

## **DPAC Chairperson Report: February 6, 2012**

1. Attended January 23, 2012 President's Roundtable meeting at 3:00 pm. Talked with Superintendent; Brian Pepper about DPAC access to PAC contact information. This issue was also discussed at our DPAC Executive meeting. The DPAC would prefer a systems approach where the School District financial form would include a place for signed consent from the PAC to disclose contact information to DPAC. However, at this time your DPAC executive is happy to recommend we take Superintendent; Brian Pepper upon his generous offer to coordinate the collection of PAC contact information with district school principals.
2. Attended the January 24, 2012 School Board meeting. Mr. Pepper and Trustee Kate Cooke in their reports can elaborate on some of the major agenda items. On behalf of DPAC, I made a presentation to the School Board, clarifying DPAC's position on "access issues" relating to the Northern Learning Centre. Mr. Pepper was prompt and forthcoming about whether the Centre was a "pilot" initiative or not. Using this information I clarified to the School Board that DPAC did have an issue with respect to "equal access" to the centre.

In my presentation to the School Board, I was also pleased to present the School board with hard copies of the DPAC Report on District Capacity and Enrolment Issues. I promoted the DPAC report as being great bed-time reading, and emphasized on behalf of parents the benefits of making school projected student enrolment numbers public.

3. Audio problems persist for our on-line meeting participants. They are having a difficult time hearing the meeting conversations. Your DPAC Executive has authorized, oh so capable, Director; Steve Shannon to spend up to a maximum of \$500 for the purchase of a workable microphone system.
4. I am the lead for DPAC / Parent review and input on the School District Child Protection Policy (5145.4). I am pleased to announce Kim Shannon, Teresa Bell, and Trish Stevens have volunteered to assist in the review of this policy. We have information that we are reviewing, and will be meeting soon to coordinate input. The deadline for DPAC input is February 22, 2012.
5. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 I attended the DPAC Executive Committee meeting to establish tonight's meeting agenda.

Don Sabo, SD 57 DPAC Chair