



District Parent Advisory Council
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Minutes - DPAC General Meeting

Monday October 5, 2020 @ 6:30p.m.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 656 7488 7171 Passcode: Kd5t*1cv

Attendance:

DPAC Executive: Andrea Beckett (Chair) Kim Pryschlak (Vice-Chair/Quinson), Arlene McKibbin (Treasurer), Amie Thibodeau (Director/Buckhorn), Nicole Laferriere (Director/DPSS), Christa Porter (Director/Glenview)

PAC Representatives or Guests: Lotte Andersen (STKRSS), Gillian Burnett (BCCPAC Treasurer/STKRSS), Rickie Mitchell (Blackburn), Andrea Duperron (Edgewood), Laura Weller (CIDES), Julie Anderson (LDB), Gayle Hesse (CLA), Jodi Wilson (Heritage), Wendy Wedman (Pineview)

1) **Call to order @ 18:45hrs** by Andrea Beckett (Chair); Minutes being recorded by Rickie Mitchell

2) **Adoption of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting(s):**

a) Adoption of the October 2020 Agenda *Motion:* Rickie Mitchell *Second:* Christa Porter

Amendments added: PAC networking before partner groups as item 6

Changed item 3h) to Director at Large up to 3

b) Motion to defer the adoption of the September 2020 Minutes to the next meeting *Motion:* Amie Thibodeau *Second:* Arlene McKibbin

c) Adoption of the June 2020 Minutes *Motion:* Christa Porter *Second:* Arlene McKibbin

3) **Elections of Executive Members**

a) Chair – Andrea Beckett nominated by Arlene McKibbin, 2nd Christa Porter

Andrea Beckett by acclamation

b) Vice-Chair – Kim Pryschlak nominated by Amie Thibodeau, 2nd Arlene McKibbin – Kim declines

Gillian Burnett nominated by Kim Pryschlak, 2nd Andrea Beckett – Gillian accepts

Gillian Burnett by acclamation

c) Treasurer – Arlene McKibbin nominated by Kim Pryschlak, 2nd Christa Porter

Laura Weller expresses interest in mentoring, concern expressed about permitting a shared position, not clear in the bylaws, Laura withdraws while remaining open to shadowing the position

Arlene McKibbin by acclamation

d) Secretary – Rickie Mitchell expresses interest in position

Kim expresses interest to share position as first choice alternate, concern expressed for bylaw clarification permitting a shared position again, Kim withdraws

Rickie Mitchell by acclamation

e) District Associate to BCCPAC discussion that is somewhat obsolete position

No expression of interest in position

Position unfilled

f) Technology Director – Christa Porter expresses interest in position

Christa Porter by acclamation

g) Social Media Director – Christa Porter nominates Kim Prysclak – Kim declines

This can be made into a task for Directors at Large instead of being a position

Position unfilled

h) Director at Large (up to 3 including Technology Director) - Laura Weller and Kim Prysclak express interest, Amie Thibodeau expresses interest in the ZOOM chat

Kim withdraws but will continue advocacy work without being a Director, possibly as a DPAC rep

Laura Weller by acclamation

Amie Thibodeau by acclamation

Move Items 4, 5, 6 to after Partner Groups

7) Partner Groups enter 19:37 (recording 25:07 – 1:07:23 posted online)

Joanne Hapke (PGDTA), Karen Wong (CUPE), Anita Richardson (SD57 Superintendent), Parrish Child (PGPVPA), Sharel Warrington (SD57 Trustee)

a) Partner Group Questions to: Anita Richardson, Cindy Heitman (not in attendance), Tim Bennett (not in attendance, Sharel Warrington representing the Board), Parrish Child, Karen Wong, Joanne Hapke:

- 1. Are there any updates related to Restart Plan and School Organization that parents need to know?

Anita Richardson:

- i. Reminder that classroom doors should remain open
 - ii. All garbage should not have lids at this time so less touching by not having to touch lid to use
 - iii. Water fountains started as closed, then opened due to concerns of access to water for all students and are now closed so not available for student use again due to health and safety concerns. Disposable cups available for students who don't have a water bottle or a school without a water bottle filling station
 - iv. Our district enrollment numbers down overall about 386 students (but are up about 200 students in DL program) overall decline is 185 FTE (roughly 97% return rate, some on transition plan but are still counted as students in their schools)
 - v. Budget protection may not be needed but remains to be seen as a lot is still changing
- 2. Have there been updates to the District Org Chart since the beginning of September?

- i. District Learner Support Services Program (formerly CLA) is still in the John McInnis building, budgeting & structure still consistent with last year but is daily now
 - ii. Retitled 3 Directors
 - iii. Central Interior Distance Education (DL and CE) now under Curriculum and Innovation
- **3. Outstanding from the PAC Info Session:** Regarding the standardization of information provided to school admin and parent groups. Has there been progress made on that? If not, is there a plan and a timeline?
 - i. Information was sent out today to principals and vice principals (Anita Richardson) but not everything *sticks* in this chaotic time so reminders will be sure to be provided

b) Senior Administration Report - (Anita) Shout out to teachers on World Teacher Appreciation Day and to PACs for all they do

c) School Board Trustee Report (Sharel) had first board meeting Sept 29, one big issue was surplus rapidly declining and also concern facing enrollment declining. In terms of moving forward anticipating looking more closely at important issues moving forward - maintenance people, amount of work going into the schools mainly to keep them healthy and safe for students. Reduction of classes is significantly challenging for parents and she appreciates the concern and understanding from parents so she thanks parents who reached out to the Board with those concerns. Trying to make those transitions as safe and healthy as possible.

d) Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association Report (Parrish) having trouble with his mic so he types: "We are just very happy to have students back in our buildings. It is nice to return to something "NORMAL" Kids make it worth it!"

Mic back on: So happy to have the kids back & some sort of normalcy

e) Prince George District Teachers Association Report (Joanne) Good start delivering snacks to schools today for World Teacher Day. Going well. Nothing to add.

f) CUPE Report (Karen) Still up in the air for numbers so as students slowly return to the school the staffing is a challenge and process not complete as numbers of attending students still changing

Minimal decrease in hours for EA & Youth Care staff not able to support students who are not in the schools but sure that it will go back up.

Some parents who are also EAs are having some trouble with home, childcare, work balance so keep in mind when talking to an EA parent

Partner groups exit 20:22

Short break 5mins - back at 20:27

4) Executive, Officer, and Committee Reports

- a) Executive Board Report (Chair and Vice-Chair) – Andrea (report **attached**)
- b) Treasurer's Report – Arlene (**attached**)
- c) Director's Reports – Nicole provided an update about the PGSS Hockey Program – see item 6 a)
- d) DPAC Bylaws Review Committee - nothing to report at this time but is on the next hit list

5) Review and Adoption of Advising School District Reports:

- a) Education Programs and Planning Committee - Sept 22 - Nicole was to attend but they had an electrical failure so is rescheduled
- b) Board Meeting - Sept 29 – Andrea - Trouble with link for board meeting. Speech in Chair Report.
- c) Education Services Committee - Oct 5 Christa (report **attached**)

Trying to get a better shared user agreement with soccer association to use building at DPSS

Shas Ti Kelly Road Secondary sign change and the demolition of old school that will take about a year

6) PAC Networking and discussion (*report on ideas or concerns that may be of interest to other PACs*)

8) Unfinished Business

- a) Hockey Program Info - Nicole met with Cindy and PGSS hockey program is open to PGSS and is a course where PGSS students are getting 1st priority, then cross-enrollment students next - need to let parents know that they can cross enroll so that parents can do that

9) New Business

- a) Online Foodsafe - <http://sd57dpac.ca/2020/05/online-foodsafe-options/>
DPAC to provide funding for online Foodsafe for PACs
Can only do it if can use gaming (\$2,900) then rest will come out of DPAC general account

MOTION: To financially support PACs of up to \$100 to get Foodsafe or recertify which will be provided upon receipt (must be an accredited course) unless a PAC needs funds up front then they need to show they're in need at a DPAC monthly meeting. *Motion:* Christa Porter *Second:* Nicole Laferriere (all in favor)

- b) DPAC Zoom Administrator - Amie: Recording meetings & the cloud (recordings can only be saved to the cloud but only Exec can access it through our profile)
Stay with 30 days saved & that's it
Rotation with booking the meetings?
Amie is new Zoom Administrator
Christa & Amie checking out availability and options

11) Upcoming Committee Meetings - organize through email

- a) Policy and Governance -Oct 6 postponed /working on rescheduling (Kim)
- b) Education Programs and Planning Committee -Oct 20 postponed (Nicole)
- c) Board Meeting -Oct 27 (Andrea)

10) Other Business

- a) PAC and Parent Engagement – PAC Info Session Resources (Christa) There is a lot of information on our website post including a 1.5 hr recording. Please review, especially the Q&A document, and share with PAC Members and Parents. Lots of work to put together but relevant information just for PACs.

12) Adjournment @ 2127 hours

Next meeting is Nov 2, 2020 at 6:30pm