



District Parent Advisory Council

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DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, October 29, 2014 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Craig Woods called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
32 schools represented – quorum met.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Craig Woods – Vice President, Tony Jan – Newsletter,
Corrie Noble – Co-Health & Safety, Anna Teglassi – Member at Large

Regrets: Paula Fowler, Misty Troisi, Teri Towner, Heidi Gable, Lance Gueck, Irene Harrison

On leave: Chuck Denison, Michael Thomas

Special Guests: Superintendent – Tom Grant; Trustees - Gerri Wallis, Gail Alty, Diane Sowden;
Patricia Gartland – New Superintendent as of Jan. 1/15

Minutes taken by: Sandy Maloney

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Birchland Elementary, seconded by Walton Elementary to accept the
Agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Eagle Ridge Elementary, seconded by Mary Hill Elementary, to accept
the Minutes of the May 28, 2014 Annual General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

3. Superintendent's Report

- Tom Grant

- Hoping government will fund/cover everything in the collective agreement that they signed
- Board will be watching everything coming from the ministry
- District is holding its own as far as enrolment numbers, and is growing – not shrinking
- Tom recommended that if parents get a chance to attend events/concerts/etc. at their children's schools they take advantage of it
- Budget is derived from enrolment numbers, if the government provides the money to cover the collective agreement we are back on track
- Number of international students is up from what was projected
- Opened new schools: all green – meet standards for gold standard school
 - Pitt River Middle – seismic replacement
 - Eagle Mountain Middle – new
- Schools on the list for seismic replacement:
 - Banting Middle > will be starting planning phase
 - Montgomery Middle
 - Minnekhada Middle
 - Irvine Elementary
- New software system for managing student records
 - Staff / Principals will need to learn the new software

- Elementary schools will convert in January
- Middle schools > will be trained over Apr/May/June
- Secondary schools will build timetables for 2015-2016 under new system, convert to using new system in September 2015
- When convert to new system parents will be asked to verify/update their families personal information
- In process of hiring new Vice Principals
- Steps to resolve concerns/conflicts:
 - Classroom teacher
 - School Principal
 - Assistant Superintendent
- District Leadership Team met with all community Municipal partners to see how we can all work together – this will be done once a year
- Superintendent search:
 - Board has gone through search process for a new Superintendent
 - Decided to stay in house
 - Offered position to Patricia Gartland (Assistant Superintendent – Int’l Ed. /Cont. Ed.) > she accepted & will take over Jan. 2015
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4. HASTe BC

- Mike Smith

- HUB for Active School Travel – www.hastebc.org - mike@hastebc.org
- Currently working with:
 - 4 elementary schools (Eagle Ridge/Harbour View/Mountain View/Nestor)
 - 4 middle schools (Hillcrest/Summit/Banting/Como Lake)
 - 4 middle schools next year (Scott Creek/Maillard/Montgomery/Maple Creek)
- STP (school travel planning)
 - Comprehensive travel model
 - Originally in UK, then started in Canada in Ontario, now in all provinces & territories
 - Works because it is:
 - Collaborative
 - Comprehensive
 - Holistic
 - Community based
 - Up to a 2 year process
 - Set-up
 - Data collection (teachers asking students how they got to school for 1 week / family surveys)
 - Action planning
 - Implementation
 - Benefits of STP:
 - Health & well-being / safety / infrastructure / happiness
- Municipal STP Steering Committee – currently only Coquitlam as funding came from Coquitlam, presentation to Port Moody next week, will also be talking to Port Coquitlam
- HASTe BC has a partnership with Translink & Travel Smart – student engagement
 - This is a big component
 - Translink rep educates the students
- Just finishing up with Nestor, snapshot a beginning compared to snapshot taken 1 ½ - 2 years from the start
- HASTeBC partnered with HUB (used to be Vancouver area cycling coalition)
 - Do in-class sessions and on the road training
 - Have funding in place to do the 8 middle schools listed above

5. President’s Report

- Craig Woods (DPAC VP)

- Nov. 26 DPAC General Meeting > “Traffic Safety Toolkit” presentation
- Safe Schools Steering Committee:

- Developing "Protective Factors" for parents to use at home
- Julie Pearce will be presenting an update at one of our upcoming DPAC General Meetings
- Will be an event with Jessie Miller (Internet Safety Guru) speaking – DPAC will send out the information once it's available
- "I See, I Learn" Program:
 - Free eye exams, free glasses
 - Fully sponsored program > this is for 5 year olds
 - So far have done 218 exams, provided 44 glasses
 - Information at each elementary school – take home notices provided to each elementary school have all the information parents need
- Burke Mountain new school:
 - Property in the Smiling Creek area has been secured
 - Now need to convince the ministry that there are enough students to warrant a new school
- Elections Nov. 15:
 - Encouraging everyone to get informed & then get out and vote
 - Various all candidate meetings throughout the Tri-Cities
- BCCPAC Fall Leadership Conference – Nov. 21-23:
 - Sunday, Nov. 23 there is a free workshop – registration is required
 - See the BCCPAC website (www.bccpac.bc.ca) for more information
- "At our school..." segment at our DPAC General Meetings:
 - Looking for PACs to volunteer to share some of the highlights of happenings at their school
 - Can be the DPAC Rep, PAC Chair, or another designated parent
 - 5-10 minutes allocated at the following meetings:
 - Nov. 26 / Jan. 28 / Feb. 25 / Mar. 25 / Apr. 29 / May 27
 - If your school is wanting to volunteer, please send an email to us (office@dpac43.org) providing the following: school name / name-phone #-email of contact person / preference to which meeting(s)

6. Treasurer's Report

- Craig Woods (for Paula Fowler)

- 2013-2014 Year End financial statement
- Income Statement 01Jul2014 – 30Sept14
- Proposed 2014-2015 Budget

MOTION made by Riverside Secondary, seconded by James Park Elementary to approve the budget as presented. **CARRIED**

7. Any questions?

- Check out Travelsmart (www.travelsmart.ca) on the Translink website

8. Adjournment

MOTION made by Eagle Ridge Elementary, seconded by Birchland Elementary to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. **CARRIED**