



Minutes

June 12, 2007 – 7:00
Henry Grube Educational Centre

Attendees:

Heather Bryan	Arthur Stevenson		
Wendy Matheson	David Thompson Elementary		
Gisela Ruckert	Beattie Elem.		
R.Dean Watts	South Sahali Elementary		
Paula Schmidt	Sahali Secondary		
Chris Rose	Trustee		
Rob Schoen	School Board Office		
Lesley Davidson	Valleyview Sec.	374-8225	l2e2d2@yahoo.com

1. Adoption of Minutes (May 2007).

Gisela / Heather
Carried.

2. Correspondence of Note:

- **“Know Your Rights”** – resource for students with disabilities. Copies available at: <http://www.knowyourrights.ca/knowyourrights/>
- **BCCPAC’s** – Supporting Parent Leadership Seminar Series application information.
- **Grant Money For Playgrounds**
 - i. \$4 Million announcement for playgrounds
 - ii. \$1 Million for BCCPAC members only? (not confirmed)
 - iii. What is the size of the problem in SD 73?
 - iv. Survey launched 10 responses for 8 schools. 37 elementary schools in district.
- **Fall BCCPAC Conference:** November 15-18th in Victoria
- **BCCPAC membership expires end of August.**

Motion to renew BCCPAC membership immediately.
Lesley / Gisela. Carried.

Wendy will submit a cheque from gaming account.

3. Financial Report:

Wendy has updated the financial record:
Chequing Account- \$1,127.53
(we will be receiving \$2,500.00 funds)
\$6,000.00+ GIC matures July 16, 2007
Gaming Account- \$ 49.47

4. Old Business

- **Anaphylaxis Support Letter**- Was distributed to Shirley Bond, Carol Taylor, Claude Richmond, George Abbott, Gordon Campbell, Kevin Kruger and Tom Christianson. Martha White prepared letters for DPAC letterhead and Paula's signature. The Bill did not pass but the success of heightened awareness is an accomplishment. Provincial government feedback has revealed that "School District is responsible for 'Policy'".
- **Revised Graduation Standards** requires; 80 hours of physical activity after PE 10, 30 hours of work and/or volunteer activities and a high school to life transition plan. Specific information can be found at:
<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/grad-transitions/welcome.htm>
- **Direct Access Funding:** June 30th deadline. There is no data resource from the gaming commission that permits access to knowing how many of the PACs in our District have applied. An informal email survey done by DPAC indicates that approximately one third have responded that they have or will have applied.

Will be placed on September DPAC Agenda for school PACS.

- **"Raising Boys"** On Wednesday, October 17, 2007 Parents are invited to the Grube Centre for

Raising Boys
A special evening with
Steve Biddulph

- **the three stages of boyhood**
- **keeping the special qualities of boys**
- **the importance of fathers**
- **testosterone**
- **why boys love rough and tumble games**
- **what to do if you're a single mom**
- **boys and housework...**

"Chapters" will sell books that evening.

Working on video conferencing with four schools.

DPAC members+ (Gisela, Heather, Lesley, Paula, Rob, and Wendy) have expressed interest in working the Wednesday evening toward the success of the event. Advertising and promotion are being looked after by the organizing committee. The evening will be looked after on a first come first served basis.

- **"Gender and Student Achievement"** The organizing committee is arranging 50 places on Saturday, October 20, 2007 for parents at a cost of \$100.00 per parent. Saturday offers;

Saturday Morning, Session 5: 08:30 – 10:00 a.m.

- **Michael Carr-Gregg, Ph.D.:** "Identifying the Male Student at Risk: A Case Study"
- **Gabor Mate, M.D.:** "Resisting the Lure of Drugs: Helping the Male Adolescent Avoid the Trap of Substance Abuse"

Saturday Morning, Session 6: 1030 – Noon

- **Heather Blair, Ph.D.:** "Boys Constructing the New Literacies"
- **Marilyn Hogg M.Ed./Gloria Hall, M.Ed.:** "In a Class of Their Own"
- **Debora Draney, M.Ed.:** "Success for Aboriginal Learners"
- **Diane Purvey, Ph.D. and Lynne Wiltse, Ph.D.:** "Questioning the 'Gender Gap': Reflecting on Lived Experiences in the Classroom".

Contact route is Sarah Cummings

5. New Business

- **Playground Survey-** Data is being gathered. Survey has been passed out to a specific list. News release is in tonight's package.
- **"Leadership for LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS"** BCCPAC accepting applications. Ultimate four year investment by interested parents. Focus is education and communications in Leadership. Extensive training. Application deadline extended.
- **Semesters** – Parent / Student Input sought. Principals are handing out.

6. Committee Reports

- **Education Committee** (Gisela, Heather and Wendy) submitted a recommendation list.

i. PAC Chair Luncheon:

- Open to PAC Chairs and DPAC reps. Arranging for luncheon with initial notice out in June to PACS. Encouragement to ask Terry Sullivan, and/or John Harwood, and/or representative of School Trustee position to attend the Luncheon and share their connection.

Motion: That DPAC Education Committee host this event with the approved budget of a maximum of \$500 (based on 50 people attending at a cost of \$8.50/person + \$75 for miscellaneous organizing and communication costs). Date for this luncheon will be October 1. Dean / Gisela. Carried.

ii. SPC Training

- Collaboration with SD 73 planned tentatively for November 2007
- Meghan Wade (Trustee) collected some initial information regarding what was easy and what is most difficult for SPCs.

Action Paula to initiate conversations with Terry, Mark/Dave, regarding this initiative. To be placed on September Agenda.

iii. PAC Executive Training (a.k.a. "Help! I've been elected to the PAC Executive").

- This will consist of: One 3-hour training session to be hosted by DPAC on a Saturday morning during the last two weeks of October. DPAC will cover cost of coffee and cookies. Topics may include PAC structures & roles, constitutions, financial accountability, how to run a meeting, codes of conduct, responsibility and conflict resolution. Additional costs and presentation topics will be refined by DPAC Education Committee after input at the PAC Chairs Luncheon (see i above). Suggested that we invite each PAC to bring their "Constitution and Bylaws" and financial statements to make this not just theoretical but applicable immediately.

Motion: that DPAC host this event with the approved budget of \$150.00 for refreshments and organizing costs. Gisela / Dean Carried.

7. Superintendent Report

- Rob reports that the draft of the 5 year plan Dr. Brayne is working on will be presented July 9, 2007 to the School Board.
- 3 Principals, 2 elementary Vice Principals and 2 secondary Vice Principals will be positioned this coming year. 28 secondary teachers and 28 elementary teachers will be positioned. Question regarding “new hires”. Rob assures us Trustees are in the interview panel. It is believed there is a parental consultation before with new hires on development of criteria.

8. Trustee Reports- Chris informed us there was no report this evening.

Meeting completed at 9:05 p.m.

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