



DPAC MINUTES FOR January 12, 2015

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

Attendees:

DPAC Executive: Sarah Holland (Chair), Gillian Burnett (Recorder), Chris Finke, Steve Shannon, Dennis Fudgel

Partner Groups: Brian Pepper, Superintendent; Tony Cable, Trustee; Tina Cousins, PGDTA; Dan Watt, PGPVPA

School Reps: Chris Finke – DP Todd; Christine Kullmann-Taylor – Edgewood; Denise MacDonald – Giscome; Kurien Thomas – Hart Highland; Kim Shannon – Kelly Road; Shauna Connor – Lac Des Bois; Gillian Burnett – Nukko Lake; Charleen Henya – Nusdeh Yoh; Michelle Rolfes – PGSS; Ryan Clarke – Quinson; Jennifer Hicke – Southridge; Dennis Fudge – Spruceland; Kristi Wintemute – Vanway

1. Call to Order, Secretary

Call for volunteer to record the meeting and prepare minutes. Gillian Burnett from Nukko Lake volunteers.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Omit Item 5 from Agenda – Accepted as amended

3. Reports

- a) DSAC (Robin Keahey, Hayley Jakubowski) – Not in attendance
- b) CUPE (Karen Wong) – Unable to attend
- c) PGDTA (Tina Cousins) – Hoped everyone had a great Christmas Break and let us know that teachers would be knuckling down because Jan – Mar are the key learning months. Once the sun shines it is difficult to maintain kids' attention. Spoke about the Problem Solving Matrix found on the district's website and encouraged using it and ensuring that classroom teachers as the first step not missed. It is often not necessary to go beyond this step in the matrix. Mentioned the upcoming FSA testing and let members know that the BCTF has some concerns. That they are not opposed to testing but are concerned about the amount of time taken for the FSAs. Pointed out that this is a very different year with Spring Break in February due to the Canada Winter Games
- d) PGPVPA (Dan Watt) – Spoke about the Professional Development offered by PVPA and informed members that many of the District 57 Principals were quite active in this aspect of the association. Gave a presentation of YouTube clips available on Principals Connection.
- e) PEA (Nicole Harris) – Not in attendance
- f) Superintendent (Brian Pepper) – See attached report
- g) Trustee (Tony Cable) – Excited to get going on the work of the board. Informed us that there was a good mix of talents on the board. They had been working on appointments to committees, Partnership liaisons, school liaisons. The board is looking forward to the opportunity to liaise with partner groups to learn about the issues and successes of each. Trustees had been involved with orientation sessions that would prepare them for the work of a trustee. There had been lots of opportunities to participate in the politics of the trustee position with numerous letters regarding the BCTF strike, \$40 Child care Benefit for parents, damaged relationships resulting from the previously mentioned issues, etc. Trustees would

be meeting with MLAs on Friday afternoon. Also mentioned that with a new board it was a good time to look at what they do and evaluate their practices.

5. Reports from BCCPAC Conference- Omitted

6. Officer and Committee Reports

- a) Executive Board Report (Sarah Holland) – See attached
- b) Treasurer’s Report (Chris Finke) – See attached. It was noted that the phone bill is recorded both in December’s report and this one. It is just an error in the start date of this report
- c) BCCPAC Report (Darlene Campbell) – Not in attendance

7. PAC and Parent Assistance

- a) Grant requests – There have been no grant requests submitted. **ACTION** – Sarah to send out information on the grants available as a reminder to PACs. Discussed ideas for the future of the grants.
- b) PAC Café – planning – January 24th – 17 registrants plus volunteers. In order to facilitate ordering of food, if you or someone you know wants to attend please register using the links on the website ASAP.
- c) Foodsafe – 17 registrants so far. **ACTION** – Gillian to contact ABC Foodsafe and determine maximum class size for this event.

MOTION

That DPAC purchase lunch for the Foodsafe Course participants to a maximum of \$400.00.

CARRIED

ACTION – Gillian to pick up keys for Van Bien, open facility, purchase and deliver lunch and lock-up.

- d) Conference or speaker – tentative dates for conference Saturday, April 18th – There was considerable discussion about whether or not to hold a spring conference. The committee members would need additional volunteers to plan if we were to hold one. Since support not forthcoming, discussion moved to possibly bringing in a high caliber speaker. Gary Anaka would be a first choice for many. Would this have enough participation to be worthwhile? As long as marketed correctly. **ACTION** Sarah to contact Jennifer Brandle-McCall regarding marketing.

8. Advising School District

- a) Education Services Committee (Steve) – See attached report
- b) Education Programs and Planning Committee (Chris, Darlene) – No meeting since last report
- c) Policy and Governance (Sarah, Dennis) – Next meeting scheduled for next week. Committee members are Bob Harris, Tim Bennett and Tony Cable.
- d) Ad hoc Technology Committee (Steve) – Survey sent out regarding “Bring your own device”. Next meeting scheduled for March
- e) Calendar Committee (Darlene) – no report, but DPAC members have a concern over the 2 week spring break, particularly in the 2016/2017 proposed Calendar. Concern raised about our elected reps ability to attend the next meeting and there were volunteers to attend instead.
- f) Suggestions for School Board Report – Transparency, Rural Connectivity and Parents/PACs trustee liaison relationship.
- g) Revision to policy on Respectful Workplaces & Harassment – There has been some language regarding parents added to this policy.

9. Other Business

- a) Planning for prospective meeting with new school board – Executive has discussed, but at this point we are waiting for an invitation
- b) Resolutions for upcoming BCCPAC AGM, May 1 to 3, 2015 – There have been discussion about sending in a resolution this year. Anyone interested in working on this should let an executive member know. (It can be quite interesting work)
- c) Change date DPAC in March from March 2nd to March 9th – By general agreement the March meeting will be held on March 9th rather than the Monday following Spring Break.

10. Adjournment - Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2nd, at 7:00 pm Van Bien Training and Development Centre.