

SD40 New Westminster DPAC

Feb. 16, 2015

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: Beth Ott (Chair), Andrea Mears (Vice-Chair), Colette Mondin (Treasurer), Cheryl Greenhalgh (Secretary), Naomi Perks (Herbert Spencer Rep), Heather Lynch (YAC Rep), Mark Smith (Connaught Rep), Nora Tseng (NWSS Rep), Kathleen Somerville (NW Home Learners), Scott Brolin (Tweedsmuir Rep), Lynsay Orozco (Lord Kelvin Rep), Diane Bodnar (McBride Rep), Ronda Field (Qayqayt & Glenbrook Rep), Serena Trachta (QQ), Jonina Campbell (SD40 Trustee), John Gaipman (SD40 Superintendent)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Agenda:

- Adopt agenda as amended. m/s/c
 - Move Board report to next item of business.

3. Report from Superintendent and Board Chair: John Gaipman & Jonina Campbell

- Trustee Campbell reported that:
 - SD40 participated in the city press conference earlier in the day regarding the transit referendum.
 - Trustees felt that schools do not exist in a vacuum and they wanted to participate in ensuring that the infrastructure was in place to serve students.
 - The Neighborhood Learning Center (NLC) recently opened doors at Qayqayt and the official opening was fantastic. Chief Rhonda Larabee was a participant.
 - Regarding the NWSS project, the project definition report was being submitted to the Ministry at the end of February. The Ministry should approve and submit this to the Treasury Branch. It could take 1-3 months for a decision to be made.
 - The proposed district calendar is available on the website for consultation. Comments and feedback can be submitted by email. Voting will take place in the third week of March.
 - POWER & RECAP programs currently situated at the Board Offices are looking at two options for relocation.
 - There is a process out collecting feedback on potential development of a new logo for SD40.
- Superintendent Gaipman reported that:
 - The elementary play downs for basketball started today and conclude tomorrow at Lord Kelvin. It is great fun.
 - The NWSS girls basketball teams are very impressive this season. The junior girls finished second in the province.
 - The budget season starts March 31. The district is anticipating a surplus budget and putting some money back into the district.
- **Q** – Is there a change to the Royal City Education Fund?
A - SD40 has received its own number for registered charity status. Nothing will change in the donation process except that the district will accept the donations directly and will issue receipts. Donations can still be directed to a project, school or PAC.

Q – Will new district staff roles be outlined on the website?

A – Kevin Lorenze has replaced Al Balanuk, Sandra Pace and Diane Halkett retired and there are now three District VPs who do everything and are interchangeable.

Q – Why are some positions labeled as “acting”?

A – These positions are not affirmed by the board yet.

Q – What is the status of VTRA (Violence threat risk assessment) protocols in the district?

A – This process is mandated through the province and our staff has training in this.

Q – Is there a comprehensive policy written out for VTRA protocols?

A – There is a practice in place.

4. Guest Presentations: Ronda Field and Serena Trachta, QQ and EGMS Reps attending BCCPAC

- Serena and Ronda reported on the BCCPAC Key Note speech by Kevin Cameron on open vs. closed school dynamics and the role parents play in it.
- Another interesting session attending discussed VTRA (violence threat risk assessment and intervention). Many school districts have developed multi agency protocols. Check out www.cctatr.com showing policies from every province. Recommend a fantastic booklet called your Magical Brain by Gary Anaka.

5. Minutes, General Meeting:

- Adopt General Meeting minutes of Jan. 19, 2015. m/s/c
- Receive Executive Meeting Minutes of Dec. 9, 2014

6. Updates from Schools:

- **Lord Tweedsmuir: Scott Brolin**
 - Tweedsmuir is holding their carnival Friday Feb. 20
- **Lord Kelvin: Lindsay Orozco**
 - No report
- **Richard McBride: Andrea Mears**
 - Parents are drafting a letter about traffic.
- **Herbert Spencer: Naomi Perks**
 - On Feb. 28th HS will host a swap meet (no crafts) and a carnival in early June.
- **Home Learners: Kathleen Somerville**
 - Home Learners has taken over Hume Park School, over 100 students. They have an outdoor school and a band program on Fridays.
- **Ronda Field: EGMS:**
 - Glenbrook is hosting parent education March 5 – “Parenting in a Digital Age”
- **QayQayt/EGMS: Serena Trachta**
 - The grand opening for the NLC was last week and was a great success.
 - The PAC is hosting a carnival on June 6, incorporating a Ford test drive event.
 - There are issues with parents not receiving care for students who require physical assistance. The PAC would like to start a dialogue with the district and figure out how to advocate for the students.
- **Connaught Heights: Mark Smith**
 - Connaught will be hosting the Village of Attachment event on March 4.
- **NWSS: Nora Tseng**
 - The NWSS Musical Footloose will run Feb. 25-28 at Massey Theatre
 - Semester 2 started on Feb. 10

7. Chair’s Report: Beth Ott

- Beth reported that we are hoping to have a draft Constitution and Bylaws for the April DPAC meeting.
- Parent education:
 - The Boy Smarts event was very successful – 300 tickets were sold
 - Special Education Transition meeting – Feb. 18
 - Village of Attachment with Steve Cairns – Mar. 4, 2015 at Connaught Heights. DPAC will have to pay for 4 hours of custodial services (\$125)
 - On Feb. 18, the third phase of the Special Education Transition meeting will take place.

8. Treasurer’s Report: Colette Mondin

- Colette reported that DPAC is on budget.

10. Committee Reports:

- **Digital Citizenship Committee: Naomi Perks**
 - The event is planned for April 8 with Jessie Miller. The police liaison may attend this event.

- **MOTION: That DPAC pays \$400 for the speaker fee for Jessie Miller for the Digital Citizenship workshop on April 8, 2015 m/s/c**
- **Youth Advisory Committee (YAC): Heather Lynch**
 - Heather reported on the Jan. 22 meeting. Inspector Eastwood presented the community plan and requested input on improving police services.
 - Themes that arose from the meeting were increasing youth mental health services and increasing police presence at 22nd Street Skytrain station.
- **Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee (NTAC): Cheryl Greenhalgh**
 - Cheryl reported that there has been one meeting of the committee. She brought up issues as referred by the Tweedsmuir PAC. Continuing traffic problems around QQ school were also discussed.
- **Calendar Committee: Cheryl Greenhalgh**
 - Cheryl reported that the draft calendar is posted for feedback.

11. New Business:

- **MOTION: to add \$750 for Conference and \$500 for Education budget line items. m/s/c**
- **MOTION: to subsidize \$100 per PAC member to attend the BCCPAC conference and AGM to a maximum of \$600 on a first come, first served basis. m/s/c**
- We had a weeks' notice to submit resolutions to have them published in the booklet. PACs can submit resolutions up until the conference and/or from the floor. **Action: to ask PACs if they have any resolutions they want to submit.**
- DPAC received an email request from a parent to speak to the DPAC to encourage taking a position on the transit referendum. Discussion and decision that DPAC not take a position on the upcoming transit referendum.

12. Priority Inquiries:

- Q – When will the new principal be announced?
- Q – Would like clarification of policy on VTRA and training of staff in the same.

13. Upcoming Events:

12. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm m/s/c