



DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of Dec 14, 2010

1. **School Trustees** – They have been re-assigned, so the trustee that represents your school may have changed. Refer to SD73 for details. We will publish a link when available.
2. **Superintendent's committee on Mathematics:** There are several applicants, applications will be accepted until Friday, December 17, 2010, and two applicants will be selected.
3. **2011 School Planning Council training:** 2011 date dates have been identified. October 25, 2011 will be for an entry-level session and October 26, 2011 for an in-depth session.
4. **Science World presentations:** School-specific presentations were made in December, to selected schools. A city-wide event, open to schools and the public, will be held at TRU on Thursday, February 24, 2011. Parent volunteers are being sought for that day.
5. **Synervoice:** There appears to be disparity in its usage from school to school, widely used in some schools, and discouraged in others. No further activity will be taken by DPAC unless PACS approach us with specific issues or concerns.
6. **Avison report on the BC College of Teachers.:** The publication of this report last month has generated public attention. DPAC suggests it has significance, we encourage PAC's to become familiar with it. DPAC will consider a public position on behalf of PAC's if there is sufficient input from SD73 PAC's. The report is available at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/pubs/2010_factfinder_report_bcct.pdf. A news release with accompanying info is at http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2010EDUC0136-001546.htm.
7. **Family Literacy:** On January 27, 2011 (venue to be determined) there will be a public event, which will include a parent presentation. DPAC is a co-sponsor of the event. Details will be published as they are available.
8. **"Parents Behaving Badly"** Some PAC's have reported issues with parental actions, and there was discussion on how inappropriate parental behaviour can be prevented. Trustee Harper noted that teachers, students, and administration all are accountable for their behaviour but there are no references to parents. DPAC may investigate developing materials or processes to discourage inappropriate behaviour by parents.
9. **Organizing volunteers:** Many people express concern, or refuse to use Facebook. Looking at alternatives for organizing your volunteers? One of the DPAC rep's uses, and recommends, **Volunteerspot.com** as an alternative.

Next DPAC Meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 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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