

**NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, June 15**

Room 304 - Board Offices – 1001 Columbia Street

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1. Welcome & Introductions	Members and guests introduced themselves	
2. Adoption of Agenda	Proposed agenda adopted with addition of: - New Business: motions (K. Ireland)	m/s/c adopt agenda with additions
3. Accept DPAC Minutes, May 12/14 GM June 17, 2013 AGM	Additions or changes proposed by Members	m/s/c accept minutes of May 12 2014 General Meeting m/s/c accept minutes of June 17, 2013 DPAC AGM
4. Chair's Report	<p>Chair reported on a busy and productive year, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - established a new working relationship with District; - led formation of a working group to address parent concerns about the use of quiet rooms/personal workspaces; - set 2013-2014 DPAC Priorities as a group; - conducted a Parent Survey to inform our work with parent feedback; - researched and wrote to BC Standing Committee on Budget about under-funding for public education in BC, including feedback from Parent Survey, and wrote to Ministry of Education about funding for playgrounds in new and replacement schools; - added a DPAC representative to Youth Advisory Council; - advocated to Mayor and Council successfully to add a parent seat on the Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee; - co-facilitated parent consultation meetings on Special Education policy and services; worked with District staff and parents to develop the District's first Special Education Parent Guide; - attended the BCCPAC Conference & AGM; - wrote to Minister of Education about delayed funding for replacement NWSS; - attended numerous Board of Education meetings. <p>Chair thanked DPAC reps for their attendance and participation</p> <p>Special Needs Guide was presented to Board June 3rd</p> <p>DPAC Priority: Anti-bullying/safe & inclusive schools.</p> <p>Steve Cairns to present – “Village of Attachment” concept to DPAC and PACs Oct 2014</p>	
5. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPAC draft letter re: City's proposed truck route - DRC DPAC Parent Resource 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPAC Motions for BCCPAC AGM - our resolutions were not debated at BCCPAC as the BCCPAC Executive required changes - Parent Supervision at recess/lunch – Due to job action, 2 meetings were cancelled with CUPE, Superintendent, & DPAC Chair. - DPAC request re: Suspension records –Although there have been no suspensions or DRC meetings for several months (since new District Policy change), DPAC chair will follow up on action from previous meeting - Letter to Minister Fassbender re: NWSS funding replacement high school – DPAC Chair sent letter & encouraged other PACs and parents to send letters to the Minister 	
7. Report from Senior Admin/Board Chair	Sup. Gaipman provided a report on teacher bargaining – the current stage of job action/strike and expected next steps. He hopes that summer school can continue.	Sup. Gaipman will keep parents informed as job action/ strike status changes
8. Treasurer’s Report	<p>Heather Burke – financial year end report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treasurer reported that DPAC had been behind in reporting the BC Gamings branch for three years - those reports and this year's are now filed. - Treasurer presented financial statements (attached) including Gaming Account closing balance of \$962.29 and Operational Account closing balance of \$9,353.35 - PACs reminded that Junne 30 is deadline to report on how you spent Gaming Grant and to apply for next year - \$100 Honorarium for outgoing website gardener David Zhang 	m/s/c accept Treasurer's Report m/s/c provide honararium for outgoing website gardener of \$100
9. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPAC Awards to Grade 12 Grads were given out - Chair reported BCCPAC Conference & AGM highlights; great conference but there were barriers to participate at AGM including not being given clear guidelines/notice of paperwork required to vote. Each PAC & DPAC representative (whether he/she is on the Executive) requires a Proxy signed by two executive from their respective PAC or DPAC in order to vote - DPAC Committee Appointments: YAC, NTAC, May Day - these were tabled to next DPAC GM; this was suggested to provide an opportunity for more parents to indicate their interest in participating on one of these committess - new DPAC website gardener: outgoing gardener recommended new grade 12 student and provided orientation - DPAC Executive Nominees: Voting was done by ballot Ballot scrutineers selected - Sup. Gaipman, Andrea Mears, & Deborah Garrity. Nominations for Chair - Beth Ott and Wendy Harris. Beth Ott elected. Nominations for Vice-Chair - Wendy Harris and Maya Russell. Maya Russell elected. Nominations for Treasurer - Colette Mondin acclaimed. Nominations for Secretary - Cheryl Greenhalgh and Wendy Harris. Cheryl not in attendance, but she sent an email to 	<p>Executive will write to BCCPAC with feedback about process.</p> <p>m/s/c table appointment to committees to September GM</p> <p>2014-2015 Executive: Beth Ott, Chair Maya Russell, Vice-Chair Colette Mondin, Treasurer</p>

	<p>Maya to confirm her interest in continuing as Secretary – this was read to the group by Sup. Gaipman. Vote resulted in a tie. To resolve tie, another vote will occur at the September GM in order for Cheryl to be present, to provide a verbal CV. Cheryl to continue as Secretary and Wendy to continue as Past Chair until the September GM.</p> <p>K. Ireland motions: Katrine brought forward two motions: 1) calling on all MLAs & government officials (Ministers, Premier) to enroll their children in public schools 2) calling on the provincial government to bargain in good faith with the BCTF.</p>	<p>Secretary, Cheryl Greenhalgh</p> <p>m/s/c Motion that DPAC send a letter to Minister Fassbender and Premier Clark stating: "We call on the provincial government to bargain in good faith to negotiate a resolution to the labour dispute with the BCTF, immediately."</p>
10. DPAC Priority inquiries to Senior Admin/ Board	<p>Members to discuss & decide: - no new priorities were brought forward at this time</p>	<p>PACS asked to consider their priorities for DPAC in new school year</p>
11. Upcoming Events	<p>Upcoming events for information: - October 21/14 – Dalai Lama: Be the Village - November 21-23/14 – BCCPAC Fall Leadership Conference (Nanaimo, travel subsidies available)</p>	
12. Updates from Schools	<p>DPAC reps bring forward time-sensitive and/or district issues (1 - 3 minutes/school) no reports from schools</p>	
13. Adjournment	<p>Next Meeting: Monday, SEPTEMBER 15 Location: TBD</p>	