



DPAC MINUTES FOR September 6, 2014

7:00 p.m. Sandman Signature

Attendees:

DPAC Executive: Sarah Holland (Chair), Darlene Campbell (Vice-chair), Chris Finke (Treasurer), Dennis Fudge (District Associate), Steve Shannon (Director at Large).

Partner Groups: Brian Pepper (Superintendent), Betty Bekkering (School Board Trustee), CUPE (Karen Wong), PGDTA (Tina Cousins & Richard Giroday), PEA (Debbie Coxon), Principals & Vice Principals (Dan Watt)

School Reps: Heather Park Elementary (Sarah Holland), Nusdeh Yoh (Darlene Campbell), Duchess Park Secondary (Darlene Campbell, Karen Clark), Ecole Lac des Bois (Shauna Connor), Nukko Lake Elementary (Lotte Anderson, Gillian Burnett), Spruceland Traditional School (Dennis Fudge), Ecole College Heights Elementary (Jacqui Dockray), Quinson Elementary (Ryan Clarke) DP Todd Sr. Secondary (Chris Finke), Kelly Rd Sr. Secondary (Steve Shannon & Kim Shannon), Hart Highlands Elementary (Teresa Bennett). Nobody joined online tonight.

1. Call to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Adoption of agenda & adoption of June 9, 2014 DPAC meeting minutes-additional items

Agenda & minutes accepted.

3. PAC Networking- intro of attendees.

- DPSS (Darlene) has football has started up. Rugby is about to start up.
- Spruceland Traditional (Dennis) mentioned alternative support to schools with music programs with lease of equipment & related support through a company called Long & McQuade, currently most go through Sight & Sound.
- Ecole Lac des Bois (Shauna) mentioned that the new expanded parking lot is already going to be too small to accommodate parents doing pick-up/drop-off and that there are now signs stating no parking /no stopping on street in front of school.
- General discussion re: teacher's strike—generally seems to be some misunderstanding & some apathy
- Re: \$40/day offered by government to offset costs of child care incurred as children need daycare vs. being in school. Home schooled children can access as well (if through a district). General discussion on access/use for Education Support Program.
- Question if the government/educational system can extend into summer holidays-yes they could.
- Particular questions for partner groups: What is to come of the student conference slated to occur in Kelowna at the end of September? What is the mood going to be like when school starts up after strike is done? After Wednesday's arbitration vote & if the government is in agreement will they go back to work? Is the general impression that this will be decided before Thanksgiving prior to Christy Clark's Asian excursion & before the new Legislature commences. Ask the trustees what they are doing.
- Should there be PAC meetings during the strike—not during school hours or on school grounds, or discuss with school administration their goals off-site, via email or phone.

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