



Minutes

January 15, 2008 – 7:00

Henry Grube Educational Centre

Attendees:

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| Renee Anderson | Arthur Stevenson |
| Laura Bantock | SKSS |
| Lesley Boettger | Arthur Stevenson |
| Wendy Chanin | Beattie |
| Carly Debeeld | Juniper Ridge |
| Philippa Glossop | Juniper Ridge |
| Nelson Grant | South Sahali Elementary |
| Sue Hanson | SKSS |
| Belinda Hastings | Bert Edwards Science & Technology |
| Zacharie Jean | Lloyd George |
| Mickael Maddison | Juniper Ridge |
| Wendy Matheson | David Thompson |
| Lorna McMillan | Valleyview Secondary |
| Lynne Monteith | McGowan Park |
| Gisela Ruckert | SaHali Secondary |
| Paula Schmidt | SaHali Secondary |
| Jackie Shallow | AE Perry |
| Andy Slizak | Valleyview Secondary & Ralph Bell |
| Pamela Thomson | Juniper |
| Tania Vidovic | Norkam |
| Deborah Wongs | Dufferin Elementary |
| John Churchley | School Board |
| Terry Sullivan | Superintendent |
| Meghan Wade | Trustee |
| Lesley Davidson | Valleyview Secondary |

Regrets: Chris Rose (Trustee)

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

1. Adoption of Minutes – Amended attendees list to include Wendy Chanin.

Motion: To accept Minutes with amendment. Gisela/Lynne Passed.

2. Financial Report – Wendy Matheson reports as of November/07:

| | October/07 | November/07 | December/07 |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Regular chequing | \$6,983.24 | \$6,983.55 | \$5543.66 |
| Gaming | \$2,549.68 | \$2549.79 | \$2549.90 |

The budget proposal promised for Nov./07 has not been completed.

Action: The executive will develop the budget proposal by February/08.

5. Correspondence of Note.

A. BCCPAC has discontinued the “District Associate” role. The “Supporting Parent Leadership” roles that have been encouraged, as of last year, will be replacing this work.

Action: DPAC will have to make amendments to our Bylaws to account for this change.

B. Lynn continues to create special DPAC notes that Paula is able to share with individual PACs.

6. Old Business

- A. Executive Positions:**
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| Paula | Chair |
| Wendy Matheson | Treasurer |
| Gisela | Member At Large |
| _____ | Secretary |
| _____ | Vice Chair |
| _____ | Member At Large |

Secretary, Vice Chair and Member at Large role participants keenly sought.

B. Attendance at School Board Meetings:

Every second Monday at 7:00 pm - School Board Office. DPAC is the only partner group who is part of the standing agenda.

| Date: | PAC Parent Participation |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Jan. 28/08 | |
| Feb. 11/08 | Wendy Matheson |
| Feb. 25/08 | Gisela Ruckert |
| March 10/ 08 | Belinda Hastings |
| March 31/08 | |
| April 14/08 | |
| April 28/08 | Raft River Elementary |
| May 12/08 | |
| May 26/08 | |
| June 9/08 | Westwold Elementary |
| June 23/08 | |
| July 7/08 | |
| August 25/08 | |

The list of Trustees, looking after each school, is available (listings in tonights package). The opportunity to invite your individual PAC’s trustee, and encourage team work, is available to each PAC. Ken Christian is now the Chair and John Harwood the Assistant Chair.

C. February Workshops:

- a. **“Data Demystified – A Session for School Planning Councils”** Training will be 6:00pm to 8:00pm February 5, 2008. “Data” is the focus of the education session. Ross Spina and Karl deBruijn will be presenting. Please R.S.V.P. to your principal a.s.a.p.
- b. **“Implementing the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in Schools”** will be 9:00am-11:30am February 7, 2008. Mike Johnson will be providing “best practices” and different ideas that a variety of PACs have used to tackle the situation. Please RSVP by February 1, 2008 sd73dpac@gmail.com . Paula Schmidt has resource sites. Gisela, Wendy M., Lisa and Tania are on the Nutrition Policy In-Service team.

- c. **“Getting Better Grades in School”** with Terry Small, Canada’s #1 study skills expert, from Vancouver, will be 7:00pm-9:00pm, February 13, 2008. Coffee team will be setting up. Much appreciation to Gisela, Tanya and Wendy for their successful work as our Education Committee.

D. BCCPAC Attendance Policy:

Belinda, Gisela, and Tania are on this Policy making committee. “BCCPAC Fall Conference Delegate Selection Policy for SD73 DPAC” draft circulated in attendance package. Discussion re 2.c) and the precarious situation that the “alternate” is in, in organizing their availability. We do have 32/50 PACs who are members of BCCPAC. Discussed the draft, including the opportunities to share expenses. If PACs may consider budgeting “Provincial BCCPAC Conference Attendance” each year, the process would be much more facilitated?

Action: The draft policy will be circulated via Email and DPAC will vote at the February 2008 DPAC Meeting regarding this Policy.

E. Anaphylaxis Policy Development Update

- Laura Bantock (www.allergyadvocate.ca) is the Co-Chair of the Kamloops Anaphylaxis & Allergy Group (KAAG) and the DPAC representative to the SD 73 Anaphylaxis Policy Development group.
- Ministerial Order is effective as of September 13, 2007.
- The implementation documents were posted to BC Trustees as of January 1, 2008. There are 20 files of information, 13 files with implementation examples and best practices. Health and Education are a team here.
- Terry Sullivan spoke of the present Policy not meeting the standards of the Ministerial Order. A committee exists with two Interior Health Authority (IHA) members and stake holders. Parents are encouraged to provide input through DPAC.

F. Accepted Materials in Classrooms:

The situation came to the awareness of DPAC in our receipt of the “Great Global Warming Swindle” resource investigation. The one copy arrived December 2007 and is presently being reviewed by the “Materials Review Committee”. Resource information provided as follows:

- Policy 201- “Selection and Challenge of Learning Resources (any parent can challenge) Not Prescribed or Authorized by the Ministry of Education” to “Materials Review Committee”
- Policy 204 – “Alternate Delivery of Sensitive Topics”
- Policy 243 – “Commercial, Political, Religious Access to Students” and
- Policy 251 – “Use of Novels and Plays”.

Appeal is directed to the “Board of Education” (prior School Board) to the Ministry of Education. Discussion regarding quickness of feedback.

Action: Paula will locate the Website through Andrea Wallin and send out a link regarding materials.

Further discussion regarding current School District 73 Policy providing guidelines for response to parent appeal/query in a timely manner (?30 days). This would address the accountability of the “Materials Review Committee”.

**Future Agenda: Discussion about Materials Review Committee Policy timing – how long should it take to move an appeal through the process? Should expected time limits be imbedded in the policy?
Paula will work on.**

G. Notice of Motion: Transportation Policy:

Policy Committee has passed the Policy with “courtesy rides and definitions”.

7. New Business

A. Playground Collaboration – Prince George:

Prince George is sharing their interesting, collaborative work in facilitating cost savings in playground equipment purchases. They have records of 9 schools accomplishments in 2007 and there are plans for 9-10 schools in 2008. BCCPAC Playground Funds dispersement discussed.

DPAC does not currently have time to coordinate this effort. However, if a group of parents would like to initiate it, DPAC can support. Possible networking support includes finding out who applied for playground funding, facilitating team work with Sara Cummings, vendor conversations, etc.

Action: DPAC reps to check with PACs to see if anyone is interested in initiating/driving this.

B. BCTF Conference Attendance

DPAC still requires policy that facilitates equity and inclusion. The Conference is Friday, January 25 and 26. Registration deadline is tomorrow. Discussion regarding DPAC representatives.

Wendy motioned that we appoint Paula as our delegate to BCTF Conference January 25/26. Seconded by Belinda. Carried as amended

Lesley Davidson amended motion to add that the alternate delegate be Belinda. Seconded by Lynn. Carried

Discussion. Paula and Belinda are the only individuals present interested in attending at this time. Amendment carried. Motion carried.

C. SD 73 Budget

It is Budget process time again with the initial Board of Education. Kelvin Stretch spoke with Paula regarding increasing parental involvement. Only two parents participated in the parents review presentation last year. Kelvin will present at next DPAC meeting (February) regarding budget process and input opportunities.

D. Meeting Formats

Paula is working on a shift of our meetings to provide less information and more panel discussion.

E. Nutrition Food Policy Resolution – SS Elem.

South Sahali Elementary has passed a resolution to eliminate transfat(s) – minimize transfat(s). Presented to DPAC to share with other PACs perhaps develop a DPAC position to present to the Board of Education level and make it a District Policy.

F. Booster Seats –

A legal requirement and the Board of Education is working on a clear and concise Policy before the law takes effect. Children less than 9 years and/or less than 80 pounds are legally required to be in a “Booster Seat”. Feedback given. DPAC will wait for notice of motion

G. Notice of Motion: Naming of Schools

Policy 317 draft presented.

8. Chair’s Report – None.

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

A. Communication Committee

Belinda is thinking about Chairing.

Belinda, Paula and Tania will formulate a mandate.

B. Education Committee

Gisela has graciously accepted Chair. Wendy and Tania presently finish the committee.

Handsome gratitude to the Committee’s success of “Help I’ve Been Elected to PAC Executive” workshop yesterday. Positive feedback regarding the areas covered including elections, the PAC Meeting, the steep learning curve and more.

C. Policy Committee

10. Superintendent’s Report

Terry Sullivan expressed satisfaction that he had contributed throughout the meeting. He would like to encourage parental participation.

11. Trustee Reports- Meghan spoke of;

- Policy update work,
- Continuing DPAC participation on her behalf and Chris Rose and
- Meghan's total enthusiasm watching students from K-grade 7 share their “Math Expo” accomplishments Monday evening at the Board Meeting.

12. DPAC Topic

Meeting completed at 9:10 p.m.

Next DPAC meeting will be February 19, 2008 at the Henry Grube Centre.