

DPAC Meeting, October 24th 2016
Location: Heritage Park Middle School

Meeting Commenced at 7:00 PM

Meeting Facilitator: Nikki Hawes (Past President)

Attendees Present: (See far bottom)

Regrets: Cyndi Polovina, President

Correspondence: BC Teacher Magazine, Enrolment numbers, meeting agendas

Adoption of Minutes: Clare motioned, Sheneal seconded; Vote: Unanimous Approval

Adoption of Agenda: Clare motioned, Destiny seconded; Vote: Unanimous Approval

Superintendent's Report: See attached

Chair's Report:

- ⤴ Cyndi attended the policy review meeting, Tuesday Sept 27th at 3:30 at the school board office.
- ⤴ The Board is looking at creating a committee of the whole which would replace a few committees that currently function and would increase reporting and stakeholder involvement.
- ⤴ From the last school Board meeting: Parents should note that the busing being provided at no charge may be a one year deal. There is no discussion or promised monies from the provincial gov't to continue with the funding next year. Children attending schools other than their catchment, (cross boundary) are also riding the bus for free, and the buses are full. The District may need to add one more bus, which we have, but it will cost more than the funding we receive to provide that extra bus.

Treasurer's Report:

- ⤴ Receiving checks for last year's good dinosaur movie and for this year: for movie licenses
- ⤴ Checking account balance is \$2264.23; Gaming \$3064.08
- ⤴ Have not received this year's gaming grant but we are moving forward with the contacts to find out when we are getting it
- ⤴ Just because we did not spend all the money last year does not mean we will not get it this year
- ⤴

Communications Report:

- ⤴ Emails can be stopped at any time, simply request removal by emailing Clare
- ⤴ Clown issue, an announcement was placed online regarding this recent issue
- ⤴ Is working to establish a Facebook group for DPAC so parents can PM the members directly on Facebook for questions or find out when the meetings are. This is in the baby steps stage and there will be more information available by the next meeting.

Education committee Report:

- ⤴ Donna Archibald gave a presentation
- ⤴ Jim Pearson gave an application for students to Fiji, fund-raising will be happening. Government and policy position meeting, this will go to feedback, board meetings to be passed.
- ⤴ Solar energy in some of our schools /
- ⤴ International 158 students, 15 more than last year. Curriculum updated for grades 10-12 and how they can attack the day.

- ⤴ Parent input for students reports card.
- ⤴ Long service employee recognition is being discussed but nothing new at this time

Ongoing Items:

- ⤴ Parent education night November 28th at the Clarke Theatre at 7 pm
 - ⤴ Posters are ready for distribution for the event and have been handed out
- ⤴ Movie Ad HOC Committee: See attached, Raymond has outlined in greater detail the procedures involved.
 - ⤴ Reminder that schools looking to get back into the Movie License must contact him.
 - ⤴ With an updated enrolment list from Angus Wilson, total amount due for each school will be more accurate.

New Items:

- ⤴ Motion to amend the constitutions: Clare motions; Sheneal seconds the motion
 - ⤴ Vote: 16 members vote for amendment; **Motion Passed**
- ⤴ These changes will be available online
- ⤴ All PAC Constitutions will be online as well, please inform your member of DPAC with the changes to it can be updated
- ⤴ 2nd item: Student Safety
 - ⤴ Issue arose last Monday MSS: Student threatened another with a weapon
 - ⤴ Details on the student: Mentally unstable, involved with the school board and police at this time and has been charged. 'Hit-List' rumours are unconfirmed and no list has been found at this time.
 - ⤴ Concerns from DPAC Parent about a possibly 'revolving door' issue, while Principals and counsellors are actively protecting the remaining students there are still dismissive feelings and would like to be more in the 'know'.
 - ⤴ Hoping there would be policies in place for a crisis situation should it happen in the school so victim students do not feel like their feelings are unjustified and to be more prepared if there is a 'next time'.
 - ⤴ **Angus:** Specific concerns → specific areas go to him and meet him at his office to discuss the situation in greater detail and support. We want students to report any incident and hope that they do not feel ignored
 - ⤴ Process with discipline. When a student is suspended:
 1. Repeated issues that progress where the school has tried all of their resources before meeting with the Board
 2. Quite significant with an incident (safety issue, potential harm to others)
 3. Possibility of not returning to the school because they can put another student at risk
 Committee will balance the needs of the single student with the needs of the other students. Again, we work publicly to make the schools very safe, but if you are not happy with a level of service we will do our best to meet with the parents

Questions:

Q: Who does the responsibility fall to if it is felt Police involvement is necessary - does the school do this or does it fall to the parents?

A: *School will make the call because there has been a threat on the site of the school.*

There are times where things happen at home (online bullying) → this would be something we would work with the parents on since this is happening outside.

Q: What is the position regarding communication to parents after an incident? Parents and children will talk and these pieces can often escalate and run out of control if the communication is not coming from the District. As a parent I want to feel confident that my child is safe and that I am being informed with correct information not rumours.

A: This would vary depending on the incident or situation, but it is agreed that the District has often overlooked the communication aspect when managing these situations.

Q: There are no zero tolerance rules in the school district? Once a student is suspended, what alternatives do they have?

A: Zero Tolerance policy doesn't give the student an option to question being assigned other schooling options. Rather than zero tolerance, each situation is assessed on its own merits. If a child is expelled, while there is only one High School there are alternate methods of continuing education through Riverside College, Summit, Fraser View; albeit there are limited options in Mission.

Questions:

⤴ **Bus reimbursement → Have they gone out?**

- ⤴ They are coming, "checks are in the mail". Government has not sent out the funding to the district so that it can be given back to parents.
- ⤴ This may be a '1-year' deal.

Draw winner: Frank

Meeting adjournment: 8:18 pm

Upcoming events:

School Board Meeting: November 15, 2016 at 6:30 at Riverside College

Next DPAC meeting: November 21, 2016 at 7 pm at E.S. Richards Elementary

Executive:

Past President: Nikki Hawes

Vice Chair: Trisha Hansen-Bell

Treasurer: Jessica Weismiller

Members at Large: Sheneal Anthony, Destiny Cunningham, Raymond Kwong

Chair: Cyndi Polovina DPAC@mpsd.ca

Secretary: Karah McLean

Communications: Clare Seeley

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Attendance: Edwin S. Richards: Sheneal Anthony (DPAC Member at Large), Laurena Gagno, ESR parent Raymond Kwong (DPAC Member at Large); Dewdney: Destiny Cunningham (DPAC Member At Large), Raven Arcand; Albert McMahan: Niki Rosde, Kristine Matthysen; Heritage Park Middle School: Linda Ziefflie (Principal), Tanya Konings, Karah McLean (DPAC Secretary); École Christine Morrison: Karen Thompson, Meg Kruger; West Heights: Ilona Schmidt; Hatzic Middle School: Dionne Hairsine & Lori McComish; Hatzic Elementary: Heather Burke; Early Childhood Committee/ Riverside parent: Laura Wilson; HTA parent Jessica Weismiller (DPAC Treasurer), Justin Wagner; École Mission Secondary: MSS Parent Frank Gundermann, Clare Seeley (DPAC Communications Coordinator), Trisha Hansen-Bell; MTU representative Ann Titford; Superintendent of Schools Angus Wilson; Silverdale Elementary: Deanna Zgrablic, Trustee Randy Cairns, Trustee Shelley Carter