

DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of May 18, 2010

- 1. Double Dog Dare Contest:** Bring some awareness to the Big Little Science Centre by voting for Mark Madryga to do an “explosive experiment” in this contest organized by Tourism Kamloops. More info and daily online voting under ‘contests’ at www.tourismkamloops.com.
- 2. Children’s Charter:** This fall there will be a survey organized by a Kamloops group “Make Children First”. Students will be asked for some of their opinions of the rights of children.
- 3. Corporate Sponsorship policy 1121.1:** With the intent of promoting equity among schools, the most recent draft appears to prohibit schools from individually soliciting businesses for items such as donations of goods for silent auctions, etc. Discussions with Supt Sullivan confirmed this intent. Comments or concerns can be directed to trustees Denise Harper and Joanne Stokes, who are on the School District Policy Committee.
- 4. Principals Transfers–** The list of new school assignments has been published. It is available upon request from DPAC if you have not already seen it.
- 5. DPAC Library:** Some significant resources are now in DPAC’s possession, such as leadership manuals, Boysmart Study Guides, etc. A list of item available for borrowing will be posted soon on the DPAC website.
- 6. Parent Leadership Task Force:** They have had their initial meeting, and are in the early stages of organization.
- 7. Textbook Policy 506.4:** An initial draft has been published, and is available for comment.
- 8. Spring Break:** DPAC has been asked to investigate interest in extending the length of spring break. It was last reviewed by SD73 in 2005. Comments, both in favour of change or opposed to change, are welcome at our email address.
- 9. Cameras in schools- Procedure:** Legislation has been tabled by the Provincial Government to authorize permanent installation of cameras in schools, subject to endorsement by School Planning Councils, and approval by School Boards. DPAC is seeking clarification on some procedural concerns.
- 10. Cameras in schools- Policy:** DPAC has been asked by the meeting attendees to actively solicit opinions and comment on the installation of cameras. As this is pending legislation, timely responses are critical. PAC comments, and any feedback obtained via newsletters, parent surveys etc would be welcome.
- 11. SD 73 Administration:** As published in the Kamloops Daily News on Wed May 19th, Supt Sullivan advised that upon the retirement of Ross Spina, the three Assistant Superintendent positions will be reduced to two, and job responsibilities re-organized..
- 12. Next meeting:** Is changed to Monday June 21st to accommodate a School Board calendar conflict.

Next DPAC Meeting is Monday, June 21, 2010
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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