



DPAC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2, 2013

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

Attendees:

DPAC Executive: Sarah Holland (Chair), Chris Finke (Vice Chair), Gillian Burnett (Treasurer), Darlene Campbell (District Associate), and Steve Shannon (Technical Director),

Partner Groups: Brian Pepper, Superintendent; Kate Cooke, Trustee; Tina Cousins, PGDTA; Lori Dennill, PGPVPA; Caroline Northey, PEA;

School Reps: Darlene Campbell, Duchess Park; Chris Finke, DP Todd; Sarah Holland, Heather Park; Patricia and Steven Loptson, Heather Park; Steve and Kim Shannon, Kelly Road; Shauna Connor, Ecole Lac Des Bois; Lotte Andersen, Nukko Lake; Darlene Campbell, Nusdeh Yoh; Amy Hudson, Pineview; Michelle Rolfes, PGSS; Ryan Clarke, Quinson; Jennifer Hicke, Southridge; Dennis Fudge, Spruceland;

Absentee School Reps: Beverly; Blackburn; Buckhorn; College Heights Elementary & Secondary; Edgewood; Foothills; Giscome; Glenview; Hart Highland; Harwin; Heritage; Highglen; Hixon; Mackenzie Secondary; Malaspina; McBride Centennial; McBride Secondary; Peden Hill; Pinewood; Ron Brent; Valemount Elementary; Valemount Secondary; Van Bien; Vanway; Westwood;

1. Call to order

2. Adoption of Agenda and November 2013 Minutes-

- Looking for feedback on DPAC Conference for the next DPAC
- Correct 6A Nusdeh Yoh spelling (no space)
- Agenda adopted as presented. Adopted with change by unanimous consent.

3. PAC Networking – Introductions

- Heather Park- Christmas party at end of school, doing Regal and Purdy's fundraiser, Principal spoke about elective programs (explorations) at the elementary school level such as sewing, hockey and such. The kids are enjoying the extra activities.
- DP Todd – Has spent some new funds \$11,500 dollars towards fitness equipment from the gaming money.
- Nusdeh Yoh- Pancake breakfast scheduled for end of December.
- Nukko Lake- Have some families that are hard hit this Christmas so they are trying to raise funds without drawing too much attention to the students, also sponsoring and out of school family.
- Ecole Lac Des Bois – Nothing to update.

- Kelly Road- Spent \$20,000 on various clubs(bus rides, sports equipment, photography club, etc) & Just had a craft fair
- Duchess Park- Nothing to update.
- Spruceland- Had a bingo night & had to change how they charged because of the gaming commission. Ended up charging a candy cane and still managed to have
- Southridge – finished cookie dough fundraiser, ready for Christmas concerts.
- Quinson- In the news for the person who fled the police and had the school on lock-down.
- Pineview- sponsoring a family, preparing for Christmas party, grade 6/7 raising funds for Philippines relief
- PGSS- Looking forward to spirit day with a large hockey game between two schools on last day before Christmas Break.

4. Partner Group Presentations

* Dennis showed a presentation he created “Laugh at me” to emphasize how the ages vary for suicide. Passed hand out with the bullying circle – he will send link

(a) DSAC Report- (Graeme MacKenzie (KRSS) and Shelby Miller (DPSS) – **Not in attendance**

(b) CUPE Report – (Karen Wong) – **Not in attendance**

(c) PGDTA Report – (Tina Cousins, Richard Giroday) Tina in attendance. Spoke to her report. Teachers are involved in many holiday activities please give teachers feedback about the activities they are providing for students. Tina made a presentation last week, “the gift of time” Hoping their members get the gift of time over the holidays. They are involved in many charities, Mercy Ships, Operation Christmas Child, Salvation Army, St Vincent- Turkey & Toy, SPCA. Sent poster out to everyone about the Chili Blanket Event coming up December 14th. Always looking for blankets and other donations, they are collecting at PGDTA if you are interested in dropping some off. Having first annual Children's event for their members. Advice for gift for teacher – make donations to something is always appreciated.

(d) PGPVPA Report – (Faith MacKay) Laurie (Blackburn Principal) Minister of Education was visiting at Harwin Elementary School, Ron Brent is attending the VTRA training right now (Violent Threat Response) over 15 peer helpers at Aboriginal Health and Wellness fair. Spruceland has acting principal having a number of events, toy bingo, craft fair, pancake breakfast and more. PGSS have weeks until end of Semester will be having Spirit games at CN Centre for grade 7s. Number of meeting with grade 12 students, scholarships, grad transitions etc. Nusdeh Yoh has a canoe donated to them that is going to go into the Library. The artist in residence is making plaques, masks. Making drums and rattles from scratch. Working on language and culture and have dance groups going on. Giscome has had a number of power outages over the past few weeks. Parents do not want kids to go extra 45 minutes to Blackburn.

(e) PEA Report – (Marcia Waller) – We are special education, we have occupational therapist, school psychologists, behavior specialist and speech pathologists. Brochure passed out to inform everyone of what speech pathologists actually do. Many teachers are not aware of reading programs that are available. LIPS and Seeing Stars are the programs they are working on to implement in more schools. Parents aren't always aware that the parents can not make the referral, the referral comes from the school. They cannot guarantee that the student will get the program.

(f) Superintendent Report – (Brian Pepper)- Spoke to his report. Merry Christmas/Happy New Year, report on achievement, Parent input reminder on Policy 5119 ad 4117, Class size & Composition, and Hydro increase – installation of energy efficient fixtures is critically important, Safer schools, RAND Corporation and Teachers, and reminder to DRC Learning Portal – a great parent/student resource.

(g) Trustee Report – (Kate Cooke)- Spoke to her report. Management and Finance, Education Services Committee, Policy and Governance Committee, New Business, Upcoming Meetings – new trustees.

5. Officer and Committee Reports

- a) Executive Board Report (Sarah Holland) – Spoke to her report. Attached in December agenda package.
- b) Treasurers Report (Gillian Burnett) – Spoke to her report. On DPAC website.
- c) BCCPAC Report- (Darlene Campbell) Spoke to her report. On DPAC Website.

6. PAC and Parent Assistance

- a) Results from Survey to PAC's- Responses from 21 schools (42 people) Attached in December agenda pkg.
- b) Grant requests- None
- c) Event scheduling- Have everyone start thinking of possible dates for events.
- d) BCCPAC conference- brief report (Dennis Fudge, Darlene Campbell) Dennis spoke to his report.

7. Advising School District

- a) Education Services report (Steve Shannon) – Moved to January
 - b) EPPC Committee Report (Darlene Campbell) – About technology, not meeting until January.
 - c) Policy and Governance report (Sarah Holland) – All about LGBTQ policy more coming up in Other Business.
 - d) Expanded Committee of the Whole (Gillian Burnett & Sarah Holland)- Budget draft timeline published
 - e) Calender Committee- (Darlene Campbell and Gillian Burnett) – All responses from Duchess Park
 - f) Suggestions for School Board Report and School Board Partner meeting, being scheduled (Sarah Holland)- Please email Sarah with ideas.

8. Other Business

- a) Feedback sought by school district on policy 5119 – Survey sent out, still collecting responses.
- b) Feedback sought by school district on LGBTQ - Draft sent out. No comments from DPAC members. Will put on website
- c) Presentations to DPAC – what are we interested in finding out about? Possibly interested in curriculum changes, look into holding an information session for parents. Speak about it further in January.
- d) Look into Foodsafe – Now possibly offered online for free?
- e) Resolutions – BCPAC resolutions send out to PAC Rep list. Add a resolution to next meeting about Movie nights and fees for copyright issues.
- f) Explorations – Interest in program but not necessarily having a speaker to DPAC.

9. Agenda items for next meeting...

Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00pm Van Bien training and Development Center.