



District Parent Advisory Council
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Minutes- DPAC General Meeting
Monday November 4th, 2019 @ 6:30p.m., Van Bien Training Centre

Attendance:

DPAC Executive: Andrea Beckett (Chair), Kim Pryschrak (Vice-Chair/Quinson), Arlene McKibbin (Treasurer), Amie Thibodeau (Director), Nicole Laferriere (Director/DPSS)

PAC Representatives or Guests: Rickie Mitchell and Amanda Peters (Blackburn), Tasha Sirois (ECHE), Christine Taylor (Edgewood), Gina Layte-Liston (Heather Park), Jodi Wilson (Heritage), Lotte Andersen (Kelly Road), Tara Gauthier (Spruceland), Ashley Buttress (Malaspina), Gillian Burnett (BCCPAC)

- 1) Call to order @ 1832hrs by Andrea Beckett (Chair); minutes being recorded by Andrea Beckett
- 2) Adoption of agenda and Adoption of Minutes from October 2019:
 - i) *Motion:* Kim Pryschrak motioned to move PAC networking for tonight's agenda to prior to presenting committee reports; motion 2nd by Trudy Klassen
 - (1) Presentation by Heather Park to be done after Adoption of minutes and agenda
 - ii) *Motion:* to accept minutes: 1st Lotte Anderson and 2nd by Ricki Mitchell
- 3) PAC and Parent Networking
 - a) Presentation Gina Layte-Liston (Heather Park) on First Day Cafe
 - b) Blackburn School – is looking for a partner group school to bring in Indigo in April
 - i) Using gaming money to fund this; partner group will decrease costs
 - ii) Fundraiser event would be planned for the evening
 - iii) Approx. \$2000/school; day performance is teaching the kids and the evening performance would be the fundraiser part
 - iv) Will provide more detailed information to the DPAC to be sent out to schools
 - c) Nesdeh Y'oh – has only 1 PAC member who has reached out to Betty Bekkering for assistance in re-growing and developing their PAC; Betty has reached out to the DPAC for assistance in this
 - i) Best way to connect with parents at that school is to go and connect in person (Gillian)
 - ii) Trudy, Kim and Gillian will connect together to start developing a plan
 - iii) Big barrier is the community worker vs the PAC working separately, rather than collaboratively
 - iv) Shelly Nieme is a good local contact person to connect with regards to this issue
 - v) May be an option to hold a PAC café at Nesdeh Y'oh, rather than at the Civic Centre, and cover the costs for Nesdeh Y'oh parents
 - d) Rural school mailboxes on school holidays – are other schools having issues with mail not coming through, or mail being returned
 - i) Nukko Lake has a community member that checks the mailbox
 - ii) Blackburn has their mail redirected
 - e) Have PAC's who are doing Purdy's noticed a change in uptake of orders since the Purdy's store opened in the mall?
 - i) General floor discussion between PAC representatives determined that it was too early to determine the impact of having a Purdy's store on Purdy's fundraisers, but that several schools had decided not to go ahead with a Purdy's fundraiser this year because of this

- 4) Officer and Committee Reports (moved to after partner group presentation)
 - a) Executive Board Report
 - i) Met with the new Superintendent Anita Richardson and had a very positive meeting; she appears to feel that local school communities, PAC's and DPAC's are critically important community members and looks forward to engaging and building further relationships with the DPAC
 - ii) No further updates from District with regards to insurance issues – will address with partner groups when they arrive
 - iii) Chair and Vice Chair will be attending the DPAC summit Nov 15-16, hosted by BCCPAC and attended by the Minister of Education and key Ministry of Education staff – written report and information will be provided afterwards
 - iv) Attended the Inaugural Board Meeting for SD57 – Tim Bennett re-elected as chair, and Trent Derrick elected as vice-chair
 - v) Secretary position on the DPAC executive remains open if anyone is interested or knows of anyone
 - vi) Outstanding actions items for chair include getting a new DPAC cell phone and laptop
 - b) Treasurer's Report
 - i) As per printed report
 - c) Directors Reports
 - i) Executive meetings need to be held to review issues related to being able to go to the various District meetings
 - d) Insurance and booking policy updates
 - i) To be reviewed with partner groups upon their arrival

- 5) Additional Committee Reports and Advising School District
 - a) Education Services Committee Report
 - b) Education Programs and Planning Committee Report
 - c) Policy and Governance – Not held
 - d) Extended Committee of the Whole
 - e) Suggestions for School Board Report
 - i) None provided from attendees

- 6) Plans for upcoming year
 - a) DPAC calendar (PAC café's; conferences; meeting dates, etc.)
 - b) Other raised plans or events that staff would like to see
 - i) addressed in PAC Networking

- 7) Partner Group Presentations
 - a) District Student Advisory Council – Not present
 - b) CUPE Report – Not present
 - c) Prince George District Teachers Association Report – Joanne Hapke
 - i) No new news on bargaining
 - ii) Concerns on the funding model – presentation on proposed funding for the prevalence model done by the government but specifics were not provided; lack of details is concerning to the PGDTA and has been strongly voiced
 - iii) Most current information available is available
 - iv) Board will be bound to do what the government ends up mandating
 - v) Consultation was done but what was done with the information is not known
 - vi) Also working on violence in schools in conjunction
 - d) Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association Report
 - i) School admin absences seems to be an issues (partner group question)
 - (1) First and foremost is building Principals and Vice Principals - Professional Development

- (2) Admin doesn't leave the schools unless coverage and there is a plan for the time of their absence is arranged – Vice principal, TIC (teacher in charge) – try to release the teacher from the classroom if at all possible via TTOC
 - (a) Difficulties can arise sometimes when there is TIC but no sub to cover the class
 - (3) Communication is key, especially between the school administration and the covering staff; plan is always in place and communicated to everyone
 - (4) Superintendent and vice-superintendent are always aware then the Principal or Vice Principal are out of the building for any length of time, and are aware of the plan and have the ability to support if needed
- ii) Preparing for Remembrance Day ceremonies in schools
 - iii) Communication of Student Learning, and the planning, preparation and communication work that goes along with that
- e) Senior Administration Report
- i) Partner group questions re: 16 days notice for facility booking:
 - (1) Based on the shared use agreement
 - (2) Update re: email addresses for 24 out of 41 schools have had their Admin forward contact information for their PACs. PACs should ask their Admin to pass on their emails or submit their contact information to the District
 - ii) Update on vaping discussion:
 - (a) Oct 17th NH sent a letter out to schools to share with families regarding the health risks on vaping; continuing to look for resources
 - (b) at the Prevention Council a motion was passed to get the government to have the provincial level of government look
 - (c) Conversation came up again at DSAC that students want to be engaged and be involved in dealing with this issue
 - iii) Violence, Risk and Threat Assessment
 - (a) Onus is on principals and vice-principals to immediately investigate to their fullest ability and gain the full picture of the issue at hand
 - (b) Violence, Risk and Threat Assessment Committee, District behavioural specialists, Policy and procedure are just some of the resources that school administrators have available
 - (c) Safer in Schools, 1-800 number generates an immediate report to the school district senior admin and continues to generate alerts until it is flagged as addressed
 - (d) The school district does survey students in the district and student learning survey (formerly known as student satisfaction survey) – what happens with this data and what is done?
 - (i) This data is available via the BC Ministry of Education
 - (e) Bullying, aggression and violence are happening on buses and appears to be a significant gap due to no supervision
 - (i) Building Stronger Schools is building a CPI training program for bus drivers
 - iv) Question re: capacity and catchment as an ad hoc committee
 - (a) The Capacity and Catchment Committee is actually a sub-committee of the Education Services Committee
 - (b) The committees and sub-committees are currently under review of their structure and purposes and so changes could be possible down the road
- f) Trustee Report – Shuirose Valimohamed from Valemount
- i) Thank you to the DPAC for all their work and dedication from all of the board
 - ii) The board would like DPAC to attend more the committee meetings at which they have seats
 - (1) EPPC – Gillian willing to attend
 - (2) DPAC will make an more concerted effort to have a representative at those meetings and appreciates the feedback
- 8) List of questions for partner groups for next month
- a) Schools can submit via email to the DPAC executive

- 9) Agenda items for next meeting
 - a) Move PAC networking to #4 for next month
 - b) Move executive reports to #3
 - i) Provide executive reports as written part of the agenda package – can then be motioned and approved at the meeting
 - ii) PAC's can email partner group or executive report questions to the DPAC in advance and then questions will be address at the meeting

Adjournment - Next meeting **Monday December 2nd, 2019 @ 6:30pm** at the Van Bien Training Centre