



## **DPAC MEETING NOTES FOR December 6, 2010**

### **Attendees:**

**DPAC Executive:** Don Sabo, Dennis Fudge, Chris Finke, Michelle Hourie, Steve Shannon, Sarah Holland

**Partner Groups:** Superintendent (Brian Pepper), P.G.D.T.A. (Linda Naess), D.S.A.C. (Emily Yurkouski and Josh Hewitt), P.G.P.V.A.(Cindy Heitman), C.U.P.E. (Lorraine Prouse), school board trustee (Lois Boone).

**School Reps:** Beverly (Colleen Smith), Buckhorn (Connie Kragt), College Heights (Jacqueline Dockray, Lara Beckett), Duchess Park (Filomena Stokes), Giscome (Michelle Hourie), Hart Highland (Kim Shannon), Heritage (Tammy Runtz, Lorna Ogilvie), Kelly Road (Steve Shannon), Ecole Lac Des Bois (Shauna Connor), Nukko Lake (Gillian Burnett), Pineview and P.G.S.S. (Michelle Rolfes), Quinson (Ryan Clarke). Duchess Park and Montessori (Virtual attendance)

**Meeting Start Time: 7:05 pm**

**Adoption of Agenda: Motion by PGSS; 2<sup>nd</sup> by College Heights**

**Adoption of November Minutes: Motion by College Heights; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pineview**

### **(a) PAC Networking**

- Policy 5119 – School Catchment Areas and Student Transfers
  - Policy affecting everyone in the district.
  - This year six children did not get in College Heights kindergarten program.
  - English registration at College Heights was also capped
  - Eight parents gave a public presentation at the SD57 board meeting
  - There was a technical error realized in May 2010 which prevented siblings from getting in.
  - Glenview is now at 122% capacity, Heritage at 106% and Hart at 98%

**7:40 PM Invited Stakeholders In**

### **(b) Reports**

**Superintendent's Report** – Brian Pepper: SEE Appendix A: 'Superintendent Speaking Notes'.

- i. Secondary completion rates increased for all students by 6.4%. 13.8% aboriginal had a six year completion rate. Over past year completion rate 5.3%

- ii. 5-year Enrich life of each student thanks to many people
- iii. Policy 3541 Winter weather. Policy states schools so not close in SD57 for bad weather. Buses don't stop because of bad weather.
- iv. Discusses the student's death at Foothills. Protocol followed in consultation with experts.
- v. BC is top for multicultural education in the world

**Trustee Report** – Lois Boone

- i. Discussed Policy 5119. Receiving written submission
- ii. Duchess Park property transferred to city
- iii. Trustees attended the official opening of the Lac de Bois school

**CUPE Report** – Discussed Phoenix Transition and St. Vincent de Paul (can't read the notes)

**PGDTA** – Linda Naess

- i. During Christmas most schools have hampers drives as well as United Way or Salvation Army
- ii. Stated teachers opposed the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) exams.
- iii. Discussed Family of School concept. Building a community of schools where resources are shared

**DSAC** – Josh Hewitt, Alternate: Emily Yurkouski

- a) Gave power point presentation
- b) 21<sup>st</sup> century learner – self initiated learning style. Meet second Friday of each month

**DPAC Chair Report** – Don Sabo:

- I. Attended Nov 22 President's Luncheon;
- II. School Board Meeting: updated on DPAC 911 Workshop;
  - a. 23 participants
  - b. A lot of good feedback

III. Posted Policy 5119 to website

**Education Services Committee** – Stephen Shannon, Alternate: Michelle Hourie. No meeting

**EPPC Meeting Reports**- Chris Finke, Alternate: Don Sabo – Nov and Dec meeting cancelled.

**Policy and Governance Committee** – Don Sabo, Alternate: Dennis Fudge

- i. Working on the catchment and policy issues.
- ii. The transportation piece is expected to go out on Jan 12.

**Parent Involvement Committee** – Cara Vandekraats

- i. Discussed PAC 911 Workshop.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chris Finke

- i. Chris Finke provided the treasurer reports,.

**(a)PAC Networking (continue)**

- Heritage

Courtesy bus considered for students attending Heritage. Bus from Miworth to Quinson used to pick up Heritage students. They cancelled it. No consideration in terms of route because they are courtesy riders

More discussing on the Policy 5119

**c) New Business**

New name for Bonanza Gaming funds are regular grants. Open up recently for new PACS. Chris and Sarah will scan information and put on website.

There should be more time allocated for PAC networking. Probably start earlier at 6:45 or 6:30 or eliminating updates that never existed that month. Another option is to utilize the website more

**d) Adjournment**

Meeting was 1<sup>st</sup> motioned by Steve Wyer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Finke to adjourn at 9:55 pm. Next Meeting will be held on January 10, 2011.