

SD 40 New Westminster DPAC Executive
January 8, 2014
Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: Beth Ott (Chair), Heather Burke (Treasurer), Maya Russell (Vice Chair), Cheryl Greenhalgh (Secretary), Wendy Harris (Past Chair)

Topic	Discussion	Decision
1. Welcome	1. Introductions	
2. Adoption of the agenda	Adopt agenda as circulate	m/s/c adopt agenda
3. Adoption of previous minutes	BF Minutes DPAC Executive dated: Dec. 9, 2013	BF minutes

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4.Old Business	<p>1. Dr. Woudzia's Departure Beth reported that it would be nice to recognize Dr. Woudzia's departure. Discussion about appropriate measures of recognition. Suggestion of a modest hand print picture created by some students and donation of some snack items at the tea.</p> <p>Motion: that DPAC gives a modest gift of recognition for John Woudzia's resignation and snack items up to a maximum of \$50 expenditure for the gift.</p> <p>2. DRC Rep from DPAC Beth asked Victoria to better let us know when meetings are going to happen. Until Policy is changed, we need to adhere to current policy and try to send a DPAC parent rep. Beth reported that Dr. Woudzia stated that the Board has not yet looked at the requested policy change. Discussion that parents should be told about the process and their rights and their right to bring an advocate.</p> <p>3. Playground Supervision by Parents Beth spoke with Dr. Woudzia several times about this issue. Priority is around bullying. Dr. Woudzia has not formally replied yet. Discussion about looking at what existing levels of supervision are like and could parent supervision be used to supplement. Discussed appropriateness of parent supervision on playgrounds – not all in agreement with concept of parent supervision. Questions as to whether our district supervision is lower than in other districts. Discussion whether SEA supervision happening at lunch and recess for children with IEP's. Dr. Woudzia recommends parents let the school administration know if children with IEP's are not getting appropriate supervision. Issue should be raised within the Special Needs Consultation but it is not just a special needs issue.</p> <p>4. Playground Equipment Funds Maya drafted a letter to the Ministry from DPAC regarding the need for play.</p> <p>5. Media Strategy Decision made that media queries for schools will be forwarded to school PAC Chairs or designates. Need for the DPAC Executive to develop a media strategy for district wide questions. Discussion that the DPAC Chair can only speak to the media on an issue when DPAC has had a discussion and taken a particular position on that issue. It is within our by-laws to have a media designate. There have been some problems with media trying to contact Beth on very short notice and she has been unable to respond due to work commitment.</p> <p>(Wendy left the meeting)</p>	<p>m/s/c – Wendy Harris opposed Beth to coordinate gift</p> <p>Beth to write a letter articulating DPAC Executive concerns</p> <p>Beth to follow up with superintendant about whether parents could supervise on the playground. Beth to initiate further discussion around adequate supervision of children of all needs.</p> <p>Maya to update letter with new information provided by Ronda Field</p> <p>- Beth will follow up with Vancouver and Burnaby DPACS to investigate how other DPACS function in this regard. - Beth will e-mail Grant and Niki asking them to e-mail questions.</p>

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	<p>6. Personal Workspaces/Special Needs Policy Maya is following up with Janet Grant with regards to terms of reference for the</p> <p>7. Village of Attachment Future topic for parent & teacher education.</p> <p>8. Gaming Report Heather reported that she is trying to piece together two years of outstanding Gaming Summary Reports. Collette Mondin has been helping her.</p> <p>Would be good to encourage PAC to participate in BCCPAC conference – really good workshops for treasurers. Three schools missed the deadline to sign up for BCCPAC memberships but they can still participate (just cannot vote). Member PACS can submit resolutions to convention.</p> <p>Question has been posed to Dr. Woudzia about whether the funding to DPAC from the district is subject to Board approval or if it is a flow through from the provincial Gov't.</p>	<p>Maya following up with Janet Grant</p> <p>Beth following up with contacts that Deborah gave her.</p> <p>Heather to see if there is room in the budget to sponsor PAC parents to attend workshops</p> <p>Beth to notify PACs that they can submit resolutions.</p>
5. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM	m/s/c adjourn the meeting