



District Parent Advisory Council

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DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, April 30, 2014 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Craig Woods called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
20 schools represented – quorum met.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Craig Woods – Interim President, Heidi Gable – Past President, Chuck Denison – Co-Vice, Teri Towner – PAC Communications, Irene Harrison – Parent Ed. Paula Fowler Treasurer, Misty Troisi-Secretary

Regrets: Nancy Graham, Lance Gueck, Marie McCabe

Special Guests: Trustees - Gerri Wallis, Gail Alty

Minutes taken by: Misty Troisi – Secretary

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Nipa Bhalla (Kilmer), seconded by Jill Rafferty (Eagle Ridge) to revise the agenda to add a round table discussion on how to support PAC's

CARRIED

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Irene Harrison (Pitt River middle), seconded by Alison Habetler (Birchland), to accept the Minutes of the April 2, 2014 General Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. Superintendent's Report

- Tom Grant

- Ministry of Education announced 10 year plan to ease transition from school to work.
- Focus on trades and hands on as opposed to mind on
- Focus on how to obtain jobs
- Similar to vocational training of Tom's school experience.
- Discussion of how District developed a simple clear strategic direction as opposed to a strategic plan that is not referred to.
- Jon Talbot was brought in as a facilitator to help build the strategic direction
- Strategic direction based on the best possible learning experience.
- Concept of Learning without Boundaries
- Programs developed with Learning without Boundaries in mind example Reggio program
- Guiding Principles:
 - Culture of care and shared respect where every learner matters
 - Engage and empower learner
 - Create a diverse and active environment
 - Shared leadership
 - Need parent involvement-missing link

- Board of trustees approved 2014/2015 budget- difficult budget to approve; costs up and revenue down
- 90% of districts budget staffing
- 2014/2015 budget resulted in a reduction in staffing by 10,000,000
- Reduced staffing in areas of youth workers, TA's, secretaries, support staff and less teachers
- Elementary Schools to lose vice principals, less administration time for middle school teachers, no free standing librarians
- Bussing and cafeteria service will be affected
- Further cuts expected next year
- Class composition and class size mandates affect where cuts can take place thus less than 6% of teaching staff will be affected; support areas most affected.

4. DPAC 2014/2015 Executive Candidate Introductions

- Opportunity for potential candidates for next year's executive introduce themselves
 1. Chuck Dennison- running for President
 2. Tony Jan- running for Health and Safety
 3. Irene Harrison- running for Parent Ed rep
 4. Teri Towner- interested in executive position
 5. Craig Woods- running for President
 6. Misty Troisi- running for secretary
- Positions available- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications, Health and Safety and Members at Large
- Nomination packages emailed out by Sandy- nominees need to be endorsed by their PAC

5. President's Report

Craig Woods/Chuck Dennison/Heidi Gable

Chuck Dennison- Attended budget meetings and noticed a proactive and different approach; contingency fund reduced to 500,000 from 900,000. (Able to save 5.5 speech and language pathologists). Some trustees wanted to get rid of contingency.

Heidi Gable- Difficult budget cuts for 2014/2015. Need advocacy for provincial funding. Parent for BC (Lisa Cable) advocate for Parents 4 BC (Stop downloading costs, working with district, work together not against) will be holding rally May 2, 2014

Craig Woods-Coles notes version of Stephen Whiffen's presentation to be distributed to PACS. Looking at next year's DPAC budget and the formula for funding.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Paula Fowler

- Financial Report to 30Mar2014
- Tabled until next meeting

7. DPAC Networking

- **DPAC's** first fundraiser- Pub Night Thursday May 22 6pm-9pm Posters to be emailed out.
- Networking opportunity
- Contact Teri for tickets

8. BCCPAC Conference and AGM

- **35 schools eligible to vote**
- **Teri Towner will carry proxies**

- **20 resolutions to vote on**
- **Email Sandy for more info.**

9. Youth Leadership Program

Chuck Dennison

- 4 schools in different stages of offering program
- Toastmasters program must be free; free programs do not work
- Chuck to write and sell manual for fundraiser
- Postpone for September due to job action

Adjournment

MOTION made by Tony Jan, seconded by Jill Raftery to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED