

DPAC Minutes Monday, February 20, 2017

Call to Order & Acknowledgement at 7:04

Agenda adoption – switching order to put Pat Duncan first followed by Healthy schools presentation

Add Sanctuary schools taskforce to agenda under new business

Moved by Beth seconded by Kathleen Carlson

Introductions round the table

Update from Pat Duncan:

Question re new curriculum -redesigned curriculum K-9 has been implemented, should be seeing it already

Re 10-12 – extension was necessary, not ready, had more time to prepare K-9

Need more time to make sure every step is in place to lead to post secondary

Question re planning 10 and grad transitions program – re career planning

Still will be that kind of focus, still at 9-12 level, trying to move career ed to middle school level

Question re how new funds from ministry would be applied – \$596000, asked unions & principals, came to agreement, new teachers started Jan 30

No classroom disruption, 6 teachers “helping teachers” in elementary & middle, working within existing classrooms, resource teachers added, still looking for a .6 resource teacher

Having to spend money in 2 weeks not most effective, but will still help children

More change to come – schools will look more like 2001, very different today for eg sports academies, plus practices have changed,

le smaller k and primary classes, maximums in secondary classes,

There will be more teachers in schools in September

Question re funding for electronics ie for chrome books, is uneven Glenbrook vs. FRMS –

Ministry gave money for new school supplies FRMS is pilot project for at least one year, trying not to buy textbooks, Board does not have money right now,

More new money from province just announced, no decisions made on spending. District will Continue to roll out technology as funds allow

Can money be raised through local developers? McBride got a cheque written for class set of chrome books

How is district supporting ell at Queen Elizabeth?

Question re how pac funds should be disbursed? Not for district to decide. Topic for future discussion...

Question re field trips policies. Policy determines what is allowed, but all voluntary by teachers, cannot compel teachers to do field trips

Minutes – adopted – moved Kathleen, seconded Jason

Experiential learning is encouraged, principal decides and has small account

Question re bullying situation, district has complaint policy, meet with teacher, principal and then to district senior staff

Question re high school rebuild project – going very well, rfq, declaration of interest end of January, rfp process in early spring, 3 companies to be selected, now preparing statement of requirements, Golder report is back in draft, news is good, looks like lots of land to build on
Most realistic date for opening Sept 2020

Question re snow removal experience, short on resources, still need to review and re-evaluate how it went

Extra cost for snow removal came from where in the budget? Not from contingency at this point, not coming out of technology or other big initiatives

Small bits from here and there

Janet Grant retiring in July, posting has gone country wide

Healthy Schools Presentation – Deanna Tan, Bettina Wheeler, Antonia Reynolds, Chad Oatway

Seeking support and promotion of ideas from PAC's and DPAC

For walking challenge and Hyacks in Motion (May 13)

Importance of physical literacy – life long activity

Ask: revisit field trip policy – need simplification too much paperwork - liability? Redundant paperwork separate 3 school levels Elementary, Middle, Secondary

Lord Tweedsmuir – alternating yearly two movie company licenses

McBride-got a movie license ACF, had a great aboriginal week, readathon coming up

QMS – would like a crossing guard

Howay – runathon coming up, craft fair at River Market in April

Connaught – carnival June 2

Herbert Spencer – successful cupcake sale. Doing a yearbook, carnival June 16

Qayqayt – carnival & spring concert in the works, Howl festival teaming up with Hyack this time, thinking about involving all schools – big family festival
On Victoria Day in Tipperary Park,

GMS – entrepreneurial fair on Feb 23

Chair Report –

Bccpac Spring conference-two keynote speakers announced, themes announced: inclusion, cultural change and mental health

All party forum on education on April 4 – registration details to come, open to all BCCPAC members

May Day changes: more youth focused , changes coming more student friendly

MAY DAY CEREMONY AT QUEENS PARK (contributed by Kathleen Carlsen - Howay Chair)

- The ceremony will be student centered and student run
- All Royal Suite members will play a part in the ceremony
- looking at getting more entertainment to promote student engagement
- looking at finding ways for students in the stands to show their school spirit
- Schools will select 2 Royal Suite representatives as in the past (students will present speeches on Feb 21 in the morning, grade 3-5's will vote in reps)
- There will be a draw for the other Royal Suite positions with May Day pins being distributed at this draw.
- There will be no special apparel for Royal Suite members (there may be some guidelines, no tiaras, crowns, capes or vests)
- May Day Civic Dinner - task force will consult with city on specifics
- Community Based May Day Events - Royal Suites participating in community based May Day events will be at the discretion of the parents. These are not school district events.
- The Grade One dance will be eliminated

- The May Day Task Force will be soliciting feedback in late May on the changes made to May Day 2017 and any other feedback or suggestions related to May Day.

Parent Ed event planned for May 1 at FRMS on drug use, Fraser Health/Sd40/DPAC partnership
Dr and counsellor with teen panel

Treasurer Report-

Bank balances: \$12, 947.29 (Operating \$10, 323. 73; Gaming \$2, 623.56)

Recent disbursements: Printing \$ 11.20; Refreshments \$15.75

Parents night Out –

Social Media Awareness event with Sam Jingfors will be tomorrow (Feb 21) at Justice Institute
6:30-8:30, free snacks and childminding

New Business:

Sanctuary schools taskforce – DPAC nominated Maya Russell – met twice to create policy so that all children can attend NW schools regardless of immigration status. Draft policy goes to Board on Feb 28

CBSA will not be allowed on school property cannot access school records

Kevin Lorenz District Treasurer want DPAC input re District budget by March 24- take back to PAC's

Discussion over lacking before/after school care, especially in Queensborough. Andrea Mears will prepare a report.

School Calendar: draft for 2017-2018 presented for information

Motion to Adjourn: 9:52 pm