

DPAC Chair Report (*Andrea Beckett –DPAC Chair*)

This last month, and especially the last two weeks has been very intense due to several decisions and actions from the SD57 board resulting in significant unrest in the community.

When attending the President's Table meeting on Monday, prior to the monthly Board meeting on Tuesday, the agenda for the board meeting was reviewed. This agenda was emailed to attendees on the Friday prior and it was the first time we/DPAC got a look at some of the changes being proposed as a result of the policy and procedure overhaul that the district has been undergoing. While DPAC and other partner groups were supposed to be involved in the review process before it was voted on and finalized by the board at the Tuesday board meeting (as promised to us by trustee's in our 2019 monthly DPAC meetings), that hadn't happened there were no either 60 day or 14 day partner group review process provided as promised by the trustees. The board heard the strong and vocal opposition to voting on this for these reasons, and has deferred the vote until a period of consultation with partner groups has occurred.

One significant proposed change is that the committees are likely going to be restructured and many "merged". This would be done to bring SD57 in line with how the rest of the districts in the province are structured and do their work. To summarize, all the existing committees (such as Ed Services Policy and Governance, etc.) would be replaced by the following 3 committees:

1. Advisory Committee
2. Board of Education Committee
3. Business and Operations Committee

DPAC would have two formal seats/voices on the Advisory Committee permanently. The other two committees are open to all public and partner groups to attend; if DPAC has a specific agenda item or issues which they would like to have discussed or brought forward at either of those committee's then DPAC submits to have it added to agenda. If it is not on the agenda (i.e. DPAC isn't on the agenda) then we don't get a chance to speak, only to listen. The information, findings and issues arising from the Board of Education Committee and Business & Operations Committee would then get brought forward to the Advisory Board every month to be "dealt with" there.

However what is not included in the draft organizational restructuring changes was the Administration Policies, and we have asked for a copy of those as well as where all the currently existing policies would sit within the new proposed document and policies.

On other news:

The district is trying to engage with the community of Mackenzie again regarding the old Mackenzie elementary building up there. It is no longer to code, the district has offered to sell the land and the building to Makenzie for \$1 but they refused. The district also offered cover the demolition and cleanup costs of the building (as it is very not up to code) and then sell the land to the community for \$1, however that has also been turned down by the District of Mackenzie. Thus senior administration and trustees from SD57 will be going up in person to discuss and engage with the community about what options are available to resolve the issue, as the current liability and costs rest with the districts for the land and building.

The Board Book with financials and other committee reports can be found here:

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Agendas>

Separate PDF with the summary of the Budget Presentation of the Amended and Annual budgets presented at the Board meeting (6 pages) and Catchment & Capacity Committee reports (4 pages) are included as well.