



DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of January 21 2014

1. **Parent Education** – In conjunction with the KTTA, DPAC will again be co-sponsoring a speaker on the evening of Thursday, February 20. The speaker will be Henry 'Gizmo' Williams, a prominent Canadian Football League player in the 1980's and 90's. www.mcpspeakers.com has information on his presentations.
2. **Foodsafe** - A course will be offered by DPAC on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the Henry Grube Centre intended for those parents who prepare hot lunches or are involved with concessions at their school. Space is available for 20 people, first come-first served. Email us for more information or bookings. DPAC is funding the instructors fees and facilities.
3. **Anti-bullying Education**- Red Cross has received funding to host parent workshops , and to train Youth Facilitators at schools to present student workshops. Contact: tanya.giles@redcross.ca.
4. **Social Media** - There was discussion about Snapchat, a relatively new internet photo-emailing service, and its risks, initiated by a CFJC article quoting the Pacific Way principal, about some incidents with his students.
5. **BCCPAC AGM**, usually in early May, will be May 30 to June 1 this year. Details will be posted on their website at www.bccpac.bc.ca. DPAC will consider funding/subsidy if there are any interested in attending. Please contact DPAC for more detailed information on subsidies.
6. **SD73 Superintendent** - Dr Sullivan announced his impending retirement in December, 2013. A consulting firm was hired by the School Board to seek, interview, and recommend candidates. DPAC and several other civic groups were involved in providing guidance on hiring criteria, and will be participating in an interview panel on March 13.
7. **DPAC AGM** will be April 22, 2014. The organization needs a few who would be willing to sit on the Executive, as well as members at large, for a two-year term.
8. **Fundraising** - A school rep noted that their PAC's coffee-package sale was a successful fundraising activity, please contact us if you wish more info.
9. **Hot lunch programs** Two more schools noted that they have contracted in the past few months with www.hotlunches.net to use their Internet-based software to manage local school lunch programs. Both report they are pleased with the service so far.
10. **Spring Break** - The board is proposing a contractual amendment with the KTTA for three years, which can be revoked by either party without cause, to facilitate a two-week spring break starting March 2015. As well, the administration is trying to arrange educational offerings in those two weeks for those that desire it. See the School Calendar Report 2014-2017 on their website.
11. **Building Capital Plan**- Superintendent Sullivan noted that after fifteen years of decline, Kamloops student enrollment is now projected to be stable for the next five to ten years, and so SD73is seeking funding for replacement of the aging facility at SKSS and for an addition to Westmount.
12. **Schools of Choice** SD73 is hosting information sessions on the evening of Wednesday February 12 at Norkam and the Grube Centre.
13. **School Catchment areas**- changes are proposed, to reduce student population to SKSS and enhance student population at Sa-Hali Secondary in future years.

Next DPAC Meeting: - Tuesday, February 18, 2014
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Henry Grube Education Centre
Representatives from all PACs in School District 73 are welcome.
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