

SD40 New Westminster DPAC

Sept. 15, 2014

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: Beth Ott (Chair), Andrea Mears (Richard McBride), Susie Smith (NWSS), Naomi Perks (Herbert Spencer), Tekla Fulton (Qayqayt), Lana Wakelam (Lord Tweedsmuir), Sup. John Gaipman (SD40), Heather Lynch (McBride parent), Katrine Ireland (Tweedsmuir parent), Deborah Garrity (member)

Arriving Late: Cheryl Greenhalgh (Secretary), Paul Johanson (Howay)

Regrets: Glenbrook Middle School - DPAC rep not selected yet, Colette Mondin (Treasurer)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Agenda:

- BF for quorum

3. Minutes, General Meeting:

- BF for quorum

4. Minutes, DPAC Executive:

- Receive DPAC Executive Minutes for Sept. 2, 2014

5. Chair's Report: Beth Ott

- setting priorities as a group worked well last year - Chair reviewed last year's work Ideas for information
 - **Action: DPAC Reps** asked to consult with their school PACs on DPAC work priorities for the year. Do last year's still apply?
 - Safe and Inclusive Schools - proposal to have district-wide session and individualized consultations with PACs on Village of Attachment
 - **Action: PACs** please send contact info for your whole PAC executive so we can get information out to more people.
 - what are our priorities for this year?
 - New priorities:
 - cyber bullying, use of electronic devices; digital citizenship (Coquitlam SD resources)
Action: Heather Lynch/Andrea Mears will track down resources from agency in Abbotsford
 - combine Playground Funding under general funding priority
 - suggesting that parents write to BC Standing Committee on Budget about funding for public education
- Report out on Old Business:**
- parent supervision: Sup. Gaipman, CUPE President and DPAC Chair haven't been able to meet due to job action.
 - Letter to Minister Fassbender and Premier Clark re: negotiating with BCTF was sent out as directed
 - DPAC contemplating purchase of a laptop for Chair's use and for taking minutes at meetings, to remain property of DPAC **Action: Qayqayt rep** will look into refurbished laptop for DPAC use and DPAC will call out to members for donation.
 - (NOTE: arrival of Cheryl Greenhalgh and Paul Johanson – quorum achieved)

6. Report from Superintendent and Board Chair: John Gaipman

- Board Chair Campbell unable to attend meeting.
- The suggestion of students making up lost instructional time would have to be a decision of the Ministry of Education but is not considered possible due to extreme costs. School calendar will not be revised. Not able to require staff to work extra hours to make up for a strike. During labour impasse students are not getting instruction and teachers are not getting paid. Superintendent Gaipman expects MoE will change semester turnaround day to give more time for first semester.

- Board is preparing new policies and procedures. Policy for Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity – **Action: input will be received until Oct. 24.** The Registration form has been changed in order to simplify it. Field trip forms are also being shortened. Election Protocols Policy introduced and passed.

7. Return to Adoption of Agenda:

- Adopt agenda as circulated. m/s/c

8. Return to Minutes:

- Accept minutes of Jun. 16, 2014 General Meeting minutes as amended. m/s/c
 - Note that Treasurer's report not attached
 - Under Old Business – BCCPAC, change Executive Committee to Resolution Committee

9. New Business:

- Lana Wakelam expressed her concerns about lack of 30 days notice for the AGM and the repercussions of the DPAC not following the by-laws. Lana was concerned that this is not helpful for new parents and does not encourage participation. Beth accepted the comments and explained that an error was made in thinking that the message had been sent when it actually had not.
- Paul Johanson charged that the DPAC Chair is breaking the constitution as he believes that she is not communicating with the media and the constitution names her as the media spokesperson. Beth disagreed that the constitution is not being followed. She believes that it is not her place to speak to the media unless the DPAC parents have been consulted or given direction on a specific issue. (Note: Paul Johanson left the meeting)

10. Treasurer's Report:

- Beth presented the proposed budget and discussion followed.
- **Motion: That DPAC hosts an all candidate's meeting. m/s/c**
- Discussion to amend proposed budget by removing the line item for laptop purchase and adding a line item of \$500 for DPAC all candidates meeting
- **Motion: To adopt the budget as amended above. m/s/c**

11. Business Arising:

- Committee Appointments:
 - Mayday – defer until October meeting
 - NTAC – term ends in January, postpone selection until December
 - YAC – Heather Lynch is interested in this appointment. Heather was born and schooled in New West and has a child at McBride.
Motion: To nominate Heather Lynch as the DPAC rep to the YAC m/s/c
- Election of Secretary:
 - Nominees – Wendy Harris and Cheryl Greenhalgh. Balloting conducted by J Gaipman and Heather Lynch. Cheryl Greenhalgh elected.
- Tekla Fulton requested that an agenda item be added to next meeting regarding a discussion about the constitution and the media. Would like to canvas the DPAC about their wishes regarding the Chair speaking "off the cuff". Suggestion that better for DPAC to create media with media releases.
- **Motion: to destroy the ballots. m/s/c**
- (Note: Superintendent Gaipman left the meeting)

12. Return to New Business:

- BCCPAC Survey – Andrea will put the survey into Survey Monkey so parents can provide input.

13. Updates from Schools:

- **Qayqayt:**
 - concerns about grade 5 students not having the school documentation to access their grade 5 activity/swim passes
 - concerns about school occupancy permit – the school is not inhabitable
 - what will happen at lunch and recess when the children cannot go outside?

- the sidewalks are still closed
- the daycare is supposed to be going into the school but the children are still at other schools – what is the status?
- Suggested that DPAC support a meeting between the QQ PAC and the Superintendent
- **Action: Beth** to communicate with Serena, Tekla and district regarding resolution to questions
- on the district website, the Safe Routes to School still lists QQ as the St. Mary's School
- questions raised about where the programs currently housed at the school board office will move to
- confusion about the NWSS survey results, the paper was not easy to read.
- question about performance review of the project supervisor
- the playground is still \$40,000 short in funding and parents are getting fatigued.

14. Upcoming Events:

- Fall leadership conference in November – **Action:** to encourage parents to go and look at incentives for PAC's to attend
- BC Mental Health Symposium Oct 24 in Richmond

15. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm m/s/c