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## **DPAC MEETING NOTES FOR March 7, 2011**

### **Attendees:**

**DPAC Executive:** Don Sabo, Steve Shannon, Sarah Holland

**Partner Groups:** P.G.D.T.A. (Linda Naess), school board trustee (Lois Boone).

**School Reps:** Quinson, Pineview, College Heights, Beverly, Nukko Lake, Buckhorn, Heather Park, Kelly Road, Hart Highlands, Pinewood

**Meeting Start Time: 7:10 pm (delayed by laptop issue)**

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

**Adoption of February Minutes: deferred to April meeting, as minutes not available at meeting due to illness**

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

- Quinson – bus trip to Fort St. James
- College Heights – concern over capping of transferring students.
- Buckhorn – internet safety presentation – very good. Can be provided to other schools.
- Nukko Lake – snow days postponed due to winter conditions
- Hart Highlands – with return of grade 6 and 7s can do debating team – very proud.
- Kelly Road – had school dance with zero issues!
- Heather Park – raffle resulting in \$11K profit, engineering study, playground concerns
- Pinewood – Gordon Neufeld DVD presentation, Hold onto Your Kids.

**7:40 PM Invited Stakeholders In**

### **(b) Reports**

**DPAC Chair Report** – Don Sabo:

**Take attached**

**Treasurer's Report** – Chris Finke not in attendance. Reports received.

**Superintendent's Report** – Brian Pepper not in attendance.

**Trustee Report** – Lois Boone

- i. 3 new courses approved: Outdoor Education (PGSS and McBride), and Soccer (PGSS)
- ii. Name of Spruceland changed to Spruceland Traditional Elementary.
- iii. Results of special meeting re: transportation – no changes made. No appetite for change from board. District constantly looking for ways to save money on transportation.
- iv. Bus policy being looked at – courtesy bus to Nukko Lake mentioned.
- v. PGSS made presentation to board on successful truancy pilot project. Will be reviewing in policy and governance.

**PGDTA** – Linda Naess

- i. Glad some parents were able to attend pro-D day.
- ii. Report card time.
- iii. Teachers all going crazy with so many in-days due to weather.
- iv. Living Wage Campaign – BCTF concerned due to affects of poverty on children.
- v. Women’s Day.
- vi. In Dennis Fudge’s absence, no discussion on FSAs.

**EPPC Meeting Reports**- Chris Finke, Alternate: Don Sabo – just 3 courses being approved would have been only business (Lois)

**Education Services Committee** – Stephen Shannon. Attended earlier this day. Concerned playgrounds modulars, city plan, and how the school district fits into the city pln.

**Policy and Governance Committee** – Don Sabo, Alternate: Dennis Fudge. No parent input at the moment.

**Parent Involvement Committee** – Cara Vandekraats

- i. Discussion with Cara, will call meeting and look at workshops.
- ii. Look at tying into internet and online gaming, social networking, cell phones and videoing, as well as gangs, communities that care, and bullying. Noted that apparently some 75% of grade 7s at a represented school have cell phones.

- iii. Mention of Vancouver Sun article on girlfriends of gang members, from November 2010. Recommended.

Looking for delegates to BCCPAC AGM. Sarah Holland interested in going, no other interest expressed at meeting. Decision would need to be made by April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, for April 30<sup>th</sup> AGM. Sarah also notes she was approached to join BCCPAC Resolutions Committee.

6c) Forgo separate policy group for transportation – table it for the time being.

6d) Last year, were trying to get these groups in – Community that Cares and City of PG may also wish to present. Goal – decrease drop out rate by 5%.

**a) New Business**

Gang summit community session – email from Brian Pepper. Principals have been emailed invitation to PAC chairs for free public session with Dr. Richard Catalano on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 8:30pm.

**b) Adjournment**

Meeting was motioned by College Heights to adjourn at 8:31pm. Next Meeting will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.