

# DPAC Minutes for June 1, 2015

7:00 pm Van Bien Training and Development Centre

## Attendees:

**DPAC Executive:** Sarah Holland (Chair), Rob Woods (Secretary), Gillian Burnett (Treasurer), Dennis Fudge, Darlene Campbell.

**Partner Groups:** Karen Wong – CUPE 3742, Richard Giroday – PGDTA, Dan Watt (PGPVPA), Brian Pepper - Superintendent, Brenda Hooker - Trustee

**School Reps:** Chris Finke – DP Todd, Shauna Conner – Ecole Lac Des Bois, Mike Gagel – Southridge, Kim Shannon – Kelly Road, Michelle Rolfes – PGSS, Christine Kullman-Taylor – Edgewood, Candice Bate – Buckhorn, Charleen Henya – Nas de Yon, Adele Rouleau - Buckhorn

1. **Call to order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

Agenda adopted as amended. Minutes adopted as presented.

3. **PAC networking and discussion**

- a. The Montessori school is now called Polaris Montessori.

4. **Reports**

- a. DSAC – not in attendance
- b. CUPE (Karen Wong)  
200 layoffs. 50% chose not to bump. Approximately 40 retiring. Currently awaiting postings.
- c. PGDTA – Richard Giroday
  - i. From current president (Tina – by email). Thanks for opportunities to work with us. Looking forward to getting back to teaching.
  - ii. From Richard
    1. Aproximately 28 retirements, 3 secondary teachers layed off.
    2. Tough year, and off the normal rhythm.
- d. PG Principal and Vice Principals Association (Dan Watt)
  - i. Video he planned for us is unavailable and will be posted on our site.
  - ii. Many elementary to high school transition activities happening this year.
- e. Professional Employees Association – no attendee.
- f. Superintendent Report – brain pepper.
  - i. See attached Report.
  - ii. 75 retiring
  - iii. Post-secondary opportunities coming. University transfer and trades.
  - iv. Speaker Yong Zhou on Aug 26 at vanier hall @ 7:00 pm.
  - v. Grad/Prom time. Hoping for safety and sensibility, and enjoyment, and fun and celebration.

- vi. Q: Long range facility plan: Gut feeling of how much will become real recommendations?  
A: No simple answer. Many other possibilities that staff will look at. Work on structural deficit. Rarely do reports equal the final result.
- vii. Q: Did consultants consult with staff. Yes, they did consult with many in the community. Consultants also used a report 5 years old as part of their information.
- g. Trustee Report – Brenda Hooker.
  - i. Busy between budget, and strategic planning process. May 20+ meetings.
  - ii. Budget and Expanded Committee of the Whole process has been difficult. Using a surplus is not sustainable.
  - iii. Rural Education Committee – creating terms of reference. Hope to organize a rural forum for this fall.
  - iv. Minister’s forum on education June 15 – by invitation.
  - v. Looking at sustainability this fall to address the structural deficit.
  - vi. Look at accountability framework.
  - vii. Q: long range facility plan: Will there be parent input? A: Yes, it is just a plan, no decisions made yet. Will be broad consultation.
  - viii. Q. Rural Forum: Suggest Oct 23. Ministers will be here and DPAC conference on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. Elections – Director
  - a. Tabled until September – no one nominated.
- 6. Officer and Committee Reports
  - a. Executive board Report
    - i. Attached to agenda package
  - b. Treasurer’s report – see attached
  - c. BCCPAC Report(Dennis Fudge, Darlene Campbell)
    - i. Trying to involve more aboriginal parents.
    - ii. Money may be available for conference. Funding 4 conferences per year.
    - iii. Membership applications need to be in early Sept.
- 7. PAC and Parent Assistance
  - a. Grant Requests
    - i. No requests for this meeting.
  - b. Gary Anaka
    - i. Gary will be here Sept 24. He will be presenting on the Teenage brain. Tentatively located at Duchess Park. For students Grade 8-12
  - c. Fall Conference
    - i. Civic Centre is booked.
- 8. Advising School District
  - a. Long range facilities plan: Attached.
    - i. Additional Attachments
      - 1. How they will be getting rid of surplus properties.
      - 2. Conclusion and Recommendations
    - ii. Questions re Strong Start and numbers. i.e. 95% capacity, how does that work with a strong start needing a room.
    - iii. Gillian: Suggest we seek parent input now, and possibly a committee now.

iv. Possible Actions:

1. Committee
  - a. Gillian, Sarah, Dennis, Steve, Shawna, Darlene, Mike.
2. Try to get parent feedback asap.
3. A DPAC unified position should be documented. Do not take position on which schools to close.
4. Create a summary per school (1 page).
5. Gillian will set up a schedule for the committee.

v. **MOTION:**

Form a committee to agree upon SD57 DPAC position regarding long range facility plan.

**CARRIED**

- b. Education services committee report.
  - i. None
- c. Education programs and planning committee report
  - i. Attached
  - ii. Dual Credit with UNBC:
    1. Q: where would the classes take place? A: At UNBC, some during the day.
- d. Policy and governance
  - i. Whistleblower policy did not include parents.
- e. Suggestions for school board report
  - i. Next school board meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - ii. Mention that we are striking committee to discuss Long range facilities plan

9. Other Business

**MOTION**

To remove Chris Finke as a signing authority on the District Parent Advisory Council No. 57 Prince George bank account.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**

To add Dennis Fudge as a signing authority on the District Parent Advisory Council No. 57 Prince George bank account.

**CARRIED**

- a. Gift to Rob Woods in appreciation for taking Secretary role.
- b. Gift to Chris for years of service.

10. Agenda items for next meeting

- a. none

11. Adjourned at 9:25 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sep 14 at 7:00 PM, Van Bien.