



General Meeting Minutes September 22, 2015 Henry Grube Educational Centre

Chair: Wil Dekker-Lonquist (McGowan Elem)

Attendees:

Don K	South Sahali Elem	Tibor B.	Brock/Rayleigh
Scott R.	Arthur Stevenson		
Jessica K.	Beattie	Karl de Bruijn	Superintendent
Peter H	South Kam Sec	Meghan Wade	SD73
Valerie N	David Thompson	Rhonda K.	SD73
Hilary R.	Westsyde	David	KTTA

Kristin Sandemand-Allen – South Sahali Elem
Allison Tremblay – South Sahali Elem
Claire Tosoft – Juniper Ridge Elem
Tascha Van Esch – Arthur Stevenson Elem
Ginger Turley – Westmount Elem
Malene Dersch – Lloyd George Elem

1. **Meeting to order:** 7:05 pm
2. **Agenda approved**
3. **Minutes** motion to accept Valerie Newbreast, seconded Jessica Kleissen
4. **Treasurer's report:** see attached
5. **Correspondence: Question from a principle administrator:** What ways could the admin of a school explain class configuration and split classes to parents?
 - Discussion followed as to the need and reason of split classes (ex: so a child can receive extra support as necessary, level of maturity of student, school class configuration). Differentiated learning can take place. There are some educational theories (such as Montessori) that create intentional environments with different age groups.
 - Suggestions:
 - Parents could be put in contact with another parent who has experience with split classes for their children.
 - Be up front about it at the beginning of the year about who and how many students can be at each level; primary/intermediate/secondary.
 - How many students require extra support? Be open about the timeline required to configure the classes.
 - Use social media or open houses at the beginning of the year to communicate with parents.

PACs can play a role in setting up meetings to explain the splits. In SD 73 approximately 50% of elementary classes are split classes.

Superintendent deBruijn was appreciative of the discussion and said he will take this discussion to the principals' meeting the week of September 28th, 2015. Possibly a document with a list of Q&A's will be created to address the need for explanation of split classes.

See attached email with two questions regarding Google accounts and internet safety.

Question 1: Superintendent deBruijn said there is more information to come about the Google accounts being set up for each student.

- DPAC executive will discuss the possibility of hosting or co hosting with SD 73 a parent education session. Perhaps it will be a one day event with different sessions to cover a variety of topics such as SD 73 technology (Chrome books, IT, Google accounts, iPad, Smart boards), privacy.
- DPAC reps are to return to their PACs to gauge the level of interest in DPAC holding a parent info session. The discussion continued after Question 2 was asked.

Question #2: see question attached. Jesse Miller was the person suggested to be contacted regarding an internet safety session.

- Can there be information about internet safety be disseminated? Superintendent deBruijn said that there is a lot of information on the SD 73 district website. sd73bc.ca/general/content/online-safety

6. No executive report

7. **Parent Education:** review of previous discussion about creation of DPAC Facebook page. Don Kitt met with Tracy Poelzer who suggested DPAC use remind.com

Discussion followed: How can there be more representation at DPAC? What is the principle's role to enforce DPAC reps to attend meetings? Answer: none

8. **Superintendent's remarks:** none

9. **Trustee's Remarks:** Meghan Wade is excited for the positive numbers of students anticipated to be reported next meeting. Achievement report is no longer mandated. However if DPAC is interested in the achievement report/presentation available, the district could present it.

10. **KTTA Remark's:** Staffing has been a smooth transition. All but two of the spring 2015 lay-offs of KTTA members have been invited back this fall.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2015 7pm. HENRY GRUBE CENTRE