

# DPAC NOTES

## From the DPAC Meeting of June 21, 2010

- 1. School Planning Councils:** As Supt. Sullivan confirmed, legislation requires that SPC's meet in the first two weeks of September. SPC members need to be prepared for an early start – please make sure your 3 parent SPC reps are ready to begin working right away in the fall.
- 2. September speaker:** Dr. Alan Marlatt will present 'Influencing Change in Addictions: Moderation and Mindful Strategies' at TRU on Sept 15/16. Presentations on the 16<sup>th</sup> (an 'early release day') are appropriate for high school students and parents, and are free. See [www.tru.ca/dsd/counsel/amarlatt\\_lectures.html](http://www.tru.ca/dsd/counsel/amarlatt_lectures.html) . Contact [jsteele@tru.ca](mailto:jsteele@tru.ca) for info or to register.
- 3. School investigation policies:** Recent issues in other districts prompted a discussion of SD73's policies when there are problems at a school involving staff such as alleged abuse of students, etc. SD73 does have policies and procedures in place, which stipulate an investigation, followed by notification of RCMP if the allegation appears credible. Parents may, of course, contact the RCMP directly at any time.
- 4. DPAC executive roles–** The executive re-allocated their activities, and abrogated some, as no new persons volunteered to join the current Executive. We'll call for help again in Sept.
- 5. DPAC Library:** A list of material that is available has been generated, and will be posted shortly at the DPAC website.
- 6. September meetings:** DPAC will endeavour to again present a 'Help! I've been elected to the PAC Executive!' training session in early October.
- 7. Parent Leadership Task Force:** The group is doing research over the summer and expects significant activity next school year, in order to have a report available by April 2011. PACs & parents will be surveyed. Information and resources will be posted to DPAC's website.
- 8. Textbook Policy 578.8:** Final input was given to Trustee Harper, Chair of Policy Committee.
- 9. Corporate Sponsorship Policy:** A new draft has reversed some of the unintended issues that arose with the last draft. DPAC is in general concurrence with the revised draft, and final comments and suggestions were agreed upon.
- 10. 2-Week Spring Break:** DPAC received mixed responses from parents. There was no significant enthusiasm for pursuing this further, as the data shows no educational benefit.
- 11. Cameras in schools:** There were no significant concerns indicated by respondents to this issue, although no change is specifically planned in SD73 at his time..
- 12. SD 73 Administration:** There is expected to be significant activity in July in moving physical resources to the reconfiguration.
- 13. PAC representatives at DPAC:** We received a lot of input to the DPAC request for feedback on policies this month, and an additional school was represented at this month's meeting as well. Thanks to all those who responded. Policy background is provided through discussions at the DPAC table, making informed input easier. This is another reason to solicit/encourage representation from your school at our meetings. DPAC members agreed to do outreach at individual school PAC meetings in the fall to answer questions and promote participation.

Next DPAC Meeting is Monday, September 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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