

DPAC Minutes for October 3rd, 2016
7:00pm Van Bien Training and Development Centre

Attendees:

DPAC Executive: Sarah Holland, Steve Shannon, Mike Gagel (Vice-Chair), Gillian Burnett (Chair)

Partner Groups: Sharel Warrington (Trustee), Karen Wong (CUPE), Kelly Johansen (PGPVPA), Richard Giroday (PGDTA)

School Reps: Jacqueline Dockray (ECHE), Candice Bate (Buckhorn Elementary), Danielle Casper (Hart Highland Elementary), Kim Shannon (Kelly Road Secondary), Tanya Dunning (Nukko Lake Elementary), Sherry MacDonald (Peden Hill Elementary), Kim Pryschrak (Quinson Elementary), Mike Gagel (Southridge Elementary), individual representing Lac Des Bois (Sheri?).

Guests: Shauna Connor, Jody Holmes – Sustainability Education Program, Myrna Lemke – Buddy Benches (see attached information)

1. Call to order 7:05pm
2. Agenda and Minutes adopted as presented
3. **PAC Networking:** Southridge – presentation given regarding what a PAC is and does; Nukko – new principal and teacher, 4 divisions all full, G's 5,6,7, all in band this year; Duchess Park – high school going along, 1049 students, French Signage completed, 31% Aboriginal students, satisfaction survey sent out to parents – got better response rate; Quinson – 4 movie nights planned, had first hot lunch, new principal, reno's on the go; Peden Hill – 35 new students, added a division, would like advice on teacher/principal relationship with PAC; Buckhorn – Open House, PAC Meeting, Garage Sale, 2 new teachers, boil water issue; Hart Highlands – enrollment down by 20 students, movie night, open house, book fair, teachers came to PAC meeting; ECHE – Halloween Dance, Open House, Cross Country Running, New Principal; Morfee – unable to hear; Edgewood – unable to get a DPAC rep yet, special meeting to discuss catchment changes, majority against catchment changes, PAC neutral.
4. **Presentations** by Jody Holmes and Myrna Lemke – see attached
5. **Partner Group Presentations**
 - a) DSAC – not in attendance – have not met yet and have a hard time attending
 - b) CUPE – see attached report – have been engaged in “paying back to the community” such as safe driving in school zones ads on radios, ProD for

members fully paid; 4 new EA positions – spareboards (subs) guaranteed 30 hours per week

- c) PGDTA – represents 780 teachers – tough start-up because only allowed to be in schools one week ahead of time – very few problems though; new curriculum concerns – is a process – reporting structure late to arrive so responding to this now, working groups being struck to work on this. Now 5 reports/year, 3 informal, 2 written; concerned with TTOC shortages – 25 mat leaves replaced by LD contracts now no longer TTOC's. \$1.9 billion surplus – where did this come from?
- d) PGPVPA – communicating student learning, supporting teachers, navigating change in the dark, constant communication from teacher to parent; Reporting as an event rather than 3 formal and 3 informal: K-7 minimum of 5/year including one year end summative report and one conference that is student-led. Minimum of three other methods (email updates, telephone calls, self-assessment by students).
- e) Superintendent – not in attendance
- f) Sharel Warrington – subbing in presently; Working on being clear about roles – Board Roles vs. Superintendent – the Board's sole employee; Evaluation work every year; Long Range Facility Plan – Edgewood, Duchess, Kelly Road and other schools – complex and difficult decisions must be made in consultation with community and including all partners in consultation. Request made by DPAC for meeting with the Board – Sharel to take back to the Board.

6. Officer and Committee Reports

- a) Executive Board Report – see attached
- b) Treasurer's Report – no report this month; Budget Review Committee – Sarah, Candace, Gillian; Financial Review Committee – Candace and Kim
- c) BCCPAC Report – Our Voice has been mailed to all PACS and is available on website; DPAC Chair Summit and meeting coming up
- d) BCCPAC fees and reimbursement: Motion by Kelly Road: That DPAC covers the full cost of BCCPAC fees upon receipt of a Proxy Voting form from a voting member of BCCPAC (membership and cheque must be received by BCCPAC before December 15th). Seconded: Southridge. Motion Carried.

7. PAC and Parent Assistance

- a) New Curriculum Information Night – October 19th, 7 pm Van Bien Training and Development – registration numbers 31 already.
- b) PAC Café – Sunday options?

- c) Mini-conference – larger conference next year: topics – avoiding PAC problems, making school involvement effective and enjoyable – tickets \$5 each. Sunday, November 6th

8. Advising School District

- a) Education Services Committee Report – see attached
- b) Education Programs and Planning Committee Report – update on Ness Lake Bible Camp – until the language in documents align with SD57 policies, no bookings. This is being worked on. Revising Reporting – Cindy Heitman is working on this. Report Writer won't work – need new tools – opportunity to develop some workable solutions.
- c) Policy and Governance – cancelled for October
- d) Suggestions for School Board Report – opportunities for comments on the content of the Strategic Plan. Next Board Meeting November 1st.

9. **Election** – 2 vacancies – Steve Shannon elected as Director. One vacancy remaining.

10. Other Business

- a) MyEdBC Portal – replacement for BCESIS for attendance and numbers. SD paid \$10/student to use BCESIS and \$10/student to use MyEdBC Portal – includes modules – district chooses what modules to turn on (how much or how little). E.g. Child's academics, teams, clubs, class news, information. As a parent can get very involved using MyEd BC – can get quite granular – assignment summary, child's attendance, etc. September 17th next year to go live. May not roll out all the modules at that time.

11. **Agenda items for next meeting** – Please try to end meetings by 9:00pm!

12. **Adjournment** – 9:31pm – Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7th at 7:00pm, Van Bien Training Centre.