

DPAC Meeting, April 24th 2017
Location: Hatzic Elementary School

Meeting commenced at 7:03 PM – Welcome!

Introduction of Hatzic Elementary by Beth-Anne Cullen, Principal.

Attendees Present: (see far bottom)

Correspondence: BC Teacher Magazine, Bank Statement, Agenda for School Board Meeting, Committee of the Whole Agenda

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

Request to add presentation by student from MSS - added to agenda.

Adoption of Agenda: Lori motioned; Clare seconded; Vote: Unanimous Approval.

Student presentation: by honours student from MSS: Would like to see Equal recognition for academic awards and sports to be given out for the high school students once again, like Heritage Park once did when it was a High School.

- Important for students to be recognized, but currently there are only paper certificates and i.e. ‘principals list’ is given out during report cards, at the class level.
- Considers this to be an impact on students' drive to work harder (why bother?, no one notices, etc.)
- Currently MSS has awards for ‘In-Class Awards’, however considers this to be too general, as one class may have more honour students so a student with 95% below a 97% student may not get recognized in one class, however a student with 85% will be recognized in the other class.
- Student in question has already brought the issue to the Principal, with no feedback.
- Concerns that there may be more focus on sports and not enough on art + academics
- Parents and students did not pick the amalgamation of high schools, why are the students being punished for it?
- Recognition by an attendee that while we do not have awards at the high school there is a principals list and AP classes which were not available before.
- Angus: Schools do not have to provide awards and ceremonies, but when they do they should be balanced.
- At this time the major issue is that there are many more bodies to recognize, unable to organize the awards and not enough volunteers to make this happen.
- Angus will talk to the principal of MSS and see what can be done as those students + Parents from Heritage are feeling burnt.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Lieutenant Governor visited for a tour that ended at Fraserview/Summit Learning
- Working with Architects at MSS - 5 portables are going in near the baseball diamond
- 2 new from last year are joining them
- \$0 is available but there is talk of a plan for a new building for MSS.
- At this time staffing is being worked on
- BCSTA meeting – 1/3 of motions had to do with Aboriginal education

Chair Report:

- Stave Falls Discussion on June 6th 2017 at the COTW meeting at Fraserview at 6:30 pm.
- Cyndi has done some follow up on the Stave Falls issue, but the truth is someone with more time would be able to gather even more information. So if you are willing to help out, please let

me know.

- Cyndi sought clarification about the format of the meeting and passed this information along to the SFCA. The SFCA has asked for (and been given) 10 minutes' time on our May 29th agenda to update you all on their efforts. There also will be time for up to 20 minutes of discussion.

Treasurer's report:

- Nothing spent: Chequing: \$1747.95, Gaming: \$4890.33; Budgeted \$2000 for May event

Communications Report:

- Event on May 3rd (See below for details)

Committee of the Whole Report: (Split between Cyndi + Laura)

Laura (April 4th):

- Draft on physical restraint and seclusion policy going to the Board for approval – public feedback is open May 2017 – see mpsd.ca for the policy
- Recruitment and Hiring policy – also in public feedback (May 2017) on website
- Draft IT Strategic Plan 2017 to 2020 - Technology Infrastructure must be dealt with before other gains can be made - \$\$\$ needed to change; goal to identify gaps and opportunities for the use of technology in a sustainable and long term manner to better support the delivery of educational programs and business processes in the District.
- Curriculum update New Report cards for Middle Schools

Cyndi (April 18th):

- With new class sizes coming in there will most definitely be an addition of 22 – 23 elementary school classes (approx \$2.2 million in teachers) in Mission.
- A new joint use agreement between MPSD and DOM has been signed with regards to user groups in schools after hours.
- There will be a special COTW meeting held to address the Stave Falls Community Association's request for MPSD to re-open Stave Falls Elementary School.
- Busing: With the elimination of busing fees, more students started riding the bus. We do not have enough buses, so measures need to be taken to reduce ridership of courtesy riders, (for which we are allowed to charge fees). The Board is gathering information to determine what is the best way to solve the issue and this will be brought to a future Board meeting for a vote. There are currently 124 courtesy riders in MPSD.
- Two field trips were approved in principle.

Ongoing Items:

- 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. Over 100 people have pre-registered.
- Should we tentatively book Gabor Mate for Oct? Yes.
- Sheneal looking at Clarke /Gabor availability for tentative date to have a Fall presentation.

New Business:

- Student Safety - There is some responsibility for the school to protect a child until they get to their home. Any and all issues must be reported to the students school to ensure that the student will be safe. Even incidents outside of school grounds/ time can warrant school suspension if it could impact student safety. Any issue that a student has at one school is kept in records and referenced if a new issue arises. Districts respect other districts disciplining of a student to ensure student body safety as a whole. Suspended students still have a right to an education.

- Draw prize awarded

Meeting adjourned: 9:05 PM

Upcoming events:

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School Board Meeting: 3:30PM April 25th, 2017 at Deroche Elementary School

Next DPAC Meeting: 7:00PM May 29th, 2017 at Silverdale Elementary School

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Attendance:

ESR: Sheneal Anthony, Raymond Kwong; Heritage Park: Karah McLean; Hatzic Elementary: Katy Brookes; Hillside: Cyndi Polovina, Riverside: Laura Wilson; Windebank: Michelle Masse; Albert McMahon: Niki Rosche; MSS: Clare Seeley, Margo Huppee, Lori McComish; West Heights: Elisa Williams; Mission Central: Trisha Hansen-Bell; Christine Morrison: Karen Thompson; Beth-Anne Cullen, Principal of Hatzic Elementary; Superintendent Angus Wilson.