

DPAC Meeting, January 23rd 2017
Location: École Christine Morrison Elementary

Meeting commenced at 7:03 PM

Introduction by Ghislain Michaud, Vice Principal of Christine Morrison

Attendees Present: (see far bottom)

Regrets: Laura Wilson; Ann Tifford; Sheneal Anthony

Correspondence: BC Teacher Magazine, Enrolment Summary, Agenda for School Board Meeting

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

Adoption of Agenda: Clare motioned; Meg seconded; Vote: Unanimous Approval

Superintendent's Report

- △ Began new structure; "Committee of the Whole" which meets 1—2x a month
 - △ Reflects business + Education committee with a more general discussion of the board to the public.
 - △ Still figuring out what fits into the Committee.
- △ Met with Facilities Director to discuss long range planning; where we can expand, replace and add on.
- △ Mission Secondary is really full but well-maintained. Angus is still submitting MSS to be looked at for expansion/ replacement. Discussion about adding an elementary school in the Ferndale/Riverside College area since they are exhibiting lots of growth.
- △ Vice Principals
 - △ Hired 1 for Hillside Traditional Academy: Shane Sliziak, former Principal from a K-10 school in Alexis Creek; also previously taught in Korea.
 - △ Hired 2 VP at MSS: Local Candidate Linda Dickinson; Currently a counsellor → will continue to act as a Japanese Teacher as well as VP for the balance of the year. Replacement for counselling position being discussed. Airdrie Miller → Teacher from Vancouver with a background in Student Services, Science and Math
- △ Court case : Teachers & Gov't, there was a stop-gap / goodwill gesture of 50million dollars given to the school boards; Mission received \$560,000; Both Union + District asked schools for their needs – for now they need help in the classrooms – not more classrooms, (which would be disruptive to implement mid-year.)
 - △ The money has been used to hire 12 FTE positions: 2 counsellors (always needed), 10 split between all the schools, based on need (Social scenarios index of the school, small schools may get someone because their classrooms are more congested.); Both Middle schools got 1 FTE, MSS got 2 FTE, elementary schools got between 0.2 and 0.6 FTE each
 - △ Working aggressively to get more teachers into the system, including TOCs.
 - △ 40 resumes obtained from student teachers at UBC that either live in Mission and Abbotsford or are from Mission originally; 5 First Nations teachers submitted resumes; Many held multiple specialties: English counselling, kindergarten, tech, woodworking, metal work etc.; Some foreign teachers are upgrading to be able to teach in BC.; Looking at going back to talk to student teachers about what to do to build a resume and keeping your job as well as listing the benefits of District 75
- △ Questions for Angus:
- △ Lori: Are teachers helping teachers getting hired (interviewing, etc)?
 - △ Angus:
 - △ Teachers discuss what they need or want and he reviews them. No teachers actually hire other teachers.

- ⤴ Dionne: EA's are finding it hard to get jobs in SD75 and are being told to complete credentials through Riverside by taking a course that has nothing to do with being an EA.
- ⤴ Angus:
 - ⤴ 1st: Sometimes applied training courses are inappropriate/lacking
 - ⤴ 2nd: Sometimes applicants have bad references
 - ⤴ Says that Riverside is not necessary.
 - ⤴ Cannot use specific examples obviously, but that many people applying have 1 or 2 against them.
 - ⤴ If there are any questions or concerns regarding an applicant's denial to become an EA in the Mission district they need to email him.
 - ⤴ Remember that sometimes people who apply in September are put on a wait list until they are needed and are not revisited right away.

Chair's Report:

- ⤴ Jan 18th Event postponed for numerous reasons → Now on May 3rd

Treasurers Report:

- ⤴ Prospera has changed online banking, reports will be brief until next meeting.
- ⤴ Chequing \$2664.23; Gaming \$5074.08
- ⤴ We will still need to pay for the May 3rd Event and the cheque for the Clarke Theatre for November has not yet been cashed

Communications Report:

- ⤴ Clare will be contacting "What's On" magazine about putting the DPAC event in
- ⤴ Event is on Facebook page: please share events on FB Page and invite people through it
- ⤴ Karah will be providing posters for the event and emailing them to Clare, as well as bringing to next DPAC meeting to hand out
- ⤴ Draft policy for catchment
- ⤴ West Heights bursary was emailed out
- ⤴ There is a communications survey still up regarding curriculum in Abbey (link on FB page)

Committee of the Whole Report:

- ⤴ Liaisons for each school have been "sorted" – each School has a trustee (see attached)
- ⤴ Remember that these are the trustees for the entire district – even though a Liaison has been 'named' you can approach and discuss school issues or concerns with any one of the trustees.
- ⤴ Catchment was discussed; schools of choice, "order of getting in", etc.
- ⤴ Solar Rays discussion → aiming to have solar panels going on the roof of a school sometime in the summer or possibly next year
- ⤴ 30 lot proposed Subdivision by Albert McMahon – Secretary Treasurer provided input to the District

Ongoing Items

- ⤴ Parent Education: Event Moved to May 3rd, 2017 (see below)
- ⤴ Raymond Movie update: Computer is still rough
- ⤴ Talked to AC Films about getting an invoice – email Raymond for more information.

Draw winner: Meg Kruger

Meeting adjournment: 7:48 pm (Laura motioned; Dionne seconded)

Upcoming events:

School Board Meeting: 6:30 PM January 24th 2017 at Heritage Park Middle School
 Next DPAC Meeting: 7:00PM February 20, 2017 at Riverside College

Parent Education Event at the Clarke Theatre May 3rd, 2017 at 7:00PM “Calm, Alert & Learning: An Introduction to Self-Regulation Theory” with Speaker Paula Jurczak of the MEHRIT Centre.

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Attendance:

Hillside: Cyndi Polovina, Jessica Weismiller; Windebank: Michelle Masse; Albert McMahon: Niki Rosche; Christine Morrison: Karen Thompson, Monica Nguyen, Meg Kruger; West Heights: Ilona Schmidt; Hatzic Middle School: Dionne Hairsine; Heritage Park: Karah McLean; Mission Secondary: Clare Seeley; Mission Central: Trisha Hansen-Bell; Silverdale: Deanna Zgrablic; Hatzic: Lori McComish; ESR: Raymond Kwong; Superintendent Angus Wilson, Trustee Randy Cairns, Trustee Shelley Carter