Board Committee Liaison” regarding the process and request the Committee’s Agenda prior to Committee meetings.

Presently Gisela is interested in participating in the “Policy Committee” and Lesley is interested in the “Education Committee”.

- **Budget Survey**

- The first School Board budget input meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 2007.
- Our DPAC received 45 responses with some good comments. The responses will be reviewed and summarized.
- Key points indicate that “Budget information” is inadequate and lacks transparency as well as parents having such a short window to view.

Action (Paula):

- send out one more reminder of the opportunity to complete the Budget feedback survey
- Deadline will be Friday, March 30, 2007
- Survey data back for deliberation and survey analysis

Recommendation:

- That DPAC work to encourage Budget education during the School Planning Council (SPC) / PAC training in the Fall.
- Enquire if the School Board might have 4 or 5 particular questions for parent sought input?
- Second recommendation that actual Budget draft be provided electronically.

- **Parent Drivers’ Insurance**

Still require Lynn Monteith’s booster seats etc. coverage information.

- **Attendance/Delegation Policy Development:**

(Decision on measures of who goes, yet to be proposed. Upcoming events are the BCPAC Meeting May/07. Policy Committee may include Wendy Matheson and perhaps Heather and other interested individuals.) Not discussed at this meeting.

7. **New Business:**

- **Babysitting for DPAC Meetings.** At this point, participants agreed that childcare is not necessary, however, resolution to change our Bylaws to have two representatives per school in April/07 may change this. Perhaps the availability of babysitting would further encourage more parent participation. Please ask around and provide DPAC with feedback.

- **Healthy Eating Committee Recommendation**

*Motion:*

*DPAC supports draft with the addition of Recommendation #5:  
To educate students, parents, PACs and SPCs as to what the provincial guidelines are.*

Motioned by Dean. Seconded by Gisela. Carried

- **Career and Education Day:** Dean, Gisela, Gwen and Paula will be at the first meeting as per invitation.
- **BCCPAC Spring AGM.** New policy that DPACs now vote on resolutions prior to AGM meeting. Other DPACs are holding “Information Evenings” to discuss BCCPAC resolutions. Discussion on whether this is a good strategy for SD 73.

Paula to check with BCCPAC about which PACS hold BCCPAC membership

Paula will coordinate this particular theme for our April DPAC meeting night.

8. **Chair’s Report:**

- Bill 20 impact on School Fees news releases being dispersed by Ministry and media.
- Portfolio guidelines regarding transition plans coming out provincially
- Paula will be on “Mid-Day” next week.
- Information shared re other DPACs. Victoria does 1 hour business/ 1 hour position development at each meeting. Possible strategy for 2007/2008 year in SD 73.

9. **Committee Reports:**

- No additional report(s) provided.

**10. Superintendent Remarks:**

In 2007-2008 there will be

- 400 less students
- No predicted lay-offs
  - 240 teachers 55 + years old
  - 60 teachers 55 next year
  - 14-20% retire / year
- Surpluses are directed to other areas

Science School continues to be worked on (space, funding etc.)

**11. Trustee Remarks:**

Chris Rose elaborated on the October 18, 19 and 20/07, “Gender” presentation.

Discussion regarding possibility of having some registration fees waived for PAC/DPAC participation. (\$100.00/person)

**12. KTTA Representation:**

Mark encouraged our awareness of the BC Teachers video presentation of Accountability of the Fraser Institutes use of results from the FSA’s, April 12/07 as per correspondence section.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting: TUESDAY, April 24, 2007 7:00 p.m. Grube Centre Room 1B**

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