



DPAC MINUTES FOR June 9, 2014

7:00 p.m. Van Bien Training and Development Centre

Attendees:

DPAC Executive: Sarah Holland (Chair), Darlene Campbell (Vice-Chair) Chris Finke (Treasurer), Dennis Fudge (District Associate)

Partner Groups: Brian Pepper, Superintendent; Betty Bekkering, School Board Trustee; Karen Wong, C.U.P.E; Tina Cousins, PGDTA

School Reps: Darlene Campbell, Nusdeh Yoh & Duchess Park; Shauna Connor, Ecole Lac des Bois; Gillian Burnett, Nukko Lake; Leanne Harasun, Spruceland Traditional; Dennis Fudge, Spruceland Traditional; Ryan Clarke, Quinson; Michelle Rolfes, PGSS; Sarah-Lynn Harding, Peden Hill Elementary; Candice Bate, Buckhorn Elementary; Chris Finke, DP Todd

1. **Call to Order** – 6 minutes late
2. **Adoption of agenda & adoption of May 5, 2014 DPAC meeting minutes** – additional items
 - Canadian Parents for French – add under 9 a) “Other Business”
 - Representative went up to Morfee Elementary in Mackenzie
 - Want to start chapter in SD 57
 - Met with Lisa Carson & Cindy Heitman at SD 57 office
 - Adoption of May 5/14 DPAC meeting minutes – adopted as presented
3. **PAC Networking**
 - Peden Hill – New Principal – Steve Fleck
 - New Vice Principal – Kelly Johansen
 - School wide trip to Ness Lake, supporting swimming lessons
 - Ecole Lac des Bois – waiting to see what happens with teachers’ strike
 - Thinks parents took over Grade 7 grad
 - Bottle drive
 - Grade 5/6 Ness Lake trip – did get some money back, but lost \$500 deposit
 - Quinson – PAC this Wednesday (June 11th)
 - Quinson “rules”
 - PGSS – Not busy with Prom & Grad
 - Wine & cheese at principal’s house.
 - Buckhorn – PAC meeting this week – nothing to report at this time
 - Lot of stuff cancelled
 - Got deposits back

- Spruceland – Everything on hold – not necessarily cancelled yet
 - Aboriginal Education Department – Melissa Hoven
 - Dennis Fudge spoke to Social Media & Internet Safety presentation that Melissa gave at DP Todd on June 4th
 - 40 people attended
 - Concern expressed about logo – is it geared toward aboriginal peoples or everyone?
 - Next year – at College Heights. Will contact Sarah Holland
 - Suggestion to give presentation at DPAC meeting next year
- Nusdeh Yoh – nothing cancelled or put on hold
 - Principals, vice-principals & CUPE staff putting on events
 - Movie night on June 28th is a go
 - Offsite if there is a strike
- Duchess Park – drowning at after grad was a very unfortunate mishap
 - Grade 8 “Flying U” trip went ahead
- Heather Park – sports day on Wednesday (June 11th) – don’t know if it is going ahead
 - No clue about Grade 7 grad
- Nukko Lake – Ness Lake trip did go ahead on May 26th
 - Had additional volunteers in place of teachers
 - Sports’ Day tentatively not a go, but could change
 - Volunteer Tea – Thursday (June 12th) if job action affects
 - Parents having to step up a bit
 - “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” at PGSS cancelled

4. Reports

(a) DSAC Report – N/A

(b) Trustee Report – (Betty Bekkering)

- In the middle of a climate of labour unrest
- Receiving emails from teachers and parents asking what side school trustees are on?
- Betty has a strong union background – 40 years
 - Executive President of CNC support staff
 - Negotiator
- Can’t take sides
 - BCPSEA – have not involved school trustees
 - Signed a Code of Ethics & took Oath of Office
 - Can’t be involved in negotiations
 - Hope is – good bargaining at the table

(c) Superintendent Report – (Brian Pepper) – complex situation

- Reports to trustees (employer) and Minister of Education (government)
 - Receive emails re: direction/guidance from government – Q & A on website – non-discussion item in terms of action
 - Instruction to my staff (principals, vice-principals, administration, etc. – “Hard on issue & soft on people”
- Question if there is a lot that can be done to calm situation?
 - People need to make decisions
- “Stick to the knitting” – “knitting” is the learning
- Respectful – need to listen to both sides
 - There are two perspectives

- You need to form your own opinions
- Proud of all staff and teachers not taking it into the classroom
 - Temperance
 - “Boiling Cauldron” – it is a volatile situation
- Dennis Fudge asked question about provincial exams
 - Education minister says exams will go ahead
 - Think exams will be changed, i.e., Social Studies 11 & English 10 with written components – will be electronic instead of written

(d) PGDTA Report – (Tina Cousins)

- Not here to refute or deny anything
- Doing everything they can
- Have good relationship in this district
- Need to focus on children and learning
- Incredibly difficult on teachers
- Tina explained details of lockout by employer – administrative in nature
 - Stage 1 – 89% strike vote in March
 - Stage 2 – rotating strikes
 - Very complex situation
 - Bigger than field trips and other things
 - Going on 12 years
 - Lockout is big divisive
 - A lot of conversations with Superintendent Pepper – maneuvering
- Want parents to keep informed
- Everyone is uneasy
- Negotiation team needs government to come to table with the necessary resources
 - 8 items have been tabled
 - Government is “entrenched” – no movement on their part
 - Strike vote is leverage at the bargaining table
 - Looking at a “showdown”
- Don’t know how report card situation will play out
- Appreciate it if talk to trustees respectfully

(e) CUPE Report – (Karen Wong)

- “Bargaining fatigue” – settled in 6 days & 5 months & 2 years
- Tentative agreement
- Biggest part – framework agreement. Is on BCSchools.Cupe.ca website
- 5.5% over 5 years
- Fully funded by government
- 1st week of July to bargain locally
 - July 2nd & 3rd – at bargaining table
 - Deadline to ratify – November 20th
- 10 out of 12 proposals recognized – 9 proposals firmed up – see BCSchools.Cupe.ca website

(f) PGPVPA Report – N/A

(g) PEA Report – N/A

5. **Elections** – a call was made for DPAC Secretary position – no interest expressed

6. **Officer and Committee Reports**

- a) Executive Board Report (Sarah Holland) – attached to agenda package
 - Sarah Holland signed SD 57 School Board letter calling on provincial government to provide adequate & sustainable funding to the school district to meet educational needs of students and the community
- b) Treasurers Report (Gillian Burnett) – balance sheet attached
 - Gillian provided DPAC society annual report form for Sarah Holland to sign
 - Motion: Gillian Burnett – to pay \$110 to each of the BCCPAC delegates for all eligible meals.
 - Darlene Campbell – seconded
 - Motion carried
- c) BCCPAC Report (Darlene Campbell)
 - Darlene will email BCCPAC report to Chris Finke
 - Darlene will provide “additional resolutions”
 - PAC/DPAC Chairs – maybe vice-chairs
 - Survey Monkey went out on job action
 - 3 questions – Darlene will send direct link to Sarah
 - Information to parents from government on website
 - Erase Bullying – how’s it working?
 - Report back to BCCPAC
 - Sarah asked BCCPAC attendees what they thought of BCCPAC Conference & AGM
 - Delegate from Spruceland – 1st time – thought it was great
 - Gillian – gave out handout

7. PAC and Parent Assistance

- a) Grants requests – No grant requests
- b) Fall Conference Report – next meeting of Conference Planning Committee scheduled

8. Advising School District

- a) Education Services Committee Report (Steve Shannon, Dennis Fudge) – N/A
- b) Education Programs and Planning Committee Report (Darlene Campbell, Chris Finke) – Darlene’s “bad”
 - District Achievement Contract – see website
- c) Policy and Governance report (Sarah Holland) – surprise review of Policy 1120 – Access to Board
 - Heard nothing on Policy 5119
- d) Ad hoc Technology Committee Report (Steve Shannon) – nothing happened
- e) Suggestions for School Board Report (Sarah Holland)

9. Other Business

- a) Gillian will stay on as banking signing authority until September – will revisit at next DPAC meeting

10. Agenda items for next meeting – N/A

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm