

SD40 New Westminster DPAC Executive

Dec. 9, 2014 7:45 pm

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: Beth Ott (Chair), Colette Mondin (Treasurer), Andrea Mears (Vice-Chair), Cheryl Greenhalgh (Secretary)

1. Agenda:

- Approval of agenda as circulated. m/s/c

2. Minutes:

- Approve Executive Minutes for Oct. 7, 2014 m/s/c
- General Minutes for Nov. 17, 2014 reviewed

3. DPAC Priorities:

- **Digital Citizenship** – Andrea reported that she, Heather and Naomi met regarding this topic. **Action: working-group to report out at the next DPAC meeting.** Discussion about whether DPAC should have a social media presence - decided that it likely requires more effort than the DPAC could manage. Discussion about how DPAC might influence an update in SD40 policy on this topic.
- **Constitution & By-Laws Revision** – Beth reported that she and Maya had been working on a draft. Scott Brolin is keen to pursue this issue. **Action: Beth will ask Scott if he wishes to head up a working-group for the revision of the constitution and by-laws.**

4. DPAC Meeting Education:

- Discussion about topics/guest speakers to bring presentations to DPAC meetings for parent education:
 - Universal Design for Living (UDL) - Janet Grant
 - Academies of Learning – John Gaipman
 - Community Schools – Robin Stewart & Drea Owens

5. Report on Meeting with Superintendent:

- Beth reported back on topics of discussion at her meeting with Sup't Gaipman
 - Parent supervision on playgrounds – a meeting has been arranged for the next week between the DPAC Chair, the Superintendent and the CUPE Chair.
 - Principal hiring – Sup't Gaipman assured that parents would have some input on selection criteria.
 - Programs of Choice policy – the Sup't reported that there is no intention to revise the policy. Beth did not ask if there was to be a change to how registration occurred. **Action: Beth to check if a change is envisioned for the enrollment/registration process.**

6. Parent Education:

- The Community Schools coordinators have booked Barry MacDonald to speak on Feb. 3. They have approached DPAC with some proposals for sponsorship. DPAC Executive indicated support for this initiative. **Action: Beth to put on agenda for DPAC meeting.**

7. Village of Attachment:

- Beth reported that the planning is in process.

8. Lower Mainland DPAC Meeting:

- New West DPAC is busy this year organizing Steve Cairns event. Discussion about New West DPAC sponsoring the Lower Mainland meeting next year.

9. Calendar Meeting:

- Cheryl attended on behalf of DPAC. She reported back on the dates selected for spring break for the next two years. A future meeting will be called with the same participants to set the remaining school dates.

10. Strategic Plan:

- Discussion about doing longer term planning to set goals for coming years. Suggest that a separate DPAC meeting be called with the purpose of identifying long term goals.

11. Adjourn

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