



DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of February 19 2013

1. **Spring Break** - March meeting is March 12, due to spring break.
2. **DPAC/KTTA Parent Education** – There were over 100 attendees, almost half of them students, at the morning session with presenter Terry Small, on ‘Improving Study Habits’.
3. **SD73 grant to promote Innovation**– Trustees reported that there were many applicants, and a review committee has been set up to evaluate them and make selections.
4. **KGAN grant** - The grant was awarded to IB students at Norkam, read up on their challenge at www.projectpeak.net
5. **Lice Policy** - There was discussion of developing an SD73 lice policy, as none currently exists. Any parent(s) interested in involvement can email us for detail..
6. **School calendar 2014-2017 –**Time change**** Wednesday, March 6, at Grube Centre, SD73 discussion on calendar proposals has been changed to 7 pm, from 6 pm.
7. **Student non-school trips** - There was discussion of a for-profit business called S-Trip! who bill themselves as a `student travel company`. An attendee at the meeting reported significant concerns and issues with their experiences with this company. DPAC seeks and welcomes any comments from any other parents who are customers of this company (or any other similar company) , on their experiences.
8. **Teacher certification** - There was discussion of teachers who appeared to be under-performing and how parents can affect change. The new regulatory body has their website available for guidance, at www.bcteacherregulation.ca
9. **2013-2014 school calendar** - Trustees noted that, in order to meet the minimum teaching time required for the year, they were unable to schedule any `early closure days`.
10. **DPAC Website awareness** - Each school website, with content controlled by the school`s staff, has a tab called District News` that provides links. It was suggested that each PAC ask them to provide a link to dpac.sd73.bc.ca on that tab
11. **Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement** - Trustees noted that in the 17 years since SD73 initiated this agreement, the related graduation rate has increased from 30% to near 70%.
12. **BCCPAC** - spring conference will be May 3-5 in the Lower Mainland.

DPAC Accountabilities:

March 6, 2013 school calendar consultation at Henry Grube
Ask school staff to provide link on school site to DPAC.

Next DPAC Meeting: - Tuesday, March 12, 2013
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Henry Grube Education Centre
Representatives from all PACs in School District 73 are welcome.