

DPAC Minutes (AGM)

May 16, 2016

Held at School Board Office

Attendance: Jessica Weismiller (Treasurer DPAC, HTA), Marisa Kerr (Secretary DPAC, HTA), Cyndi Polovina (Co-Chair DPAC, HTA), Raymond Kwong (DPAC Vice Chair, Hillside) Trisha Hansen-Bell (Ecole Mission Central), Emma Johnston (HPMS, MSS), Lori McComish (ESR, MSS), Destiny Cunningham (Dewdney), Larry Jepsen (Director of Instruction MPS), Clare Seeley (MSS, ESR), Kristine Matthysen (McMahon), Ann Titford (MTU), **Regrets:** Nikki Hawes (Co-Chair DPAC), Laura Wilson (Communications DPAC, MSS)

Meeting commenced at 7:05pm

Welcome: Cyndi welcomed everyone to the AGM

Adoption of Agenda: Lori motioned and Emma seconded

Adoption of previous minutes: Emma motioned and Jessica seconded

Annual General Election:

A quorum was present therefore elections were held. Cyndi called for expression of interest for positions and then asked for any nominations. By acclamation the following positions were filled:

CHAIR: Cyndi Polovina (HTA)

VICE CHAIR: Trisha Hansen Bell (Ecole Mission Central)

SECRETARY: VACANT

TREASURER: Jessica Weismiller (HTA)

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER: Claire Seeley (MSS, ESR)

MEMBERS AT LARGE (3 spots): Sheneal Anthony (ESR), Destiny Cunningham (Dewdney)

3rd position remains VACANT

In September 2016 Cyndi will make a call for nominations for the positions of Secretary and 1 Member at Large so the DPAC executive can be complete.

Reports:

School District Report:

Larry Jepsen (Director of Instruction) provided an update on behalf of the Superintendent. Budget meetings are being held and there are plans to provide enhanced support for technology to enhance student learning. A proposal has been made to hire 1 more elementary school counsellor bringing the total to 2 positions. Budget will receive approval in June 2016. Larry shared positive feedback from parents, students, and teachers about the recent grade 12 grad.

Chair's Report: Cyndi thanked everyone for their time volunteering for DPAC and attending meetings for the past school year. She reviewed the 3 goals that DPAC executive set for the year and reflected on how these had been met. Members have all enjoyed travelling to different schools to learn about their programs.

Treasurer's Report:

Communications Report: Please ensure that DPAC has the most current contact information for you or your PAC, and please remember this after elections.

Education Committee Report: School growth plans will be posted online. There are ongoing discussions about implementing Ministry mandated curriculum

changes.

Ongoing Business:

Movie License: The current license is good until Nov 2016. Raymond will mentor the next DPAC group or Ad Hoc committee who is involved with movie licenses next school year. There has been interest expressed by Club Kids program to join in the license so they can show DVDs .

New Business:

DPAC Parent Education Night: The presentation was informative and well received by the rather small crowd who showed up. Discussion ensued about cost of putting on such an event when attendance is poor. Suggestion was made to start planning earlier in the school year and perhaps hold the event before January as parent engagement tends to wane in Spring as other sports commitments begin.

Long Service Awards: A request came from the School Board to get DPAC feedback about Long Service Awards for school employees. DPAC supports the idea of such awards, but have questions such as: how many people are expected to get awards yearly, what is the anticipated budget, and what information is the School Board seeking from DPAC specifically regarding this matter.

Education Committee: Cyndi asked if any DPAC members would be able to attend Education Committee meetings next school year (once a month on a Tuesday at 3:30pm) so she would have an alternate rep in case she cannot be present. Unfortunately, members in attendance tonight were not able to offer any help as many work at this time, or are unable to attend for other reasons (eg. childcare).

DPAC Meeting Times: Cyndi asked the group if 7pm start times were still alright with DPAC members. Group discussed and determined to maintain 7pm start time as it seems to work well for those who currently attend.

Draw winner: No draw was held

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Upcoming Events:

* DPAC end of the year social June 17 at 5:30, Brown's Social House

* Next DPAC meeting will be September 19, 2016 at 7 pm at the School Board Office (rear entrance)