



DPAC MINUTES FOR Dec 07 2015

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

Attendees:

DPAC Executive: Sarah Holland (Chair), Darlene Campbell (Vice Chair), Gillian Burnett (Treasurer), Vacant (District Associate), Rob Woods (Secretary), Vacant (Director).

Partner Groups: CUPE – Karen Wong, PGDTA – Richard Giroday, PGPVPA – Dan Watt, Trustee – Brenda Hooker.

School Reps: Charleen Henry – Nusdeh Yoh, Candice Bate – Buckhorn, Sarah Foot – Edgewood, Raylene Anderson – Highglen, Kim Shannon – Kelly Road Secondary, Gillian Burnett – Nukko Lake, Kim Pryschlak – Quinson, Rob Woods - Malaspina

1. Adoption of Agenda

Unanimous consent

2. Adoption of Nov 1, 2015 Minutes

Adopted as amended:

- Darlene is vice chair, Nicole is Duchess Park rep.

3. PAC Networking

- Lac Des Bois: Will try to put in another playground. 5 Kindergarten classes, want smaller playground for little ones.
- Nusdeh Yoh: Additional Funding requests this year.
- Quinson: Portable Planetarium was in school.
- Buckhorn: Had a “shoplifting incident”.
- Kelly Road Secondary: “Regular stuff”.
- Nukko Lake: “same ole, same ole”. Go ahead to open closed wing of the school (music room, ab ed workers space, multipurpose educational room)
- Polaris Montessori: Parent fatigue with multiple groups fundraising. (teachers, pac, and Montessori Education Society). Possible incident of a child being followed.
- Edgewood: Questions on Digital Signs. Questions re Spirit Wear? Questions re: Contests through Facebook.
- Dutches Park: approved additional French signage - Some bureaucratic issues.
- Southridge: New principal.
- Heather Park: Requests from a group of teachers for money for curriculum items.

4. Reports

(a) DSAC Report –

(b) CUPE Report – Karen Wong:

- Has taken on role of Regional VP for CUPE BC.

- Holiday concerts and shows – bleachers and equipment moving around.
- Concerns with replacement staff if members call in sick (Specifically Clerical)
- Participating in Ad-hoc committee on rural education
- Ratified health care plan

(c) PGDTA Report – Richard Giroday

- 25 teachers in training for Pro D organization
- Some District teachers are getting 2 days for development of new curriculum
- 30 teachers selected to plan those 2 days
- Not enough TTOCs in district to cover days away.
- NonEnrolling teachers taken from their job to cover for others that would be TTOC jobs.
- Richard does not expect additional funding for new curriculum (i.e. text books)
- PEA is being absorbed by BCTF.

(d) PGPVPA Report – Dan Watt

- Busy time of year. Report cards (K-7) (3 per year). Informal reports (2 per year).
- Adapted vs Modified – informing new teachers.
- Responsible for ensuring provincial legislation is followed.
- Work with newer teachers on their language (writing for parents – not using university terminology)

(e) PEA Report -

(f) Superintendent Report –

- None: Response from district was “We do not feel we can speak/record on behalf of the superintendent”

(g) Trustee Report – Brenda Hooker

- District staff plagued with illnesses
- Rural Education Committee ongoing
- Coming into budget cycle
- Will not receive any holdback dollars.
- Note on rural committee: Trustees wanted to dictate who could attend as the DPAC rural rep.

5. Committee Reports

a) Executive Board Report (Sarah Holland) – See attached sheet

- Vacant Director: Candace from Buckhorn Elementary elected by Acclimation

b) Treasurers Report (Gillian Burnett) – see attached

c) BCCPAC

- registrations must be in by Dec 15 for DPAC to pay.
- FNEESC (First nation education) – 24 hour drum. Do all schools within 24 hours including Mackenzie, mcbride, valemont. 4 school districts are doing this.
- Federal Initiative - want all schools on reserve and unceded territories to have local tribal signs.
- AGM: PACs and DPACs can bring forward resolutions. Deadline for resolution to be included is Jan 31st. In Kelowna.

6. **PAC and Parent Assistance**

a) Grant Requests

Request from southridge for "The Leader in Me"

Motion to approve – Gillian

Carried Unanimously.

Peden Hill: Santa breakfast

Motion that DPAC fund Peden Hill Elementary for \$300 for 10th Annual Santa Breakfast by Irina Doering.

CARRIED

7. **Advising School District**

a) Rural Consultation Committee

- Discussion of who is on committee
- Under finance and management committee.
- Will generate report for Finance and Management Committee.
- Committee report may not be seen by trustees – only goes to F&M committee
- See Executive Board Report on Rural Committee for information on format of the sessions at the rural locations.
- Committee will go through results of the feedback from meetings.
- Information will not be separated by community, will all be grouped together.
- McBride – most attendees thought the meeting was closure related.
- Format was like the strategic planning session.
- Desire at the sessions to have regular contact.
- Transportation – a huge factor. Difficult for any field trips, sports, any events. Need to pay bus from and to PG for even local events.

b) Education Services Committee Report – See attached

c) Education Programs and Planning Committee Report – nobody was able to attend.

d) Policy and Governance –

Whistleblower policy:

- Both CUPE's requested not to have a policy.
- Things already in the agreements to allow for this
- We were not happy – no parent protection.
- Upon DPAC request, has been tabled indefinitely.

Safer schools

- Suggested they talk about what it actually means.
- Suggested back to board for clarification before proceeding.

e) Suggestions for School Board Report

- Meeting tomorrow is specific for elections to committees. We will not be talking.

8. **Other Business ...**

a) Resolutions for BCCPAC. By end of Jan.

b) Radon – Suggestion for BCCPAC take forward for province.

c) Sports Insurance – information attached.

d) Food Safe

Motion: from Gillian Burnett: that DPAC cover a food safe course again in 2016 up to \$1000.00. CARRIED

- If you are certified prior to 2014, good until 2018. After 2013 for 5 years.

e) Signing authority. Dec 17th is the cutoff – will do signing authority with whoever is setup on the 17th.

9. **Agenda items for next meeting...**

Meeting adjourned – next meeting is Jan 11th At 7:00pm, Van Bien.