

DPAC Meeting, December 12, 2016
Location: Hillside Traditional Academy

Meeting Commenced at 7:05PM

Meeting Facilitator: Cyndi Polovina

Attendees Present: (see far bottom)

Regrets:

Destiny Cunningham

Raymond Kwong

Clare Seeley

Sheneal Anthony

Trisha Hansen-Bell

Jessica Weismiller

Presentation on Hillside Traditional Academy by Principal Brian Baker

Adoption of Minutes:

- Justin motions to pass; Karah seconds. Motion passed.

Adoption of Agenda: with Change to add community event:

- Heather motions to pass agenda with changes; Justin Seconds. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- Cheques for movie licenses to be given to Jessica
- Board of Education meeting is December 13th 2016

Superintendents report:

- Report cards for pick up at schools are mailed after the pickup period is over
- Angus is working with teachers regarding switching around the parent teacher nights so there is no conflict between High Schools and Middle schools
- BC Topped the PISA results – samples were taken from around the world and ranked based on ability. Science, LA, Math – etc. Not Social Studies as there is no way to compare that curriculum from one country to another.
- Our district Math Scores are *okay*. Could be better, and many of the changes to our successful curriculum will help these issues get addressed.
- Snow Days: The Transportation Manager Jodie drives around at 3am and contacts Angus. Always a difficult decision to make as there are differing opinions among parents. The decision to send child to school or not rests with parents even if the schools are open, as they know the road conditions close to home.
- Facilities were out cleaning up and shoveling around. There is talk of replacing some old equipment.
- Board Meeting is tomorrow to discuss these items further.
- When questioned on changing our curriculum when our PISA results are already high, Angus noted that the curriculum changes are being made to address the changing dependence on internet/tablets/phones, etc. i.e. important to learn skills to research and be able to apply information, not simply memorise it.

Chair Report:

- Presentation is on January 18th, see upcoming events below
- A week before there is a presentation in the same theater on the Biology of Stress

Treasurers Report (by Cyndi):

- We got our gaming grant!
- We do not have the current totals with the grant deposited, but as it is our accounts are below:
 - Checking account: \$2664.23; Gaming Account: \$2624.08
- Two cheques for the November speaking event have cleared

Communications Report (By Cyndi via Clare's email)

- We received a thank you letter from the Food Bank for our donations from event.

Education Committee Report:

- Policy review needs public feedback, looking at the final items
- Discussed October Enrolment at a glance and growth.
- Update regarding more of facilities moving to Ferndale & its Budget (Final Phase 3+4)
- Ministry Of Education has agreed to postpone the curriculum changes for grades 10 - 12 for a year to prep more and provide more support to teachers.
- Postings for two VPs have gone out (Province-wide) and these changes have been made:
 - Angela Condon moved from Silverdale to Windebank; Rob Clark moved from VP at Hillside to become Silverdale Principal, Hardeep Grewall moving from VP at MSS to Principal at Albert McMahon, David Cyr from Albert McMahon is moving OOD to Coquitlam.
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Ongoing items:**Movie Ad HOC Committee:**

- We have received more cheques for district movie license, more schools have joined this year.

New business:

- Draw; Winner: Cyndi Polovina

Meeting Adjournment: 8PM**Upcoming Events:**

Parents education Event at Clarke Theatre Jan 18th 2017 @ 7PM: "Calm, Alert, and Learning: An Introduction to the Self-Regulation Theory" with Paula Jurczak of the MEHRIT Learning Centre.

School Board Meeting: December 13th 2016 at 6:30PM at Hatzic Elementary

Next DPAC Meeting: January 23rd 2017 at Christine Morrison

Executive:

Past President: Nikki Hawes
Vice Chair: Trisha Hansen-Bell
Treasurer: Jessica Weismiller

Chair: Cyndi Polovina DPAC@mpsd.ca
Secretary: Karah McLean
Communications: Clare Seeley

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

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Attendance: Hillside Traditional: Cyndi Polovina (DPAC President), Justin Wagner (PAC Rep); HPM: Karah McLean (PAC Rep/DPAC Secretary), Hatzic Middle: Lori McComish (MSS Parent); Riverside: Laura Wilson; Hatzic Elementary: Heather Burke (PAC Rep); MTU: Ann Titford; West Heights: Elisa Williams (PAC Rep); Christine Morrison: Karen Thompson (PAC Rep); Windebank: Michelle Masse (MSS Parent/PAC Rep)