



DPAC MINUTES FOR February 3, 2014

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

Attendees:

DPAC Executive: Sarah Holland (Chair), Chris Finke (Vice Chair); Gillian Burnett (Treasurer), Steve Shannon (Technical Director), Michelle Yon (Director), and Inge Culhane (Secretary)

Partner Groups: Brian Pepper, Superintendent; Betty Bekkering, Trustee; Tina Cousins, Richard Giroday, PGDTA; Lori Dennill, PGPVPA; Catherine Cheung, Canadian Cancer Society

School Reps: Chris Finke, DP Todd; Inge Culhane, Edgewood; Sarah Holland, Heather Park; Michelle Yon, Hart Highlands; Steve and Kim Shannon, Kelly Road; Lotte Andersen, Nukko Lake; Darlene Campbell, Nusdeh Yoh; Amy Hudson, Pineview; Michelle Rolfes, PGSS; Shauna Connor, Ecole Lac des Bois; Ryan Clarke, Quinson;

Absentee School Reps: College Heights; Duchess; Nusdeh Yoh; Southridge; Spruceland; Beverly; Blackburn; Buckhorn; College Heights; College Heights Secondary; Ecole Lac des Bois; Foothills; Giscome; Glenview; Harwin; Heritage; Highglen; Hixon; Mackenzie Secondary; Malaspina; McBride Centennial; McBride Secondary; Morfee; Peden Hill; Pinewood; Ron Brent; Valemount Elementary; Valemount Secondary; Van Bien; Vanway; Westwood;

1. Call to order

2. **Adoption of Agenda and January 6 2014 Minutes-
Change 4. (on agenda) the name Kerensa Medhurst to Catherine Cheung (guest from
Canadian Cancer Society)
Adopted with changes by unanimous consent.**

3. PAC Networking – Introductions

- Heather Park- raffle for Canucks trip, turning students away (for transfers) since December due to classrooms at capacity
- Ecole Lac des Bois- Carnival, pancake breakfast this week, FSA's, Kindergarten registration, Code sent home for each parent to fill out a satisfaction survey regarding the FSA's
- PGSS- nothing to report
- Kelly Road- exams done, fashion show
- DP Todd- nothing to report
- Edgewood- Greening cycle for next year, Principal requesting input from parents regarding technology greening
- Pineview- Book sale – donated books (\$0.25 per book)

- Hart Highlands- money allotted to each division over the yrs has not been spent by all teachers– the money will now be spent on digital cameras for each classroom
- Nukko Lake – Winter festival planning
- Quinson- nothing to report

4. Guest Presentation – Radon kits and information, Catherine Cheung , Canadian Cancer Society – spoke about radon – silent killer. Odorless. Radon causes lung cancer. Detected in Prince George. Released by uranium. Comes from rocks under the foundation of your home. Free radon kits for home owners given out.

5. Partner Group Presentations

- (a) **DSAC Report-** (Graeme MacKenzie (KRSS) and Shelby Miller (DPSS)) – Not in attendance.
- (b) **CUPE Report** – (Karen Wong) – Unable to attend. Report on DPAC website.
- (c) **PGDTA Report** – (Tina Cousins, Richard Giroday) – Supreme Court Case – Jan 27th in favor of Teachers and their Collective Agreement. Links passed on to Sarah. Richard spoke to his report. Posted on DPAC website. Govt ordered to pay \$2 million to teachers. 12 yr court battle btwn govt and BCTF. Govt goaded teachers to strike. BC govt threw your children under the bus.
- (d) **PGVPVA Report** – (Lori Dennill) Feb- spoke about BC Principals and Vice-Principals Association Code of Ethics.
- (e) **PEA Report** – Not in attendance
- (f) **Superintendent Report** – (Brian Pepper)- Spoke to his report. Secondary Second Semester, Superintendent's report, SD57 Budget Process beginning, Crime Watch Canada – Tips for Parents about the internet, Social Emotional learning
- (g) **Trustee Report** – (Betty Bekkering)- Spoke to her report. Northern Interior Branch of Trustees AGM held last weekend. Superintendent's performance review. Family of schools.

6. Officer and Committee Reports

- a) Executive Board Report (Sarah Holland) – Spoke to her report. Attached in February agenda package.
- b) Treasurers Report (Gillian Burnett) – Spoke to her report. Attached in February agenda package.
- c) BCCPAC Report- Darlene Campbell not in attendance. Currently in lower mainland for BCCPAC.

7. PAC and Parent Assistance

- a) Grant requests – Malaspina anti-bullying request for up to \$200. Leadership will make bracelets for all students in the school. Money will cover the costs for elastics for bracelets. **MOTION:** (Steve Shannon) 2nd by Michelle Yon. Grant Malaspina up to \$200 for materials to make bracelets. Discussion. **Carried.**
- b) PAC Cafe – Discussion about which venue and date. Van Bien/Sassafras/Coast. Decision made for April 12, 2014 at Coast.
- c) Event scheduling - Fall Conference- **MOTION:** (Gillian Burnett) 2nd by Chris Finke To strike a committee for Fall Conference. **Carried** (Unanimous). Chris Finke, Gillian Burnett, and Sarah Holland volunteered for Committee. Gillian will call first meeting.

8. Advising School District

- a) Education Services report (Steve Shannon) – Spoke to his report.
- b) Education Programs and Planning Committee Report (Darlene Campbell) – Meeting was cancelled.
- c) Policy and Governance report (Sarah Holland) – Spoke to report attached in February agenda package Discussed Policy 5119. Concept of Choice and equity.
- d) Expanded Committee of the Whole (Gillian Burnett & Sarah Holland)- Starts tomorrow. Budget.

e) Calender Committee- (Darlene Campbell and Gillian Burnett) – Final meeting. 2014/2015 Calender went forward as it currently stands. Goes to PGDTA for Pro-d day scheduling. Posted on website for input.

f) Suggestions for School Board Report (Sarah Holland) – please email Sarah with ideas.

g) Trustee Remuneration Committee, January 29 and February 19th, 3:30pm (Dennis Fudge) – Dennis passed along a message to Sarah, “nothing to agree to yet.”

9. **Other Business**

a) Update - Morfee Parent's experience with Choice process. Unhappy with the process.

b) Request from Canadian Cancer Society to present on flavored Tobacco products. Consensus to invite them to present at next DPAC meeting.

c) Discussion from recent BC Supreme Court decision regarding funding for School district. **MOTION:** (Chris Finke) 2nd by Lotte Andersen. To send a letter to MLA's requesting that Government deal with funding ramifications resulting from recent BC Supreme Court decision. **Carried** (unanimous).

10. **Agenda items for next meeting...** please email Sarah with items.

Sarah will talk to someone about presenting on specific anti-bullying metrics.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00pm Van Bien training and Development Center.