



***District Parent Advisory Council***  
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**Minutes- DPAC General Meeting**  
**Monday January 6th, 2020 @ 6:30p.m., Van Bien Training Centre**

**Attendance:**

*DPAC Executive:* Andrea Beckett (Chair/ECHE), Kim Prysclak (Vice-Chair/Quinson), Trudy Klassen (Volunteer Director), Amie Thibodeau (Director/Buckhorn), Nicole Laferriere (Director/DPSS), Christa Porter (Director/Glenview)

*PAC Representatives or Guests:* Shirley Bond (MLA), Lotte Andersen (KRSS), Rickie Mitchell (Blackburn), Christine Taylor (Edgewood), Jodi Wilson (Heritage), Bonnie White (Lac de Bois), Brenda MacDougald (Quinson), Tara Gauthier (Spruceland), Susan Heyland (Polaris), Gillian Burnett (BCCPAC)

- 1) Call to order @ 1832hrs by Andrea Beckett (Chair); minutes being recorded by Rickie Mitchell
- 2) Guest Speaker: Honorable Shirley Bond
  - i) Relates her background story of beginnings being a "hot lunch Mom" to PAC Chair at Carney to DPAC Chair to School Trustee to Minister of Education to Cabinet Minister to Member of the Opposition/Advocate for School District
  - ii) She believes that regardless of which government is in power parents are critical to education/school success. She is here to listen and answer questions (if she doesn't know the answer then she will find it).
  - iii) Q&A

Q: Is there any accountability for funds designated to students diagnosed with difficulties/conditions? Why is the transition of available help programs between 0-5 year olds and school age children so difficult to navigate?

A: (Shirley) No answer how that would/will look or why funding doesn't increase with the amount of students (diagnosed or not) needing help. Acknowledges that the transition of available help/programs between before school and during or starting school should be smoother. No idea yet what the current government will decide on this matter.

Advice: Ask the Principal if you disagree on where the funding goes. If you can make a strong enough argument then you can induce change.

Q: How will the funding formula change? What will it look like?

A: (Gillian) Funding model is not a spending model. Accountability overall throughout the province is needed. (Shirley) We won't know more until the BC NDP Throne Speech rolling out the Budget.
  - iv) Addressed: Upcoming revisions to funding formula/budget, Capacity Issues, and KRSS is on time and on budget, there are approximately 150 extra spaces to accommodate enrollment increases.

1930hrs Partner Groups Enter - Anita Richards (Superintendent), Cindy Heitman (Assistant Superintendent), Tim Bennett (School Board Chair), Kelly Johansen (Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association), Joanne Hapke (Prince George District Teachers Association), Karen Wong (CUPE), No DSAC Representative

- 3) Partner Group Presentations
  - a) Senior Administration Report
    - i. Anita Richards – first day so listening, learning, and re-familiarizing with SD57
    - ii. Another email to be sent out with current/complete insurance form & will also send out info how to reset passwords for My Education BC
    - iii. Reimbursements for insurance policies already paid for PAC events to come

- iv. Kindergarten registration January 28th and transfer process Feb 5th - Mar 5th
- v. Email Addresses for PACs - consent for personal email must be sent out by Principal then PAC Chair will receive their PAC email set up and instructions
- b) Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association Report
  - i. Nothing to add
- c) BCCPAC
  - i. Gaming rules/regulations are under review so new procedures will be coming out
- d) Prince George District Teachers Association Report
  - i. Bargaining continues (which affects teachers wanting to come here). Advocating for stability in the education system. There are many concerns.
- e) School Board Report
  - i. Catchment and Capacity meeting January 14th
  - ii. French Immersion struggles for more teachers.
  - iii. Funding Information coming March 15th (2 seats for DPAC to attend)
  - iv. Funding Meeting April 2
  - v. April 23rd meeting 3pm - 5pm is deadline for DPAC input on budget.
- f) CUPE Report
  - i. Aging workforce in our local. A lot of members off on bereavement or compassion leave. It is a struggle with staffing/replacements. Asks for patience if EA is not replaced right away.
- g) District Student Advisory Council – no Rep present but Christa Porter offered an update from her son
  - i. Celebrating Kindness Day (to self and others) on February 12 with activities in all the secondary schools and the elementary students represented at DSAC. Any school can participate.
  - ii. There will also be many activities to promote Pink Shirt Day Feb 26.

Partner Groups left at 2039hrs

**(5 – 10 minute snack break, opportunity for further discussions)**

- 4) Adoption of agenda and Adoption of Minutes from last month(s):
  - i) Adoption of the December 2019 Minutes *Motion: Nicole Laferriere Second: Tara Gauthier*
  - ii) Adoption of the January 2020 Agenda (change year to 2020, move #7 to #3 and #3 to #2)  
*Motion: Christa Porter Second: Lotte Anderson*
- 5) PAC Networking and discussion (*report on ideas or concerns that may be of interest to other PACs*)
  - a) Advice on previous concern pertaining to funding allocations for special needs (Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists, etc.). Table to another meeting after funding announcements.
- 6) Executive, Officer, and Committee Reports
  - a) Executive Board Report (Chair and Vice-Chair)
    - i) Ask PACs if still interested in standard CPRC First Aid Course - will poll to gauge interest, then vote at February meeting
  - Q: If we do is there obligation or protection to person with 1st Aid for liability?
  - A: Good Samaritan Act
  - ii) Second Food Safe being discussed - no date yet and will explore possibility of FoodSafe course online for those who can't make it in person
  - iii) BCCPAC AGM May 1st - 3<sup>rd</sup> Travel, hotel and meals covered for 1 person. 2 Executives and 2 Directors going. Discuss at Feb meeting. Hoping for all 26 schools Proxy Votes (BCCPAC web site has info on Proxy Votes).
  - iv) Parent Café January 18th - \$5 per person
  - v) Perhaps different wording required for Proxy reimbursement of \$75 registration fee
  - vi) Reimburse eligible PACs for their BCCPAC Registration fee upon receipt before deadline for the 2020 AGM - *Motion: Nicole Laferriere Second: Christa Porter*

8:56 Andrea hands meeting over to Kim

- b) Treasurer's Report
  - i) Travel reimbursement for the summit in November was approved by BCCPAC for \$348.86 but has not yet been deposited
  - ii) Accept Treasurer's Report *Motion:* Rickie Mitchell *Second:* Lotte Anderson
- c) Directors Reports
  - i) DP Todd expansion proposal denied due to wording and technicalities
  - ii) DPAC web page/Facebook - nutrition program information. The district is looking into different options.
- 7) Additional Committee Reports and Advising School District
  - a) Education Services Committee Meeting (Jan 13) 4pm (approx. 45mins - 2 hours) Vacant
  - b) Catchment and Capacity (Jan 14)
  - c) Management and Finance (Jan 20) Gillian going
  - d) School Board Meeting (Jan 28) 6pm Andrea going - DPAC is able to do a 5 minute presentation at the beginning of the meeting so please let DPAC Executives know if there are any specifics that you would like addressed.
  - e) Education Programs and Planning Committee (Jan 21)
  - f) Expanded Committee of the Whole (ECoW) Meeting (Mar 5) - DPAC has two seats at 3 meetings
- 8) Plans for upcoming year
  - a) PAC and Parent Engagement Initiatives
  - b) DPAC calendar (PAC Café's; conferences; meeting dates, etc.); other plans or event ideas
  - c) List of questions for partner groups for next month
  - d) Agenda items for next meeting
- 9) Adjournment - Next meeting **Monday January 6, 2020 @ 6:30pm** at the Van Bien Training Centre