



DPAC MINUTES FOR November 7, 2011

7:00 p.m. Van Bien Training and Development Centre

Attendees:

DPAC Executive: Sarah Holland, Steve Shannon and Gillian Burnett

Partner Groups: Brian Pepper, Superintendent; Matt Pearce, PGDTA; Faith Mackay, PGPVPA

School Reps: Aboriginal Choice School, Ecole Lac des Bois Elementary, Hart Highlands, Heather Park, Kelly Road, Nukko Lake, Peden Hill, Quinson, Spruceland, Beverly, Edgewood

1. Adoption of Agenda

No objections, adopted as written

2. Adoption of October 3, 2011 Minutes

Amendment to Item 4(c)i- Question regarding the process for allocating surplus **PAC purchased and other** equipment from closed schools.

Motion to accept minutes as amended – Beverly

Seconded by – Quinson

3. PAC Networking

Discussion regarding the upcoming Trustee All-Candidates meeting. Drew attention to the questionnaire provided to candidates ahead of time and discussed further questions for candidates during the evening. Aboriginal Choice reported that \$873 had been found as held in trust by the district and is being transferred to their new accounts.

Suggestions made regarding how DPAC can connect with school PACs. Possibly assigning schools to executive to attend PAC meetings.

Discussion regarding recess issue in some schools and the practice of using a balanced day as in Ontario.

4. Reports

(a) DPAC Chair Report – see attached

i. Gillian will look into booking a tour and meeting at the DRC.

(b) Treasurer's Report – see attached

(c) Superintendent's Report – see attached

i. Commented on how lucky we should feel that so many have put their names forward to serve in the capacity of trustee. Hoped we would have the opportunity to let current trustees know what we think of the job they have done. Not an easy job to make decisions.

ii. Question regarding modulars, answered that modulars not in use yet, waiting for inspection for heating and then city approval for occupancy.

- (d) Trustee Report – Lois Boone
 - iii. Not in attendance
- (e) PGDTA Report – Matt Pearce – see attached
 - i. 25 requests to attend PSA conferences denied this year, noted membership free for first-year.
 - ii. Bargaining not occurring, discussed report cards and 15% pay withheld. BCPSEA took action without direction from trustees.
 - iii. Discussed School Planning Councils- concern for no teacher representation- teachers have never participated.
- (b) PGPVA Report – Faith Mackay
 - i. Introduced herself as new vice-president of PGPVPA
- (c) CUPE Report – Lorraine Prouse
 - i. Sent an e-mail because she was unable to attend. Currently in Vancouver for negotiations, but commented that *“the next two weeks are crucial...the bargaining committee has received approval from all presidents in the province to proceed to a province-wide strike mandate if there is no progress in the next two weeks.”*
- (d) DSAC Report – <Not present.>

5. Committee Reports

- (a) EPPC Committee Report - Chris Finke (Alternate: Gillian Burnett)
See attached
- (b) Education Services Committee Report- Stephen Shannon (Alternate: Sarah Holland)
Discussion included Miworth bussing, Giscome portables, space utilization (11 schools house childcare with 3 provincially paid), and the Highglen solar power project (now available on sd57 website).
- (c) Policy/Governance Committee Report - Don Sabo
No report
- (d) Environmental Sustainability Committee- Don Sabo (Alternate: Lara Beckett)
No report
- (e) Committee for BCCPAC and conference policies – Have met, have some more questions yet to be answered, will likely have something for December meeting. Discussed whether everything could wait till December.

Motion by Spruceland

That the DPAC executive will arrange for a resolution workshop prior to the BCCPAC AGM and any other conferences with resolutions as far in advance of the conference as possible.

Second by Aboriginal Choice

CARRIED

Determined January 31st as deadline for resolution submission and AGM to be held March 17, 2012.

6. Announcements/New Business

- (a) All Candidates forum (Gillian) – Covered under PAC networking, reminded stakeholders that the event to take place at PG Playhouse Nov. 9th at 7pm

- (b) Boy Smarts Workshop (Jacqui) – As Jacqui is not in attendance, will have to postpone this item for the December meeting.
- (c) BC College of Teachers (Sarah) – Hi-lighted what the changes are and briefly discussed what this means.
- (d) Transportation – Discussion around transportation discussion from last Board Meeting, recommended that this be closely watched.

7. Other Business

- (a) None.

8. Agenda items for next meeting

Democratic representation.

9. Adjournment - Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm Van Bien Training and Development Centre.