

DPAC Meeting, March 27th 2017
Location: Dewdney Elementary School

Meeting commenced at 7:02 PM

Introduction of Dewdney Elementary School by Sue McLeod, Principal.

Attendees Present: (see far bottom)

Regrets: Trisha Hansen-Bell

Correspondence: BC Teacher Magazine, Bank Statement, Agenda for School Board Meeting

Adoption of Minutes: Sheneal motioned; Michelle seconded; Vote: Unanimous approval.

Adoption of Agenda: Karah motioned; Heather seconded; Vote: Unanimous Approval

Superintendent's Report

- ⤴ In the planning process for school usages for next year. Class composition is a big piece (only allowed up to 3 IEP's per class); they are having meetings with the MTU to work out the details. Example: International Students – do they count as ELL's? In tough situations, compensations may need to be made (extra release time, other allowances) to allow more than 3 IEP's. (Must be negotiated.)
- ⤴ 'Modular Educational Facilities' will be needed at schools that are already at capacity.
- ⤴ 3 already ordered. There may be a problem with supply of these as most Districts will be ordering several MEF's (a.k.a. portables)
- ⤴ Some non-District users (community service providers) in schools may need to be moved as the classrooms are needed by students
- ⤴ The government has provided some money to compensate for class size and composition
- ⤴ The District will do the best job it possibly can by September 2017
- ⤴ "Out in Schools" was presented to counsellors and administrative staff
- ⤴ Safety of all students is paramount. A bathroom policy may be coming – would a forum be useful in educating parents about it? One parent said the students don't generally have issues about it, it is the parents that have reservations/fears. Another said a forum may be useful to make sure that there is clear communication on the matter so that no unnecessary backlash occurs by quietly implementing a policy.

Chair's Report:

- ⤴ DPAC received an email from Stave Falls Community Association asking for our help with regards to their ongoing efforts to have the Board of Education re-open Stave Falls Elementary School. Cyndi has gathered information on the phone from Julia Renksma of the Association, from Joanne Anderson of BCCPAC and from Superintendent Wilson of MPSD. In addition, our constitution was reviewed to determine what assistance is allowed in this case. Is anyone able to help out on this project? No takers. - Cyndi to discuss with the executive to determine if there is an opportunity for DPAC to be helpful, aligned with our purpose as set out in the constitution.

Treasurers Report:

- ⤴ Bank balances reported by Cyndi from the received statement

Communications Report:

- ⤴ no report

Committee of the Whole Report:

- ⤴ Laura Wilson updated us on the last meetings. Refinement of multiple policies continues in the District, some going back to COTW, some to the Board for approval. Framework for enhancing student learning; curriculum connections site.

Parent Education Committee Update:

Sheneal has found information for a speaker for this fall, Gabor Mate, author of "Hold Onto Your Kids". Discussion ensued about whether or not it was responsible to tie next year's executive to a

large budget item like this. Since there is no down payment to book him, Sheneal is to find dates and times available at the Clarke Theatre and find out if the speaker is available any of those nights. It was also agreed that we can plan to charge \$10 per ticket as he is a very well-attended speaker. There also may be some appetite from other community groups to partner with us in putting the event on (cost-sharing).

Movie Committee:

- ⤴ There has been a complaint about the lack of Pre-Release Info. This information is available online and by Twitter feed.
- ⤴ Need to have some redundancy in this committee, please step forward to volunteer to train with Raymond. If it comes to no one being willing to train and Raymond steps down, we will not be able to continue with the District Movie License next year.
- ⤴ Destiny is considering training on it. Any others?
- ⤴ Raymond will be drafting a list of movie committee Duties for DPAC and sending it to any interested.

New Items:

Round table of what's going on at schools around the District

Ongoing Items

- ⤴ Parent Event Poster draft - Karah to send to Sheneal and Cyndi for review before having copies made.

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

Draw winner: Heather Burke

Meeting adjournment: 8:47pm

Upcoming events:

Next Committee of the Whole meeting: 3:30PM April 4th 2017 at School Board Office

Next DPAC Meeting: 7:00PM April 24th, 2017 at Hatzic 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:

ESR: Sheneal Anthony, Raymond Kwong; Heritage Park: Karah McLean; Hatzic Elementary: Heather Burke; Hillside: Cyndi Polovina, Riverside: Laura Wilson; Dewdney: Destiny Cunningham, Raven Arcand; Windebank: Michelle Masse; Albert McMahon Niki Rosche; West Heights: Ilona Schmidt; Sue McLeod Principal of Dewdney Elementary; Superintendent Angus Wilson.