



DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of September 24 2013

1. **Rent Bank** - Elizabeth Fry society has created a rent bank, to assist families with a short-term loan to make a rent payment when their monthly budget is short. They asked DPAC to promote awareness to Pacs.
2. **Parent Education** –DPAC is soliciting interest in attending a one-day Foodsafe course. DPAC would fund the cost of the course, Pac would be expected to fund the book (about \$25).
3. **Social Media** - A local PAC has developed Facebook policy guidelines, and is making them available for any other PAC's that use the product. Contact DPAC if you are interested in this.
4. **School policies** - The KTTA has submitted an anti-homophobic policy proposal to the Board for consideration. SD73 is accepting comments until October 31, 2013.
5. **BCCPAC** is hosting their fall conference in Kelowna the weekend of Nov 15-17, details on their website at bccpac.bc.ca. DPAC will consider funding/subsidy if there are any interested in attending. Please contact DPAC for more detailed information, or visit our website for application information.
6. **Winter DPAC meetings**-December and January meetings will be available for videoconference at the outlying schools, if there is a request for it. We will require notification at least two days in advance of each meeting to make arrangements , and if there is interest, we will consider continuing it beyond January.
7. **School Readerboard signs** a set of signboard letters (about 80 in all) is available at no cost to any school that has a need. These are 7 x 10 letters, that came from a school that purchased a digital board.
8. **Defibrillators in schools** A school PAC is considering a purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), at a cost of approximate \$4,000 per unit. Does any other school currently have one, or has considered the possibility? Lots of research is available on the Internet, especially refer to the Heart and Stroke Foundations.
9. **School Security** - A Safety and Security Audit report was received by the school board, with some observations and recommendations.

DPAC Accountabilities:

Gaming Reports due 90 days after your fiscal year-end
report any interest in BCCPAC conference attendees
report any interest in a city-wide Foodsafe course

Next DPAC Meeting: - Tuesday, October 22, 2013
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Henry Grube Education Centre
Representatives from all PACs in School District 73 are welcome.