



DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of February 21, 2012

1. **Parent Leadership Task Force:** – A DPAC rep indicated interest is arranging another presentation of “Asking Adults” (see DPAC Notes Oct 18, 2011) on the subject of adults discussing sexual health with their children. DPAC is investigating possibility of arranging a presentation, and seeks interest from other PAC’s in hosting or co-hosting sessions.
2. **BCTF Job Action:** Some fundraising activities continue to be held successfully in various schools, but it is reported to be ‘taxing’ on some of the parents without teacher involvement or support. There are also reports that some Grade 7 class trips may be cancelled.
3. **IB program:** There is no resolve in the dispute between KTTA and SD73. The Labour Relations Board hearing was held on Monday Feb 21, and a ruling is expected by the end of the week. Please monitor news media for information. Supt. Sullivan indicated that SD73 intends to continue next year with the program as mandated by the School Board, (subject to being granted status) even if the programs does not launch this year.
4. **School Planning Council:** As these have been affected by the job action, it is anticipated that the plans will roll over for another year. Direction from the Ministry of Education is expected, on further actions.
5. **Hypnotism** – South Sahali is planning an event on Friday, May 11 at Sagebrush, having a professional hypnotist put on a family-oriented show.. They welcome interest from other Pac’s that may wish to partner with this event. We can arrange contact for any who want more information.
6. **BCCPAC AGM:** The meeting on May 25-27 will be in Coquitlam. Any DPAC rep’s interested in attending should contact DPAC. Look on our website under ‘DPAC Policies’ for information on applying. Any paid-up PAC members of BCCPAC are also eligible for a travel subsidy.
7. **March meeting:** As the schedule falls on spring break, next month’s meeting will be delayed one week.
8. **21st Century Learning:** Trustee Kershaw pointed out that the site www.bcedplan.ca has been active since last October, and this is the Ministry’s public face for ‘21st Century Learning’. It was reported that they regularly post surveys and questionnaires to obtain public input.
9. **Breathalyzer Policy:** Although many schools have had these available for many years (with reportedly infrequent actual use) there are no formal policies. Media attention has recently been focussed on SD73 for bringing forth the subject, although it appears no BC school boards have formal policies.
10. **DPAC Board 2012-2013** – A Nominating committee is preparing for our April AGM. We welcome and need people to continue to run this organization. Please send expressions of interest, or requests for information, through our email address. As a matter of note, the current Chair will not be available for the position next year.

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Next DPAC Meeting: - Tuesday, March 27, 2012
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Henry Grube Education Centre
Representatives from all PACs in School District 73 are welcome.