



# Minutes

November 20, 2007 – 7:00  
Henry Grube Educational Centre

**Attendees:**

Janice Forde	Savona Elementary
Zacharie Jean	Lloyd George
Parker Matheson	Student
Wendy Matheson	David Thompson
Lynne Monteith	McGowan Park
Karen Moore	RL Cleminson
Lisa Owens	BEST
Lori Quinton	Kay Bingham
Gisela Ruckert	SaHali Secondary
Paula Schmidt	SaHali Secondary
Tania Vidovic	Norkam
John Churchley	School Board
Chris Rose	Trustee
Meghan Wade	Trustee
Lesley Davidson	Valleyview Sec.

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

**1. Round of Introductions**

- 2. Adoption of Minutes** – Amended under 6. BBCPAC Fall Conference Spring Conference to now say “AGM – policy driven”. And Lynne Monteith’s amended motion in this subject area to say “Lynne amended the motion to pay for the actual Conference fee only (approx.\$250).  
*Julie seconded.*

*Gisela motioned to accept Minutes with the two amendments. Lynne seconded. Passed*

**3. Financial Report** – Wendy Matheson reports as of October 31, 2007:

Regular chequing	\$6,983.24
Gaming	\$2,549.68

*Wendy motioned that DPAC develop a draft budget for the January meeting, and leave current balance in chequing until that time. Seconded by Janice. Passed.*

**4. Correspondence of Note:** No correspondence of note.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Executive Positions:**

Paula	Chair
Wendy	Treasurer
Gisela	Member At Large
_____	Secretary
_____	Vice Chair
_____	Member At Large

**b. Attendance at School Board Meetings:**

Every second Monday at 7:00 pm - School Board Office. 2008 dates will be set by new Board Chair.

DPAC is the only partner group who is part of the standing agenda.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>PAC Parent Participation</b>
<b>Dec. 2/07</b>	<b>Wendy Matheson</b>
<b>Dec.17/07</b>	<b>Gisela Ruckert</b>

- c. **SPC Workshops** - held Tuesday, November 6, 2007 @ the Henry Grube Centre. Wendy looked after the “Welcome” and DPAC information. Tanya reports it is now much more worthwhile with the increased number of people involved. Wendy reports 150 parents, teachers and principals attended and the evaluations indicate that it is worthwhile and we should do it again next year. Shared how each school makes their accomplishments. Considering a Spring SPC too?

**d. BCCPAC Fall Conference –**

2 Beattie parents, 1 Juniper parent and 2 DPAC representatives attended.

Janice Forde (DPAC delegate) returned energized by experiences in;

- Attaining a vision and completing that vision
- Barbara Colorosa’s Bullying presentation was empowering
- Trades and Opportunities information appreciated
- Youth Drug Abuse trends insightful.

Key points reviewed regarding BCCPAC membership of each school.

\$65.00/year/PAC. December 15, 2007 cut off. Opportunity to vote at BCCPAC Spring Conference.

Reminder of roles in parent voice:

- **Parent(s)** advises teacher, principal, board regarding **student** needs (legislated)
- **PAC collects parent voice** to advise principal, staff, Board regarding any matter pertaining to **school** (legislated)
- **DPAC collects PAC voice** to advise School Board regarding matters in **district** (legislated)
- **BCCPAC collects PAC/DPAC (members) voice** to advise Ministry regarding **provincial** matters (membership organization)

**6. New Business**

**A. Dr. Gabor Mate Sunday, December 2, 2007**

Ross Spina has contacted Paula and offered DPAC the opportunity to have Dr. Gabor Mate present to parents of School District # 73 on the Sunday before his presentation for the teachers of School District #73 on their Professional Development day. Press releases are prepared. Posters are out and available for parents to disperse tonight.

“Kamloops Daily News” would like to offer free advertising for our parental education workshops as long as we agree to their exclusive print advertiser status and their logo to advertising posters. This would be 4-6 education sessions / year for the next three years. This advertising is worth \$672.00, at non-profit rates/session (2 Daily New issues & 2 Extra issues).

Therefore we would have Newspaper, News releases, posters to schools and school newsletter coverage. There would be no advertising through other newspapers.

*Lisa motioned that DPAC go with “Kamloops Daily News” as our exclusive print sponsor for the 4-6 parent speakers/year over the next three years. Seconded by Karen. Carried.*

Education committee discussed plans for Gabor Mate's presentation December 2, 2007. Book sales will occur for the books that Gabor is bringing. We sell for \$20.00 and Gabor receives \$13/book. Greeters volunteered and will be; Lisa Owens, Tanya Vidovic, Lynne Monteith, Karen Moore and Janice Forde (if possible). Coffee makers discussed. Need to get information to PACs to enable these DPAC/School Board events being successful. Need to put posters on doors regarding "ticketing" in "No Parking" spots. Have the side gate opened for additional parking. Greeters can confirm parking ticket safety.

**B. Terry Small – February 13, 2007** stay tuned for more information.

**C. "Restitution – My Child is a Pleasure"** Thursday, November 22, 2007  
Raleigh School is offering. Dianne Gossen is presenting and has published materials.

**D. "The Great Global Warming Swindle"-**

Presentations to School Board prompted discussion regarding how books/movies/etc are considered before being used in classroom. According to SD 73 policy, a panel exists, of administrators and teachers who analyze educational materials to be used in the provincially approved curriculum. Today DPAC, PACs and parents have the opportunity to "appeal" to the School Board a decision that the panel made that is not appreciated. Discussion regarding which/what course of action DPAC wishes to take at this time;

- Do we watch the process and ensure the outcome is published?
- Do we work to increase parental awareness?

Curriculum development: The Integrated Resource Program (IRP) has a 6-7 year cycle to work on. Science, Math and Language recently completed. Social Studies, believed to be upcoming. The information is available at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca)  
Motion attempted and abandoned before completion.

*Paula will check with administration regarding how we can be aware of books/movies/ etc that are being considered by review committee according to policy..*

**E. Noon Supervisors** – Information presented regarding cutting one Noon Supervisor to save budget money at David Thompson. John informed us each school submits a supervision budget. School support workers are calculated at ? hours/day and paid supervisors are calculated. There is trickier supervision at David Thompson. Need the resources to do the job. Perhaps checking with other schools accomplishments?

**F. Nutrition Policy** – Effective January 1/ 2008

- Provide In-service in January.
  1. Facilitate "Parkcrest's" nutrition newsletter inserts re best practices.
  2. Request Mike Johnson's nutrition and fitness resources
- Panel at DPAC on our position / recommendation
- Standing offer agreement – "the guarantee that this product, at this price, for this time period."

*Lisa motioned that we pursue a Nutrition Policy In-service seeking out "Best Practices" for 900am to noon one day in January. Seconded by Janice. Carried.*

Gisela, Wendy, Lisa and Tania will be on the Nutrition Policy In-Service team.

**G. Idling at schools** – The information is presently at the Board table. Checking bylaws and tracking “No Idling” history.

**H. Transportation Policy** – With the increase of “schools of choice” the Transportation Policy had to be clarified. Discussed. Reviewed.

*Gisela motioned that we write a letter that will clarify the definition of “Courtesy Rides” in the Transportation .Policy. Seconded by Karen. Carried.*

7. **Chair’s Report** – None.

8. **Committee Reports** – as through out Minutes (i.e. Education)

9. **Trustee Reports-** Meghan spoke of;

- The importance of parents in the “Five Year Plan”,
- Chair Harwood is now the Mayor of Clearwater and will not be Chair,
- December 3, 2007 a new Chair will be elected,
- YM/YWCA sponsorship raised \$10,000 for “Kids for Kids” and Sierra Loma and
- The Minister of Education’s Funding Formula, removed \$800,000 from the District’s present budget, was completed without any consultation.

10. **Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Sullivan is the Master of Ceremonies at the District Honors this evening and absent.

11. **Discussion re Ministry Funding changes.**

*Gisela motioned that we draft a letter to BC Ministry of Education expressing our dissatisfaction in the process used in removing monies from the present school budget year without warning, without consultation, part way through the school year, after the annual “head” count and after many teachers were hired. Janice seconded. Carried. Gisela and Paula will work on this letter.*

Meeting completed at 9:10 p.m.

***Next DPAC meeting  
January 15, 2007 at the Henry Grube Centre.***