

DPAC Meeting, February 20th 2017

Location: Riverside College

Meeting commenced at 7:07 PM

Brief Introduction of Riverside College by Wade Peary, Principal.

Attendees Present: (see far bottom)

Regrets: Sheneal Anthony

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

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

Adoption of Agenda: Raymond motioned; Destiny seconded; Vote: Unanimous Approval

Superintendent's Report

- ⤴ New Vice Principals are in place and they are doing great
- ⤴ Leadership group with teachers, VPs, etc. - another meeting this Thursday
- ⤴ Angus was job recruiting at UBC because we need to look for more Teachers On Call and budding teachers fresh from graduation
- ⤴ 5 year plan for buildings - looking at expansion, projections do not show enrolment lessening
- ⤴ Snow week with 5 days off from school: Power grids and snowy sidewalks heavily influenced the decision to call for a snow day. Mission is very vulnerable to extreme weather conditions. Sometimes we open a school but buses are unable to run, other times buses can run but the school has no power, etc.
- ⤴ Disclaimer: even though we missed a week of school there will not be a week of spring break taken off in order to 'make up' for this.
- ⤴ Assignment issue at Hatzic: Significant personnel matter vs Student matter. Individual who posted it on Facebook has since apologized, they did not intend for the post to cause such a result. That is the issue we are facing with social media however.
 - ⤴ There is a chain of command that should be present in your Constitution when someone has an issue with a particular action taken by a school (or lack thereof)
 - ⤴ Remember to TALK first TO YOUR SCHOOL to resolve issues
 - ⤴ If the time was taken to read the assignment before overreacting, many of the concerns by parents would have been addressed. In this case, Angus did not find out about the issue until Global BC had contacted him. If the parent had simply asked the teacher, or had spoken with the principal, there would have been no action of concern to occur.
- ⤴ Supplies funding of \$29 million for the province.
 - ⤴ Must be spent on supplies that will directly be used by students: Books, basketballs, etc. Will distribute to PAC to show how it is being spent. This is not a part of the budget.
- ⤴ A very rough estimate for how this will be distributed to Mission district is about \$50 a kid, so under \$300,000 (\$250,000ish more likely)
- ⤴ **Question:** Will this be split per school or per district?
 - ⤴ Angus: Not really sure, we haven't quite figured that out yet but we believe it will be by district. At this time since we are getting this money from a separate administrative function we are still waiting for it to come.
- ⤴ We need to make sure this will help and not rework the budget.
- ⤴ FSAs: extension of timing from province because of the Snow break that we did not plan. Slowly coming together since getting back to school, people appear to be on track.
- ⤴ Mission school results from last year show improvement overall
- ⤴ **Question:** How many TOCs do we have?

- ⤴ Angus: On paper we have about 125, but of those 125 we have people that have been hired full time from other districts, teachers with complex schedules, etc. - so realistically we probably have 70.
- ⤴ Randy: Perhaps PAC members can go to their PAC and encourage an understanding about the damage that Facebook can do when used irresponsibly. WE need to education Parents about how social media and the effects that something like this has on a student, school, and parents -etc. Everyone is at risk. So, at PAC meetings please remind PAC of the process of protocol. PAC Chairs → PAC → trustees, etc. Try your best to encourage finding a solution at the source rather than contacting media outlets. Facebook does not encourage empathy and so we must be more effective. Remember that Angus is only a phone call or email away. Hopefully people will be more willing to talk about issues within the school.

Chair's Report:

- ⤴ nothing to report

Treasurers Report:

- ⤴ **See attached sheet for account breakdown**
- ⤴ Bank corrected our account, all is back to normal; Working on making e-transfers work
- ⤴ We have caught up on payment for the Video Licensing fees. Good Dinosaur, PETS & November event are paid for.
- ⤴ A reminder for every PAC to send in for their Grant! Due date is June 30th; Sept 30th for the report. Remind PAC members at upcoming elections.

Communications Report:

- ⤴ Two main events were emailed to DPAC Members and put on Facebook (Attached):
 - ⤴ Fraser Valley Academy of Dance Performances
 - ⤴ PAC Group Morning Coffee from Matthew's House
- ⤴ Clare spoke with 'What's On' Magazine and our May Event will be featured.

Committee of the Whole Report:

- ⤴ Open to everyone.
- ⤴ Competency event was rescheduled.
- ⤴ Discussions around lobbying to require a Bi election within 6 months of a Board being "fired" by the province.
- ⤴ Next meeting is Feb 28th at 3:30

We need a parent education committee to get together to possibly discuss future events that DPAC can put on. Sheneal found Paula Jurczak and has lots of other ideas. We need to discuss more parent participation events! Heather Burke (Hatzic elementary) and Michelle Masse (Windebank) have agreed to be a part of the committee with Sheneal.

HOC Movie Committee:

- ⤴ Deroche and Windebank are the only schools left to pay
- ⤴ Always tell Raymond when your school plays a movie that is outside of the curriculum. Email him and he will figure out the cost.
- ⤴ Email Raymond for the link to see the list of films available to the district.

New Items:

Shelley Carter – Trustee : BCSTA - Elections engagement committee; nonpartisan. The main purpose is asking why public education is key. Take the package provided by Shelly and fill it out with DPAC, then take a picture with the provided poster and send to Shelley.

Ongoing Items

- ⤴ Parent Event Poster draft was passed around (draft attached)
 - ⤴ If there are any concerns with the posters or a change idea email Karah at karahmclean@gmail.com

△ Talked to AC Films about getting an invoice – email Raymond for more information.

AGM to vote new executive: In MAY: invite your friends, volunteer! Stand for a position!

Draw winner: Niki R.

Meeting adjournment: 8:28pm (Dionne motioned; Karah seconded)

Upcoming events:

Next Committee of the Whole meeting: 3:30PM February 28th 2017 at School Board Office

Next DPAC Meeting: 7:00PM March 27th, 2017 at Dewdney Elementary School

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.

Contact us at: DPAC@mpsd.ca Web site: dpac.mpsd.ca.

Executive:

Past President: Nikki Hawes

Chair: Cyndi Polovina dpac@mpsd.ca

Vice Chair: Trisha Hansen-Bell

Secretary: Karah McLean

Treasurer: Jessica Weismiller

Communications: Clare Seeley

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

Attendance:

Mission Secondary School: Clare Seeley, Trisha Hansen-Bell; ESR: Raymond Kwong; Heritage Park: Karah McLean; Hatzic Elementary: Heather Burke; Hatzic Middle School: Dionne Hairsine; MTU: Ann Tifford, Hillside: Cyndi Polovina, Jessica Weismiller, Justin Wagner; Silverdale: Deanna Zgrablic; Riverside: Laura Wilson; Dewdney: Destiny Cunningham, Windebank: Michelle Masse; Wade Peary, Riverside Principal; Randy Cairns, Trustee; Shelley Carter, Trustee Superintendent Angus Wilson.

Mission DPAC Account Bal. as of Feb 20, 2017

Account	Balance	Notes
Chequing	\$1,747.95	Still to be deposited = \$263.81 for movie licenses Also waiting on a few cheques for licenses still
Gaming	\$4,890.33	Grant came Dec 2016 Clarke Theatre cheque cleared Feb 2017 for \$183.75

PARENT EDUCATION
EVENT

WEDNESDAY
MAY 03
7PM

MISSION DPAC

CALM,

ALERT &
LEARNING

PRESENTED
BY PAULA
JURCZAK

5/03/2017

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

FREE EVENT

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CLARKE THEATRE

MORE INFO

FREE ON-SITE CHILD CARE

FOOD BANK DONATIONS
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