



Minutes

April 15, 2008

Henry Grube Educational Centre

1. Attendees:

Paula S.	Sa-Hali Secondary
Andy S.	Ralph Bell Elementary, S. Kamloops Sec.
Nelson G.	South Sa-Hali Elementary
Gisela R.	Sa-Hali Secondary
Angela P.	Arthur Hatton Elementary
Lesley B.	Arthur Stevenson
Laura B.	South Kamloops Sec.
Lynne M.	McGowan Park Elementary
Chris Rose	Trustee, SD73
Meghan Wade	Trustee, SD73
John Churchley	School Board Office
Dr. Terry Sullivan	District Superintendent

2. **Minutes** of March 11, 2008 Regular Meeting adopted as presented (Nelson, Gisela).

3. Thank you to Wendy M, Treasurer, for submitting **financial report** (in agenda package).

4. **Correspondence of Note:** (no action taken)

- Council of Canadians re TILMA
- Catholic League re non-heterosexual realities

5. **Old Business:**

- BCCPAC has eliminated the District Associate Program.

MOTION to **change the SD73 DPAC bylaws** as presented in agenda package to reflect the elimination of the BCCPAC District Associate program

(Gisela, Nelson) – **CARRIED**

ACTION: Paula

- South Sa-Hali Elementary PAC has passed a resolution regarding **trans fats in food products at school**, and requests an endorsement of this concept from DPAC.

MOTION to communicate the resolution to PAC's and ask whether they would like DPAC to recommend that SD 73 Board of Education consider amending the nutrition policies to include this.

(Gisela, Laura) – **CARRIED**

ACTION: Paula

- c. DPAC has submitted a **budget request to SD73** for the coming school year, according to priorities outlined at the last meeting. We should know the results of our request by May 5th.
- d. **BCCPAC Conference:** There has been no response to the offer made to PAC's concerning travel subsidies to the BCCPAC conference. Therefore, one subsidy will go to Paula, one to Laura, and one will go unused. **April 23 is the deadline for proxies** to be faxed or dropped off to Paula. Laura and Gisela offered to assist with phoning to encourage PAC's to forward their proxies. There was a suggestion to do a **revolving agenda reminder** for PAC's next year (i.e. highlight dates when events occur each year, annual deadlines, etc). It was suggested that this be tied in with a **monthly newsletter**.

6. New Business

- a. DPAC has received an invitation to address the SD73 Policy Committee with respect to **District Policy 227** which deals with financial accountability for funds raised by PAC's. A draft of the planned survey to be sent by PAC's was circulated (see agenda package). It was suggested that the instructions for the survey clearly state that the Treasurer or President fill out the survey, and that they have their Constitution & Bylaws at hand. Another suggestion was that a question be added asking whether current practices are in accordance with their PAC's bylaws.

MOTION: To conduct the survey as amended via Survey Monkey (Lynne, Nelson) – **CARRIED.**
Action: Paula.

- b. The executive submitted a written response to the draft of the **Long Term Plan** prepared by the School District. A **public meeting entitled "A Public Conversation about the future of SD73"** with all partner groups present is planned for either May 5, 6 or 7.
- c. The **DPAC AGM** is scheduled to take place Tuesday, May 27. Gisela agreed to serve as the nominating committee chair. Anyone interested in partnering with her on this is welcome to contact her. **Positions open this year include Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Members-At-Large.** All members are asked to consider filling an executive role. Please contact Gisela if you would like to nominate someone or be nominated yourself.
- d. Laura led a detailed discussion of the District's **draft anaphylaxis policy.** Changes were suggested and a letter will be written to the Policy Committee with recommended changes.
Action: Paula

7. **Chair's Report** – no report due to time pressures.
8. **Committee Reports** – no report due to time pressures.
9. **Superintendent Remarks:**
 - a. The District will be hosting a **PAC/DPAC Budget Meeting tomorrow night** at 7 pm at the Henry Grube Educational Centre. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please be aware that there are costs attached to objectives, and that declining enrollment is forcing the District to make reduce staff.
 - b. **FSA's are completed.** There was a high participation rate in our district, and this was another place where significant resources were allocated.
10. **Trustee Remarks**
 - a. **Many transfers of principals** will be taking place in the next few weeks – please be patient.
 - b. The Literacy Now task force has presented its **Community Literacy Plan** to the Board. It will become part of the SD literacy plan.
 - c. **The Power of Being a Girl** is a one day conference that will be put on again by the Y for girls in Grades 7 to 9. If parents would like their daughter to attend, she can go even if she is not one of the students selected by the school. Proof of attendance is an excused absence.
11. **Mentoring and succession planning for PAC's** – Lynne is putting together a resource package and would welcome any existing documents to be sent to her
12. **Next meeting: Tuesday, May 27 (AGM).**
13. **Meeting adjourned: 9:20 pm.**