

## DPAC Meeting, September 19, 2016

Location: School Board Office

**Meeting commenced** at 7:05 PM

**Meeting facilitator:** Cyndi Polovina; welcomed everyone to first DPAC Meeting.

**Attendees Present:** (see far bottom)

### Regrets:

Nikki Hawes, Past Chair

Shelley Carter, Trustee

Tracy Loffler, Trustee

Trisha Hansen-Bell, Vice-Chair

Emma Johnston

**Correspondence:** BC Teacher Magazine, Bank statements, Meeting agendas

**Adoption of Minutes:** Clare motioned; Dionne seconded; Vote: Unanimous approval.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Lori motioned; Clare seconded; Vote: Unanimous Approval

**Superintendent's Report:** Angus Wilson thanked everyone for a welcoming transition. Does not foresee any massive changes in the future, but is working through current issues. Discussed Board Strategic planning for transparency. Enrolment is up for the year, and so are bus riders due to the fees being dropped. Concern for Road Safety was reported, mentioned to keep an eye out. Upcoming Orange Shirt day remembrance event in Heritage Park will be held at 12:30pm on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

△ Questions:

△ "Will refunds be given to the parents that paid for busing?"

△ Yes

△ Discussion about increased attendance from Aboriginal students in the district – are these rumours true?

△ Super Wilson will check and follow up.

△ Distribution of students for the Orange Shirt remembrance at Heritage Park will be from selected classes of multiple schools. The most students present will be from Mission Secondary.

### Chair's Report:

△ Executive meeting on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the year

△ Preliminary budget drafted; to be Approved this meeting

△ Parent Education Event venue was decided & speaker/child care arrangements.

△ Discussed goals for the 2016-2017 year.

△ "Housekeeping" amendments to constitution in Octobers Meeting.

△ To have at least 2 education events this year

△ To spend accumulated grant money

△ Rotating meetings throughout schools

△ Super Wilson set schedule, available online on the dpac.mpsd.ca website.

### Treasurers Report:

△ Applying for \$2500 grant (Possibility of being denied due to the amount in the gaming account.) Sept. 30 is the last day for deposits, Jessica will begin contacting grant facility to request money for district if they do not deposit at that time.

△ Currently \$3600 is on the gaming account; Regular checking has \$2648.00

△ Gaming account needs to be SPENT

△ Regular checking account is from donations to DPAC and not used very often.

△ Last years 'Good Dinosaur' movie rental could have gone better

- ⤴ Cheques were misplaced by a member of DPAC and have now expired. Requested that schools who have had their cheques returned to them please re-issue them and submit to DPAC.

### **Communications Report:**

- ⤴ Clare Seeley taking over for Laura Wilson

### **Education Committee Report:**

- ⤴ Cyndi Polovina is the Rep. (Trisha Hansen-Bell, Jessica Weismiller as backups. Clare Seeley as a fourth)
- ⤴ New resource "Curriculum connections" is accessible via a link on mpsd.ca website. It shows courses on Pro-D days & info on curriculum.
- ⤴ New Secretary Treasurer, Corien Becker presented the Budget Time lines & the 5 year Capital plan submitted to the Ministry Of Education.
- ⤴ New transportation fund was discussed; It is expected that the District will accept the funding & eliminate busing fees for eligible riders.
- ⤴ It was noted that busing costs are far more than the amount coming in this fund, & far more than was ever collected by fees from students.
- ⤴ Increased Transparency from Mission School Board is expected as a result of an upcoming policy change which will increase transparency of information and introduce a committee of the whole structure which will increase collaboration and reporting out (minutes).
- ⤴ The BC School Trustees Association is interested in making sure that education is a topic of interest during the upcoming provincial elections.
- ⤴ Any decision regarding sale of properties had been deferred to allow our new Secretary Treasurer to look at the information, should be coming down the pipes.
- ⤴ A 1-year position "Innovation and Technology District Principal" has been created to help review the District's needs in terms of technology and the new curriculum.

### **Ongoing Items**

- ⤴ Parent Education: We are all set for November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Clarke Theatre at 7 pm for the Parent Education Event featuring Dr. Charles Ungerleider. If interested in helping with the next speaker event talk to Sheneal Anthony.
- ⤴ Long Service Award Update: Do we want the District to change the token of thanks to long time staff from a pin to something else? The approximate cost in the past for pins was about \$4000 per year. There are different possibilities for thanking staff:
  - ⤴ Making a choice out of a catalogue of similarly priced items?
  - ⤴ Donating money back to school?
  - ⤴ Donating money back to charity?
  - ⤴ Ask trades students to make something for staff?
  - ⤴ General consensus is that staff appreciate *choice* and costs need to be kept low
- ⤴ Movie Ad Hoc Committee:
  - ⤴ Raymond Kwong is willing to train to know ins & outs. See Raymond to join.
  - ⤴ We need to figure out the fees for the schools this year
  - ⤴ Usually the total amount is divide throughout the schools per capita. Larger schools pay more, smaller schools less – etc.
  - ⤴ Some schools are interested to OPT back into the Movie Licence. In order to do this, there will be a charge for each student + GST.

### **New Business:**

#### **Nominations and Elections**

- ⤴ Secretary: Cyndi nominates Karah McLean; Karah accepts nomination.

- ⤴ Vote: Unanimous approval (Motion passed)
- ⤴ Member at Large
  - ⤴ Dionne nominates Raymond Kwong; Raymond accepts nomination.
  - ⤴ Vote: Unanimous approval (Motion passed)

**Budget Approval**

- ⤴ Lori motioned; Chrystal seconded
- ⤴ Vote: Unanimous approval; Motion passed

**Notice of intention to amend constitution and Bylaws**

- ⤴ Voting will occur at Oct 24<sup>th</sup> DPAC meeting
- ⤴ Raymond motions to change the Secretary Position and change duties to correspondence officer to reflect how we currently divide roles.
- ⤴ To be discussed and voted on October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Draw winner:** Cyndi

**Meeting adjournment:** 8:18 pm

**Upcoming events:**

School Board Meeting: October 18, 2016 at 6:30 at Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary  
 Next DPAC meeting: October 24, 2016 at 7:00pm at Heritage Park Middle School Staff Lunch Room (next to the Cafeteria)

**Executive :**

Past President:	Nikki Hawes	Chair:	Cyndi Polovina	Vice Chair:	Trisha Hansen-Bell
Treasurer:	Jessica Weismiller	Secretary:	Karah McLean	Treasurer:	Jessica Weismiller
Member at Large:	Sheneal Anthony	Member at Large:	Raymond Kwong	Member at Large:	Destiny Cunningham

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**Attendance:**

Albert McMahon: Kristine Mattysen, Cherry Hill: David Mathiesen, Tracy Maddison, École Christine Morrison: Karen Thompson, Edwin S. Richards: Sheneal Anthony (DPAC Member at Large) and Laurena Gagno, Deroche Chrystal McCallum, Dewdney: Destiny Cunningham (DPAC Member at Large), Hatzic Elementary Heather Burke, Hillside Traditional Academy: Cyndi Polovina (DPAC Chair), Silverdale: Deanna Zgrablic, West Heights Community: Ilona Schmidt, Heritage Park Middle School: Karah McLean (DPAC Secretary), Hatzic Middle School: Dionne Hairsine & Lori McComish, École Mission Secondary: Clare Seeley (DPAC Communications Coordinator), Superintendent of Schools Angus Wilson, MTU representative Ann Titford, HTA parent Jessica Weismiller (DPAC Treasurer), ESR parent Raymond Kwong (DPAC Member at Large), Windebank parent Dan Masse, Windebank parent Michelle Masse, Early Childhood Committee/ Riverside parent: Laura Wilson, HPMS parent Tanya Konings