

DPAC – Trustee Report  
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Thank you for the opportunity to present a written report.

Since I was last able to join a meeting, Trustees (like all other partner groups) have been very busy. Committee meetings have started back up after the winter break and Jan activities were reported out at the public board meeting on January 26th.

**Of Note:**

The Board was devastated to hear of the passing of Matt Pearce. I worked closely with Matt when I was a newly elected Trustee. He was a tireless advocate both for public education and his fellow DTA members. I had great respect for Matt and like anyone who knew him, am in disbelief that he is gone. However, we push on and do the best we can for the groups we each represent.

At the January Board meeting, we reviewed and accepted our amended annual budget

The liaison appointments were publically released and I will be your representative for another year.

The elected positions on our Board did not change in the December elections.

The Board has hired a consultation company to oversee the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent hiring processes. Work has started and partner and stakeholder groups will be consulted. The timeline hopes to have both positions filled by May 2016. Debate was extensive as to how to proceed with filling the vacant positions but ultimately we hired the company to ensure all candidates both internal and external are treated fairly and without the perception of bias. This is vitally important to the Board for moving the District forward.

In the meantime, John McLay has returned to fill in as Assistant Superintendent until we can fully staff.

The resignation of the Superintendent and other staff changes at the District office delayed some of the important work that was ongoing. The Board will review again the draft strategic plan and determine how to proceed with it on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. The long range facility plan has still not been fully discussed and likely won't be in the short term. The rural committee report has been received and recommendations were referred to various committees and staff for further analysis and reporting back to the Board on Apr 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration caps were put in at a number of schools and programs.

We are excited to have a Dual credit agreement with CNC. This is great for students and hopefully lots take advantage of the opportunity.

The Board supported the PGMES for a grant for daycare spaces at Polaris Montessori.

The Northern Interior Branch meetings of Trustees occurred on Jan 22 & 23. Unfortunately no MLA's were able to join us but several motions were developed for referral to the BCSTA AGM.

The Provincial Council of our BC Trustee Association will be held on Feb 19 & 20. Given the changes in my employment, I resigned as the NIB representative on the Trustee education committee so I won't be attending.

The Expanded Committee of the Whole budget consultation process will start in March. Referred to the committee is the unpopular topic of Transportation fees. There was significant interest in the media regarding the consideration of the fees. As always, the Board will be interested in any suggestions to increase revenue and reduce expenses from the stakeholders that attend. District 57 is still facing a structural deficit that we can no longer continue to ignore.

As always we appreciate the active involvement of our parents and hope that we can arrange a meeting with your executive soon however the vacant staff positions have added a significant amount to trustee workload as we move through the process of attracting the best staff possible to the positions. I am uncertain if we could schedule in a meeting prior to April.

Sincerely, Brenda Hooker – Trustee Liaison