



Minutes

May 19, 2009 Regular Meeting

Henry Grube Educational Centre

Attendees:

Leigh-Anne Larsen - Juniper
Paula Schmidt - SKSS
Todd Smith - Parkcrest
Zacharie Jean – Lloyd George
Gisela Ruckert – Sahali Secondary
Meghan Wade – Beattie
Tania Vidovic- Norkam Secondary
Nelson Grant – South Sahali

Lesley Davidson – Valleyview Secondary
John Churchley – SD 73
Joan Cowden - Trustee
Tibor Balogh- Heffley Creek
Lorna McMillan – Valleyview Secondary
Denise Harper – Trustee
Regrets: Renee Anderson, Fiona Clare and
Lesley Boettger

1. Adoption of Minutes:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held April 21, 2009 as presented (Gisela/Nelson) -- **CARRIED.**

2. Financial report

- Regular account balance \$ 2440.88
- Gaming Account balance \$ 953.09

3. Correspondence of Note:

- Tech is Up! Technology Conference hosted by SD 73 Oct. 22- 24, 2009
 - DPAC will host a parent education evening session on Wednesday, October 21 at 7 pm at the TRU Grand Hall. Speaker will be Michael Carr-Gregg.

4. Old Business

- **School Fees** - Request from Trustee Harper to hear from parents if school fees formula is not working.
- **BCCPAC AGM** – reports submitted by F. Clare, T. Balogh, and LA Larsen
- **Policy 533.2 on PAC Funds** (formerly 227) has been passed by the Board. It gives PACs the power to oversee their own funds with Principal not responsible for \$.
- **Speaker Series** – Renee Anderson submitted 2 written proposals for speakers in upcoming school year.

ACTION: Executive to discuss proposals for speakers series.

- **Superintendent's Committee on Assessment** – Meghan Wade noted that discussion and dialogue is still ongoing and recommends that the 2010 Fall Conference be on the topic of Assessment. She stressed the need for a parent(s) to be on the Conference Committee if such should occur. The documents included in the agenda package were not final and should be disregarded.

- **Parent Leadership in SD 73** – committee continues to meet and develop strategies

5. New Business:

- New Executive to meet on June 3, 2009 at HG 7:30 pm to discuss distribution of duties in the absence of a chair/vice-chair.

6. Committee Reports

- Education – none at this time
- Communication – Meghan Wade continues to work on policies
- Policy- none at this time

7. Executive Report – DPAC would like to honour Lesley Davidson’s hard work and effort over the years as a parent voice at the DPAC table. Lesley is ‘graduating’ from public education and has worked diligently promoting parent leadership in our district. Thank you Lesley! DPAC would also like to thank Paula Schmidt for her hard work and effort these past years as she had chaired the District Parent Advisory Council. We will miss Paula’s leadership and wish her well in her future endeavours. Thank you Paula!

8. Trustee remarks – The value of the Encounters With Canada program was noted, and parents were encouraged to bring this opportunity to the attention of their high school-aged children.

9. Superintendent's Remarks: The long term plan is in effect as are the year end wrap up procedures.

10. Trustee's Remarks: Trustee Harper-Honoured Lesley Davidson years of parent involvement. Trustee Harper is pleased at the evolution of assessment in this district and is excited about the outcome. She expressed thanks for the support on transportation.

Trustee Cowden – Encouraged parents to continue to be in communication with the government in regards to \$ for bussing as well to be patient on Assessment. She encouraged the DPAC chair report to be presented to the Board and thanked Lesley Davidson and Paula Schmidt for the dedicated hard work.

**Next Meeting June 16, 2009 at Henry Grube
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**