

SD40 New Westminster DPAC

Nov. 17, 2014

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: Beth Ott (Chair), Andrea Mears (Richard McBride), Colette Mondin (Treasurer), Cheryl Greenhalgh (Secretary), Susie Smith (NWSS), Naomi Perks (Herbert Spencer), Tekla Fulton (Qayqayt & EGMS), Heather Lynch (YAC), Lynsay Orozco (Lord Kelvin), Mark Smith (Connaught Heights), Scott Brolin (Tweedsmuir), Serena Trachta (QQ Parent), Ronda Field (QQ Parent), Sup. John Gaipman (SD40), Trustee Jonina Campbell (SD40)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Agenda:

- Adopt agenda as circulated. m/s/c

3. Minutes, General Meeting:

- Accept minutes of Oct. 20, 2014 General Meeting minutes as amended. m/s/c
 - Bullet 5, NWSS – change to read Bandathon Blitz

4. Updates from Schools:

- **Qayqayt:**
 - Tekla reported that traffic continues to be an issue
 - 3 parents will attend the BCCPAC conference
 - Parents at QQ questioning how the district tracks DPA (daily physical activity) and trying to gather information to encourage more outside play time for the students
 - The school now has a gym but the principal does not yet know when the playground will be ready for use.
 - Sup. Gaipman responded that the district does not track DPA, it is at the discretion of the teacher. He also will find out when the playground is to be opened and forward that information to the DPAC.
- **EGMS:**
 - Tekla reported that the Talent Show will be held Dec. 3 at Massey
- **Herbert Spencer:**
 - No report
- **NWSS:**
 - Susie reported that the Bandathon Blitz raised \$5300, the Bandathon will be this weekend
 - The students are working hard on the musical Footloose
 - There have been many fundraisers and several on-going, Save-On-Foods has been a good supporter
 - \$8,500 gaming grants will be distributed this year – the PAC received \$13,300 in requests
- **Connaught Heights:**
 - Mark reported that WeDay was a great success, the school was able to send all grade 7's
 - Connaught will be hosting a volley ball tournament this weekend
- **Lord Tweedsmuir:**
 - Scott enquired about the process other PACs use for allocating funds for projects, programs and requests – QQ explained their process
- **Lord Kelvin:**
 - No report
- **Richard McBride:**
 - Andrea reported that the school just had an apple fundraiser that went really well
 - The school is not having a Christmas Concert at Massey this year – they will do something smaller on-site
 - Questions about how to issue charitable tax receipts – Answer: to direct all donations through the RCEF with PAC designated as beneficiary and let them issue the tax receipt

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

- Sup. Gaipman reported that the NWSS football team won their playoff final
- The Remembrance Day ceremony at NWSS was amazing – he had never seen a ceremony that came close to this one.
- Sup. Gaipman and Trustee Campbell answered questions related to the written report:
 - Q – regarding UDL (Universal Design for Learning)
A – about 400 teachers are involved, funding was cut 2 years ago, looking at bringing back
 - Q – Seismic assessments?
A – McBride assessment not finished, NWSS assessment on-going. Ministry of education hinted that an announcement would come in a couple of weeks.
 - Q – How will Pac be set up for new middle school?
A – Will organize through the DPAC in the new year. Will also announce the new principal in the New Year.
 - Q - Will LFI be going to the new MS?
A - Yes, misunderstanding probably coming from catchment discussion.
 - Q – How can we utilize Sup. Gaipman’s expertise as an educator (Beth)?
A – Suggestion to invite Sup. Gaipman to discuss educational topics – suggested a presentation to DPAC on UDL.

6. Chair’s Report: Beth Ott

- Beth discussed ideas for DPAC priorities.
 - Digital Citizenship is of great interest. Naomi, Andrea and Heather interested in furthering this issue. Suggestion that we work toward hosting a parent education. These parents will form a subcommittee and come back to the DPAC with a Terms of Reference.
 - Good feedback received about the DPAC Hosted Trustee Candidates Meeting
 - Mayday – no interested members have come forward to represent DPAC on this committee.
 - Parent Guide for Special Education – Beth passed out copies at Oct meeting and one did not come back...would appreciate it back.

7. Treasurer’s Report: Colette Mondin

- No report

8. Committee Reports:

- **Youth Advisory Committee (YAC): Heather Lynch**
 - Heather reported that the next YAC meeting is Nov. 27, she will officially be recognized as a committee member in February, 2015
- **Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee (NTAC): Cheryl Greenhalgh**
 - Cheryl reported that the NTAC motion regarding an air and noise pollution study at EGMS and QQ schools passed at city council. There are no details about implementation at this point.

9. New Business:

- Request for DPAC to co-sponsor a Barry MacDonald Parent Night out with Community Schools
 - The Community School budget has dwindled and they are looking to partner on an event. Approved in principal but bring forward to December meeting where a formal request can be presented.
- Policy regarding use of DPAC email list.
 - Beth presented a first draft of a policy for email use. **Action: Beth to forward electronic copy of the draft to the grid seeking feedback with the intent to approve a policy at December meeting.**
 - Suggestion that the DPAC address the code-of conduct in the by-laws – also need a disciplinary process to be outlined.
 - Suggestion that updating the by-laws be the DPAC priority this year.

10. Priority Inquiries:

- Question as to whether Programs of Choice policy changing.
- Beth to bring up parent supervision issue seeking an answer to earlier question.

- Question about if/how parents to be involved in new principal selection>

11. Upcoming Events:

- The district special education meetings are coming up.
- Andrea announced that McBride has a new DPAC Rep – Diane Bondar

12. Adjourn (to Tour of Qayqayt):

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