



Regular Meeting Minutes October 27, 2009 Henry Grube Educational Centre

Attendees:

Andrew S. – Valleyview Sec.
Joan Cowden – School Trustee
Anne B. – S.S.E.S.
Renee A. – Westsyde Secondary
Scott R – Arthur Stevenson
Alison S. – Kay Bingham Elem
Traci A. – B.E.S.T.
Dave M. – Arthur Hatton
Zacharie J. – Lloyd George Elem

Todd S. – Parkcrest Elem.
Leigh-Anne L. – Juniper Elem
Meghan W. – Beattie
Gisela R. – Sa-Hali Sec.
Tania V. – NorKam Sec.
Tibor B. – Heffley Creek
John Churchley – School Board Office
Dr. Terry Sullivan – Superintendent SD73

1. **Introductions:** Meeting convened at 7:00 pm by Leigh-Anne. Introductions around the table.

2. **Approval of agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of item 7g.

MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7g (Gisela R./Tania V.) – **CARRIED.**

3. **Adoption of minutes:**

MOTION to approve the minutes of the Sept 09, 2009 Regular Meeting approved as presented (Meghan W./Tania V..) – **CARRIED.**



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4. **Financial Report:** October 2009 monthly update provided by Gisela R.



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5. **Correspondence of Note:**

- a. Deputy Minister of Education responded to our letter concerning student transportation funding
- b. BCCPAC membership renewal package
- c. Sundry copies of letters by PAC's regarding cuts in gaming funds.

6. **Old Business:**

- a. **Speakers series** – Renee B. has submitted two proposals, and SD73 will advise within a week or two on acceptance. There was a verbal suggestion from SD73 that at least one will likely be accepted. (Note – Carr-Gregg, There were 46 paying parents. 6 of the 17 at this table acknowledged receiving the SynerVoice message solicitation.)
- b. **Parent Teacher Leadership Task Force** – Meghan reported that Expressions of Interest will be distributed via principals within the next few weeks. 10 members are needed, representing both elementary & secondary, urban & rural schools, etc.
- c. **Tech It Up** – Meeting participants who attended the conference had positive feedback. Two messages from the conference that made impressions were “Technology change is coming, get used to it, because you can’t stop it”, and “ the New Generation learns and thinks

differently, so the education system must adapt.” Reports from participants are coming in and will be collated by Gisela for our next meeting. **ACTION: Gisela R.**

- d. **Superintendent’s Committee on Assessment** – The report was passed at October 5th Board meeting without change.
- e. **MLA meeting** – Members of the executive attended a one-hour meeting as scheduled with K Kreuger and T. Lake. Cuts to gaming as well as the general state of education funding were discussed. We agreed to disagree on several items. It was noted that this was DPAC’s first-ever meeting with our MLA’s, indicating that we’ve never reached this level of dissatisfaction with provincial funding before.

7. New Business:

- a. **2009/2010 DPAC budget.** A budget proposed from the Executive was presented for approval.

MOTION: To approved the budget as presented
(Meghan W./Zach J.) – **CARRIED.**



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- b. **Me to We trip** –

MOTION: For DPAC to thank the Board and Staff at a future Board meeting for their efforts to organize this amazing and worthwhile expedition (Meghan W./Leigh-Anne L.) – **CARRIED.**

- c. **BCCPAC** – requests for interest in attending the fall conference were solicited. Leigh-Anne L. was the only person present to express interest in attending.
- d. **‘Restitution Trainer Parent Night’** An email will seek interest in attending. We’ll wait for an answer to our speaker series proposal from the SD (Bill Belsey and Barry MacDonald), and consider this one as an alternate if there is sufficient interest expressed.
- e. **BCTF Assessment conference** – The KTTA has invited DPAC to send one parent representative (expenses paid) to their annual fall conference. Since there were no interested parties at the table, an email solicitation will be distributed.
- f. **F.O.R.C.E. Community Team partnering** – There is a meeting on October 31 to organize a one-time event, and also scheduled monthly meetings. There was no interest at the table in participation, so this will also go to the e-mail list.
- g. **PAC luncheon** – Gisela and Tania will organize an event for this fall. Assistance in seeking catering quotes and managing RSVP’s is welcome..

8. Committee Reports:

- a. **Website** – Updates were posted, but Todd S. is investigating reports that the uploads did not work.
- b. **Corporate sponsorship policy** – The notice of motion for this policy was withdrawn by Trustee Harper. It will return to committee. Scott R. offered to join this committee.

- c. **Parent Education** – There is some interest in another ‘Help’ session, or possibly fundraising, recruitment of parents to PACs, and changes to gaming requirements. No further action decided.

9. Executive report:

- a. **Executive meeting** held Oct. 27 in advance of this meeting.
- b. **SPC Planning meeting** – Gisela and Tibor attended meeting at SD73 on Sept. 30. It was decided to poll SPC’s regarding their training needs rather than do an all-inclusive training as in the past. In response, SD had 10 expressions of interest, and SD73 is trying to create/tailor a workshop for their needs in November.
- c. **Facilities Report** – All meetings to date have been attended by DPAC executive members with the exception of Vavenby. Attendees report being impressed by the quality of parent presentations, and encourage everyone to participate.
- d. **Gmail list** – further names were sought to be added to our distribution list. Any parents who wish to be added are to send an e-mail to sd73dpac@gmail.com.

10. Superintendent’s Remarks: Dr. Sullivan reviewed the H1N1 situation, and reviewed the schedule of meetings for the Facilities Report. Staff are attempting to organize an SPC workshop (possibly for Nov. 4), but there are time and resource constraints.

11. Trustee’s remarks: Trustee Cowden thanked us for meeting with the MLA’s. She noted that the Trustee’s Association is also continuing to lobby to have the Gaming funds restored.

12. DPAC Rep Accountabilities:

- a. Make sure that the DPAC rep and at least one other executive member is getting the DPAC g-mails (more welcome to sign up).
- b. Any person with interest in joining the Parent Leadership Task Force can approach Meghan with questions/expression of interest.
- c. Any person with interest in joining the F.O.R.C.E. Community Team, either to attend ongoing meetings, or for the fall event, can advise DPAC and we will pass along the contacts.
- d. Check with your PAC regarding training needs this year. Do you want us to run HELP! I’ve Been Elected to the PAC Executive? Other training needs?

13. DPAC meeting dates for this year:

November 10, 2009
December 8, 2009
January 26, 2010
February 16, 2010
March 16, 2010
April 20, 2010
May 18, 2010
June 15, 2010

All meetings will be held at the Henry Grube Centre from 7 to 9 pm in Room 1A.