

DPAC Minutes Oct 26, 2015

Attendance: Cyndi Polovina (Co-Chair DPAC, HTA, Windebank), Nikki Hawes (Co-Chair DPAC, HTA, MSS), Raymond Kwong (Vice Chair DPAC, ESR), Jennifer Cherry (C.H), Leah Woofenden (Hatzic Elem), Destiny Cunningham (Dewdney), Sheneal Anthony (ESR), Dionne Hairsine (Hatzic Middle), Jessica Weismiller (Treasurer DPAC, HTA), Laura Wilson (Communications DPAC, MSS), Trish Whorwood (West Heights), Patty Ernest (West Heights), Emma Johnston (HPMS, MSS), Lori McComish (ESR, MSS), Tanya Konings (ECM), Karen Marshall (Heritage), Crystal McCallum (Deroche), Cyndie Anderson (Deroche Principal), Randy Huth (Assistant Superintendent), Scott Susin (MTU), Marisa Kerr (Secretary DPAC, HTA)

Meeting commenced at 7:05pm

Welcome and Introductions – Nikki welcomes members and explains the DPAC goals of being inclusive, collaborative, and a safe space to share information and questions. A round table introduction then proceeded.

Adoption of Agenda – Lori motioned and Crystal seconded

Adoption of Previous Minutes – Jenn motioned and Dionne seconded

Visiting Presentation: Randy Huth discusses Student Services & Support Programs

Handouts were given along with detailed information about the following:

- School Based Teams
- Learning Support Teacher “LST” (Elementary)
- Inclusive Support Program “ISP” (Elementary)
- School Resource Centre Teams “SRT” (Middle and High School) along with brochures explaining the programs and people to contact at Heritage Middle, Hatzic Middle, & Mission Secondary
- Special Education Categories explaining Ministry categories and funding

Randy answered parents’ questions about how to get assessments, designations, and staffing levels

Randy explained the Dogwood Certificate of graduation (80 credits grades 10-12) and the Evergreen Diploma (geared towards students grades 10-12 who don’t have the cognitive abilities to achieve all the credit requirements for the Dogwood Certificate and who therefore have a modified education program to help them successfully complete graduation).

The Provincial policy on inclusion was emphasized.

Reports:

1. Superintendent’s Report

In Bill Fletcher’s absence Randy Huth provided tonight’s information:

- The next School Board Meeting on Nov 17th will include the decision about possible French Immersion reconfiguration.
- District school enrollment is up a total of 139 students which is great news because Provincial funding will now be increased.

- Mission Secondary renovations will hopefully be done by December. The cafeteria and café are now operational.
- The Pulling Together Workshop was informative and well attended.

2. Chair's Report

The DPAC Executive met on Oct 23rd to discuss goals, budget, and other operational issues. The 3 goals for 2015-2016 school year will be to: continue to build and enhance the structure and flow of DPAC meetings; incorporate learning presentations into DPAC meetings; empower parents with information and skills to know how to advocate for their school aged children.

The DPAC Budget for 2015-2016 as approved by the Executive will be: \$200 snacks, rizes & refreshments, \$2000 parent education, \$75 BCCPAC fee, \$225 miscellaneous

3. Secretary's Report – no updates

4. Treasurer's Report

Jessica Weismiller introduced herself as the new treasurer for this term. She will be meeting with the outgoing treasurer to get a complete handover of information and documents. Gaming grant for this year has been received. Last available bank statement shows \$2643.20 in the chequing account and \$2237.89 in gaming account

5. Communications Report

Laura Wilson addressed this in the Ongoing Business section of these Minutes

6. Education Committee Report

MSS field trip to New York in planning stages; camp programs were reviewed; K-9 curriculum & assessment updates discussed; information about service dogs; updates about Aboriginal learning department

Ongoing Business:

1. Middle/Secondary Reconfiguration

All going smoothly

2. Movie Licenses

Raymond explained as carry over from last meeting the two movie license companies and the reasons licenses are necessary. Preference will be given to one particular company that shows Disney movies as requested by PAC parents. He has canvassed various PAC's and received replies from several schools indicating they have the funds available and will join in purchasing the license as a group to get discounted fees for their schools.

Motion brought forward by Lori to have DPAC provide the movie license company with a cheque to purchase the license on behalf of participating PACS who have paid their fees directly to DPAC for this purpose. Motion seconded by Dionne. Floor opened for discussion. Vote taken and all participants in favour. Motion therefore passed.

3. Communications

Laura requests attendees to provide email addresses and explains people can ask to be removed from distribution list at any time by contacting her, or DPAC

4. Bylaw Enforcement

Dogs on school grounds: Randy Huth explained the processes the school principals have to address infractions, including one of the last resorts which is to issue a section 177 letter

Late Business:

Parent asked a question about whom to contact at School Board about bus issues: answer Jody Marshall - phone number of Board office provided

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm

Upcoming Events:

School Board Meeting Nov 17th, 6:30pm @ Fraserview Centre (library)
DPAC Nov 23rd, 7:00pm @ Riverside College