



District Parent Advisory Council
No. 57 Prince George
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Minutes - DPAC General Meeting

Monday September 21, 2020 @ 6:30p.m.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 886 7059 9736 Password: 221860

Attendance:

DPAC Executive: Andrea Beckett (Chair), 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), Laura Weller (CIDES), Bonnie White (LDB), Gayle Hesse (CLA), Wendy Wedman (Pineview), Aleatha Archer (Ecole Heather Park), Erin Tulle (Ecole Heather Park), Tara Gauthier (Spruceland)

Regrets: Kim Pryschlak (Vice-Chair/Quinson)

- 1) **Call to order @ 18:37hrs** by Andrea Beckett (Chair)
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting(s)**
 - a) Adoption of the June 2020 Minutes – Defer the adoption of June minutes to October 2 *Motion:* Christa Porter *Second:* Arlene McKibbin
 - b) Motion to adopt the September 2020 Agenda *Motion:* Christa Porter *Second:* Arlene McKibbin
- 3) **Review and Adoption of Executive Reports**
 - a) Executive Board Report
Chair Report (Andrea) - many meetings in regards to concerns of restart plan and advocating for all parents' questions to be heard/answered, providing clarifications.
Vice-Chair Report (Kim) – advocacy support for CLA PAC (attached)
Arlene Makes Motion to accept Executive Reports
 - b) Treasurer's Report – June/July/Aug update and September (attached)
Christa Makes Motion to accept financials
 - c) Director's Reports
 - i. BC Ministry of Education Sept. 11 update on Protocols for School and District Administrators (Andrea) – Management of Illness and Confirmed Cases resource that the school restart plan was based off of. Encourages to pass info along to all PACs (includes definitions to help provide more clarity).
 - ii. Update on Hockey Program (Nicole)
 - d) DPAC Bylaws Review Committee - Andrea to better define DPAC Executive roles and create a much-needed Communications Director position
- 4) **Review and Adoption of Advising School District Reports**
 - a) Education Services Committee Sept 14 – Christa (attached)
 - b) Policy and Governance Committee Sept 15 – Kim (attached)
 - c) District Re-Start Plan Update Sept 16 – Nicole
 - d) Calendar Committee Sept 17 – Andrea – did not attend

Move Items 5, 6 to after Partner Groups

7) Partner Groups enter (recording 46:40 – 1:44:40 posted online)

Karen Wong (CUPE Local 3742), Parrish Child (District Principal and Vice Principals Association), Joanne Hapke (PGDTA), Cindy Heitman (District Deputy Superintendent), Anita Richardson (District Superintendent), Bob Thompson (SD57 Board Trustee)

- a) Review questions and discuss – See page 3 for list of questions
- b) Senior Administration Report
- c) School Board Trustee Report
- d) Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association Report
- e) Prince George District Teachers Association Report
- f) CUPE Report

5) New Business

- a) DPAC AGM October 5 - Nomination Process – tabled

6) Upcoming Committee Meetings

- a) Education Programs and Planning Committee - Sept 22 – Nicole
- b) Board Meeting - Sept 29 – Andrea
- c) Education Services Committee - Oct 5 – Christa
- d) Policy and Governance - Oct 6 – Kim and/or Gillian

8) Other Business

- a) PAC and Parent Engagement - PAC Info for 2020/21 School Year (Sept 30) on Zoom
 - increased need for a better online learning system
 - how is transitional learning going to keep the students supported and connected to their classes
 - BCCPAC advocated from the beginning for parents to have options with restart program, changes occurred very late in regards to schools actually restarting
 - questions about funding and districts reporting numbers on Sept. 30
- b) Phishing scam warning for PACs - referred to as a “Whaling Scam” (attached)
Locally attempted and some were victims of it. It was properly reported but PACs should be aware. The scammer sends a personalized email to PAC Members. The email is designed to look like it has been sent from a trustworthy source such as the school, chair, or other PAC members. Typically involves a fake links. The scammer’s aim is to convince you that the email requires urgent action by divulging personal financial details or by following a link to a fake website that will ask you to provide financial details or enter them when making a payment for a fake download.

9) Adjournment - Next meeting is AGM Oct 5, 2020 at 6:30pm

Partner Group Questions:

To: Anita Richardson, Cindy Heitman, Tim Bennett, Parrish Child, Karen Wong, Joanne Hapke

1. Policy and Administrative Procedures: We understand that the process is currently waiting on a review by the Lheidli T'enneh. What is the anticipated date for the Terms of Reference and Ad Hoc Committee to be finished? When it comes back from LTFN, then what? Please explain the rest of the process.
2. What are the criteria used to decide who can apply or is "invited" into the PGSS Hockey Program? Is it for players registered for hockey programs within PG, whether PGMHA or regional teams? Do PGSS students get first choice due to catchment, 2nd non catchment SD 57 students, and third non SD57 students?
3. PGDTA/CUPE: How many FT/PT positions were filled this year? Compared to last year?
4. What is being done to standardize solutions across the District? We are hearing that there is a lot of variation in how schools are doing things... Can schools communicate with parents re: where the kids will be assigned (if zones in the schoolyard, etc.) so they can dress/outfit their kids appropriately? What is the plan for the cold weather (ex. if doors are locked until a certain time, etc.)?
5. How are secondary schools with limited entrances doing crowd control to ensure physical distancing?
6. In elementary schools, it seems like the 15-minute non-recess 'break' should be considered non-instructional time because it is a 'break', but the length of the school days have been shortened by amounts equal to the length of the break. Is instructional time simply a measure of how long a teacher is with students, and not a measure of how many minutes of education our children are being given every day? If so, are our children being educated for 15 minutes less every day because of shorter days and the presence of this break?
7. What processes are being developed to ensure high school students are getting the courses they want/need? Further, is Administration aware of the problems with over-burdened Secondary school counsellors and if so, what is being done about it?
8. What is being done to ensure there is space in schools if students return as part of this transitional model as late as January 5th? If there is guaranteed funding protection from the Ministry and there is additional funding from Federal and Provincial sources, the classrooms should be maintained at least at last year's numbers in order to facilitate students returning over the course of the year. We are hearing that staff is not being re-hired, divisions are being eliminated to maximize the current number of students in classes, or staff are being let go based on numbers.
9. What is the District doing to assess and support student mental health?