



DPAC MEETING NOTES FOR JUNE 6, 2011

Attendees:

DPAC Executive: Don Sabo, Chris Finke, Gillian Burnett, Michelle Rolfes, Sarah Holland, Steve Shannon

Partner Groups: Linda Naess, Brian Pepper, Lois Boone, Anne Smith

School Reps: Buckhorn Elementary(Connie Kragt), Beverly Elementary(Colleen Smith), Ecole College Heights(Lara Beckett & Jacqueline Dockray), Hart Highlands(Kim Shannon), Quinson(Ryan Clarke), Ecole Lac des Bois(Shauna Connor), Spruceland(Dennis Fudge)

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Addition of SOFI under 7(a). Motion by College Heights; second by Pineview.
2. **Adoption of May 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Heather Park; second by Quinson.
3. **PAC Networking:**
 - Lengthy discussion about possibility of BCTF strike vote and job action.
 - College Heights raised concerns about consistency in VP position. Noted 5 VP's in 6 years.
 - Buckhorn raised concerns about consistency in Principal's position, Average change every 2 years. Suggest looking at why this occurring. Perhaps resulting from something about this position specifically (i.e. 2 school responsibility)

7:30 stakeholders invited in.

4. Reports:

- (a) DPAC Chair report – Don Sabo – see attached.
- (b) Treasurer's report – Chris Finke – see attached.
- (c) Superintendent's report – Brian Pepper – see attached.
 - Question regarding item 4(d) – not ranked in importance.
 - Question regarding item 4(b) – What are incentives? Example: teachers would consider "time" as incentive.
 - Discussion about how appointments determined.
 - Question regarding item 2. Looking for big picture ideas specifically. Looking for DPAC input in next month.
- (d) Trustee report – Lois Boone
 - Expressed appreciation for relationship with Partner Groups.
 - Highlighted items from last Board meeting – noting concern regarding the continuation of the District receiving the Declining Enrolment Grant and Funding Protection Grant.
 - Highlighted items from last EPPC meeting. Most noticeably what's happening in mathematics throughout district - Instruction 1 hour per day K-12 and Math Advancement Teachers. (Enthusiasm expressed by many members.)
 - Noted staffing for next year being worked on.
- (e) PGDTA report – Linda Naess

- Noted benefit of shared counselling services from Family of Schools
 - Over 50 retirements this year, 50+ postings
 - Bargaining big issue right now, class size and composition still main issue. Information available on BCPSEA website.
 - Linda's last meeting – extended gratitude for welcoming atmosphere and great relationship over years.
- (f) PGPVPA report – Anne Smith – nothing to report
- (g) CUPE report – not in attendance
- (h) DSAC report – not in attendance

5. Committee Reports

- (a) EPPC Committee Report – Chris Finke – unable to attend
- (b) Educational Services Committee Report – Steve Shannon – nothing to report
- (c) Policy and Governance Committee Report – Don Sabo – have not been invited to a meeting yet but anticipate invitation regarding Policy 1230 and 1231. Trustee Boone drew attention to next policy likely to be reviewed concerning Attendance.
- (d) Environment Sustainability Committee Report – Have not yet met, tasked with specific issue rather than standing committee.

6. Announcements/New Business

- (a) Appointment to Committee Reps – Discussion about internal policy. May need review.
 EdSC - Steve Shannon Alternate – Sarah Holland
 EPPC – Chris Finke Alternate – Gillian Burnett
 Policy and Governance Committee – Don Sabo Alternate – Dennis Fudge
 ESC – Don Sabo Alternate Lara Beckett
- (b) Northern Crime Prevention Symposium (Dennis) – Very educational. Link on website for presentation.
- (c) Community That Cares Initiative (Don) – Survey went out to 300 students in district. Results identified characteristics unique to Prince George. Risk factors: substance use Grade 8 – 10, family capacity, engaging in antisocial behaviour. Initiatives to address factors include Lions Club for Youth, Guiding Choices, establishing family kits and more.
- (d) Process for selecting delegates to conferences – Policy from Kamloops to be posted on website. Comments and input to be collected through summer and recommendation made in September.
- (e) Process for reviewing BCCPAC Resolutions – Information to be posted on website. Comments and input to be collected through summer and recommendations made in September.
- (f) Motion by College Heights
We provide the DPAC Executive with discretionary spending authority up to \$1000.00.
 Second by Lac des Bois. Discussion regarding wording of discretionary. CARRIED
- (g) Motion by Heather Park
To remove any previous signing authorities and establish new signing authority as Don Sabo, Chris Finke, and Michelle Rolfes.
 Second by College Heights. CARRIED
- (h) Motion by Heather Park
That we fund a communications plan and outreach to our member PACs, using a 3rd party assistant for some of the work, up to \$500.00.
 Second by College Heights CARRIED
 Motion by Heather Park

That we fund an educational workshop for our member PACs, targeted at new PAC executives, using a 3rd party assistant for some of the work, for a cost of up to \$1000.00. Tentative date –Saturday, October 8, 2011.

Second by Pineview. Discussion about topics. Suggested that PACs be able to make suggestions on website.

Sarah to add a section for this. CARRIED

Discussion about communications between member PACs and DPAC executive. Chairperson responsible for responses unless delegated to another executive member.

7. Other Business

- (a) SOFI(Statement of Financial Information) – Discussion about what this is and suggested a link be added to the DPAC website.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 by Kelly Road, second by College Heights. Next meeting to be held Monday, September 12, 2011.