



DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of January 17, 2012

1. **Parent Leadership Task Force:** – There is interest in the “Help! I’ve been elected!” presentation, DPAC rep’s are reviewing options for a presentation.
2. **BCTF Job Action:** Differing interpretations of ‘fundraising’ activities has been applied at various schools, but some reps noted that the PAC’s have managed to hold some activities, although the workload was heavier without teacher support.
3. **BCTF Job Action Correspondence:** DPAC has passed a motion to send a letter to the parties involved in the job action, encouraging them to resolve their dispute..
4. **School Board:** The new school board is active, with Denise Harper elected as chair. The representative for your school can be reviewed at SD73.BC.CA / School Board, at the listing ‘People’ Each trustee has their accountable schools listed.
5. **Playground refunds:** Dr. Sullivan advised that SD73 had received advance notice, and had reviewed the district’s upgrades, and none of the purchases in our area qualified for the provincial ‘rebates’ that were announced last year.
6. **IB program:** A rep from Norkam advised that the program was at risk on cancellation, as the KTTA was not allowing the required teacher training to be obtained. It was noted that this is the only local union in the province that is objecting, all other districts are participating in the training. The rep was encouraging parents to be public and vocal in concerns that the IB program is at risk. In addition to the financial investment, it was noted that, if SD73 does not meet qualifications this year, 40 to 60 students may be directly impacted, and this may be a detriment to considerations in any future applications.
7. **IB correspondence:** DPAC has passed a motion to send a letter regarding the IB issue to involved parties, and encourages local PAC’s to do so as well.
8. **MOE meeting:** The local school board has a meeting with Minister Abbott on February 3, and suggestions for agenda items are welcome for consideration. Send to mswade63@telus.net.
9. **FSA:** The annual evaluations will be administered soon. As teachers are not participating due to the by local school board has a meeting with Minister Abbott on February 3, 2012.
10. **BCCPAC Resolutions:** The 2012 deadline is January 31. Eligible member schools may submit resolutions directly. Non-members cannot submit resolutions directly, but DPAC may consider submission on their behalf.

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Next DPAC Meeting: - Tuesday, Feb 21, 2012
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Henry Grube Education Centre
Representatives from all PACs in School District 73 are welcome.