

SD40 DPAC MEETING MINUTES

OCT 9TH, 2018

held at: CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

ATTENDANCE: Brennan Anstey (DPAC Treasurer, Richard McBride Elementary), Hilla Avidan-Shavit (Hume Park Home Learners) Vidhya Ganesan (Ecole Qayqayt Elementary), Garry Self (FW Howay Elementary), Karon Trenaman (DPAC Co-Chair, Ecole Tweedsmuir Elementary), Sue Kenney (Queen Elizabeth Elementary), Ronda Field (New Westminster Secondary), Rick Bloudell (After School Program, EQE)

REGRETS: Kathleen Carlsen-Locatelli, Beth Ott

CALL TO ORDER: Karon called meeting to order at 7:07pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Karon acknowledged the meeting being held on QQ Nation and Coast Salish Peoples territory.

MOTION: to accept AGENDA set for this meeting.

Moved by: Brennan Anstey Seconded by: Vidhya Ganesan CARRIED

MOTION: to accept the MINUTES OF THE SEPT 11TH, 2018 meeting

Moved by: Brennan Anstey Seconded by: Hilla Avidan CARRIED

UPDATES FROM SD40 PACS

FW HOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Communication between school and parents - good
- They are taking the kids out to play not like the previous year
- School has new administration with new principal
- School cash online – has got complaints – problems in creating accounts, problems in accepting forms
- Terms and conditions - If they have no social media account, then they have to go through district
- School not happy to send mails to parents through the school email system
- Previous principal didn't send newsletters
- Hoping it gets better this year
- Collecting emails from parents just one third, so far
- For purchasing curriculum related hardware, district is paying after PAC rejected to pay

ECOLE QAYQAYT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Barbeque and parent teacher meet were organized well. There were hot dogs, veggie dogs, apples, popcorn and more.
- First PAC meeting in September went well with the principal giving presentation on combined classrooms.
- Toonie Terry fox run on Sep 27th
- Orange shirt day on Sep 28th
- Parent info session on sex-ed workshop was conducted on Oct 3rd
- Sex-ed workshop for kids to be held on Oct 10th

ECOLE TWEEDSMUIR ELEMENTARY

- parent / teacher meet was a success

HUME PARK HOME LEARNERS

- Figuring out all questions on what to do when they graduate from K to 8th grade
- Trying to provide them with all options when it comes to transition to higher grades
- Administrator is willing to come and talk about transition
- Didn't have big fundraising events in the past.
- Thinking of fundraising events in future and have got some new ideas

NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Has successfully set up an email nwss.gmail.com to share it with future DPAC representatives of the school
- New school capacity 2100 which is higher than previous estimates
- Entire senior management team in PAC this academic year 2018-2019
- Young Student leadership into planning events and programs for the school
- Strong financial position – more staff for special needs
- Communication between DPAC and school is thin
- Bandathon - in October

QUEEN ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Play yard covered with portables
- Fencing around the portable, elevated but not completely closed
- Trying to bring that up with trustees
- They need a permanent fix
- Willing to host DPAC meeting April, 9th. Karon asked if that can be moved to May
- No way of communicating with parents, no newsletters, PAC info can't be sent out
- Collecting emails of parents
- No coordination/ proper arrangement when it comes to events like Terry Fox Run
- Pumpkin run on oct 25th
- Transition to Kindergarten was smooth.

RICHARD MCBRIDE ELEMENTARY

- Barbeque and parent / teacher meet went well. Bouncy castle and games in gym; kids had great time
- School cash online – has been started at school for the first time
- Transition to K – concerns re: when you need childcare or when you do not
- Two fundraising events: Annual plant bulb sale / Apple sale (10 lb bags)
- Each child in every class learned a First Nations dance, performing at an assembly and ending with an interactive event. This was very well received!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Brennan Anstey

- Sandra Coll, the past Treasurer, had prepared the budget for approval at this meeting. Unfortunately we do not have quorum, so we are not able to approve the budget. This will be brought to the next meeting in November.
- Money is being spent for conducting DPAC meetings. Because the District Office Policy and Planning meeting takes place on Tuesdays at the Board Office, we are looking for DPAC member schools to host the remaining meetings of the year.
- BCCPAC membership time extended to November

PNO: Sent in by Kathleen Carlsen-Locatelli

- Reminder of the next PNO on October 29th at the Justice Institute. Dr, Kristen Buhr will be speaking on Anxiety. Please register through Eventbrite. DPAC will cover the cost of the food. Kathleen will order this soon.
- As discussed at the last DPAC meeting, the next two dates to put on your calendar for PNO events are: February 12th - topic: SEPH (Social, Emotional & Physical Health) Balance Wheel, and April 23rd - tentative topic: video-gaming addiction
- Information requested by DPAC members by emails.

NTAC: Tracie/ Brennan

- Tracie is retiring from this position and Brennan is now signed up to take over.
- There are 3-4 meetings a year. Brennan's first meeting will be in January.
- Open to ideas.

YAC: Donella was not in attendance to give report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. All Candidates Meeting - report sent in by Kathleen

Thank you to so many people that made the AC mtg on October 3rd such a great success. We had more than 60 people attend, which has been one of the biggest turn outs at the School Board Trustee AC meetings.

The AC DPAC committee of Vidyha, Karon, Beth and myself sorted through more than 37 questions and were able to combine, rework and reword these into 8 fantastic questions for the candidates. Brennan was also part of the committee, but did not attend the question meeting as his wife is one of the candidates.

Vidyha - thank you for doing up all of the signs - it made it much easier for everyone to navigate where they were going.

Hilla & Alexandra - thank you for managing the refreshment table. Some of the student volunteers seemed extremely pleased to be sent home with tasty left overs. Please forward your receipts to Brennan for reimbursement.

Thank you also, Hilla, for the recommendation for candidates to introduce themselves. After your suggestion, each candidate was announced.

Brennan - thank you for ALL the behind the scenes work you did. Advertisement / flyers / media / newspaper, / managing the recycling area / working with the students / helping with the speaker / chair & table moving / clean up / and for your awesome suggestion of getting the students involved!

Karon - thank you for your support and help with set up / projector - wonderful for the audience and candidates to be able to read, and for your support while addressing the audience

It was an awesome evening- one we, as DPAC should be proud of hosting. I will be forwarding thank you cards to Kathleen Higgins, each student volunteer, Gabriel Forsyth (teacher) and John Tyler (principal at NWSS). DPAC will also be sending a \$25 gift card to Kathleen H.

I was very impressed with many of the student volunteers and was proud of them for being such a big part of this event. Future politicians - maybe?

- Organizers were appreciated by Garry from FW Howay Elementary
- He felt that more questions per candidate would have been nicer
- Deadline to answer questions by the candidate is Oct 10th
- There was a special mention of Kathleen and Karon for their contribution towards the all candidates meeting

2. Hume Park Home Learners:

- Josh Angiola, Math and Science Curriculum Facilitator gave ideas and simple manipulatives to understand Math

3. Kathleen was great in organizing all candidates meeting. Credits to her - (Karon and other DPAC members)

NEW BUSINESS:

Rick Bloudell: (After School Program Organizer)

- Partnering with New westminster fire fighter's charitable society to provide subsidies to students
- Helped 85 NW students to participate in after school program
- Hydrant cup 2018, a charity hockey game to be conducted on November 3rd at Queen's Park Arena – need help in selling out tickets for the game
- 50% of the proceeds that come through selling tickets for the game will go to PAC- Lord Kelvin, Ecole Qayqayt are already interested in helping to sell tickets
- It is a win- win for both PAC and charitable society
- Willing to distribute tickets to interested PAC's
- \$5 for individual tickets, \$20 family pass (max 2 adults and max 3 children)
- They might need help selling tickets for BBQ and for selling hamburgers, hot dogs – this has not been decided yet / more details to come
- The Barbecue will be before the game
- Encourage parents to buy tickets from PAC to help for the event
- Selling tickets for the event is time sensitive

Brennan Anstey:

- BCCPAC membership registration time extended until November. All PACs are to send in their application online.

Next meeting: November 13th

location: Lord Kelvin Elementary School

address: 1010 Hamilton Street, New Westminster

Meeting adjourned at 8.59 pm