

DPAC Meeting - Monday, September 18, 2017 **Held at the SD40 School Board Office** **Minutes – Draft**

Present: Hilla Avidan-Shavit (Home Learners, Hume Park), Tracie Berg (Queensborough Middle School), Christina Black (Ecole Glenbrook Middle School), Kathleen Carlsen (Richard McBride Elementary, DPAC Vice Chair), Sandra Coll (New West Senior Secondary, DPAC Treasurer), Wendy Cooper (New Westminster Senior Secondary), Karla Gronsdahl (Fraser River Middle School), Alexandra Kostadinova (Herbert Spencer Elementary), Beth Ott, (Ecole Glenbrook Middle, DPAC Member at Large), Roya Sarwary (Queen Elizabeth Elementary), Karon Trenamon, (Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary, DPAC Chair)

Guests: Pat Duncan, (Superintendent); Kelly Slade-Kerr, (Chair, School Board).

Call to order	Chair acknowledge Territory of QQ Nation and Coast Salish Peoples. Meeting called to order at 7:01. Chair welcomed everyone, round table introductions.
Report From Superintendent & Board Chair	<p>Progress report on the NWSS new building: school will have substantial completion in May 2020, will be ready for students in September 2020. He is excited about the end result, says plans are magnificent.</p> <p>Student Learning Grant - many discussions with teachers, administrators & staff to find out what schools needed. Money was spent on the following: books, ipads, chrome books & aboriginal resources. If PAC's would like to know what their individual school spent their allotted money on, they are encouraged to communicate directly with the school administrators. Pat will send report to Karon to share to all DPAC reps re: amount each school was awarded.</p> <p>Discussion about our new Associate Superintendent - Karim Hachlaf. Some of his duties will include aboriginal education and leadership for Principals and VP's. Belinda Scott will now look after all community type events.</p> <p>Dress Code discussion: The Board Chair informed us that the school board has a respectful dress code which does not use gender specific language. Clothing that violates the Human Rights Code can not be worn. There can be no advertisement on clothing for drugs or alcohol, and no items that are racist or that encourage racism may be worn. The Superintendent sent examples of gender neutral language regarding dress codes to each school administrator, most of whom have adopted these changes. A couple schools went through administration changes so they may be a bit behind in this area. Any parents who have a concern are encouraged to go to their principal.</p>
Adoption of Agenda	<p>Motion: to accept the agenda as circulated.</p> <p>Moved (M): Karon / Seconded (S): Kathleen CARRIED</p>
Accept AGM Minutes June 19, 2017	<p>Minutes of the AGM held on June 19, 2017 were reviewed.</p> <p>Motion: to approve minutes of the June 19, 2017 AGM.</p> <p>Moved: Kathleen / Seconded: Sandra CARRIED</p>

<p>Updates from individual PACS</p>	<p>EGMS - Christina & Beth reported the 1st PAC mtg was last week / lots of changes & splits in classes / they will get a portable next year / the AED's are to go into the building soon, near the gym / welcome back bbq Sept 27th / October immunization / list of new PAC members & exec will be sent to DPAC soon.</p> <p>FRMS: Karla reported the first PAC mtg was held Sept 11/17. 482 students enrolled, 18 classes. This is an increase from last year's inaugural enrolment of 462 students / 16 classes. New VP: Ms. J. Bourne / breakfast program is continuing every morning at 8:15am / After school drop in program will run 3 days a week (M,W, F) / Friday's hot lunch program was super successful last year & will continue this year with Me-N-Ed's pizza, Subway or Chopped Leaf. / Fruit & Vegetable program will commence on Sept. 20 / PAC rec'd a \$500 community grant to assist with parent welcome evening - this will coincide with the AGM on Oct 23rd / The private fee paying bus system is no longer running due to low enrolment numbers.</p> <p>HSES: Alexandra reported they had a successful welcome back night/ hot lunches 2x per month trying Sushi, Papa John's, Subway, Mucho Burrito, Chinese Food, using Munch-a-lunch. First Light will be Nov 30th (great community event where the lights on the big tree at 6th Avenue & 2nd Street get lit), annual craft fair will be held Nov 25th.</p> <p>HL: Hilla reported their school starts Sept 26th / new VP is Jamie Sadler / 2 new teachers filling 1.5 positions / active PAC is working on raising awareness of the unique blended learning - not simply DL. Students spend 2 days a week with teachers / welcome back bbq Sept 27th.</p> <p>LTES: Karon reported Tweedsmuir hosted the Education, Policy & Planning meeting in September; it was successful & everyone had the chance to go out and see the community garden which has lots of vegetables growing. Child minding will be available at upcoming PAC mtgs / hot lunches will continue this year / Open House is Sept 21st / movie nights will be held at this school / the school will now plant large trees, then bring in rocks & stumps for the outdoor classroom for use in the Spring 2018.</p> <p>NWSS: Sandra & Wendy reported it was a bit of a rough start this year because of a bomb threat on the first day of school / not all students received schedules / a few IT issues / one new counsellor / concert band members will be selling entertainment books - everything is online / new school trustee: Mark Gifford</p> <p>QEE: Roya reported new principal is Paul Manville / welcome bbq Sept 11 - money from community grant was used for this / missing PAC member due to PAC Chair moving out of country / will have pizza days, hot lunches, and fundraisers for extension to playground. (dance-a-thon, purdy's chocolate sales & more) /Monthly newsletter sent by administration will have a PAC page.</p> <p>QMS: Tracie reported she is the new Chair / 1st mtg will be Sept 20th. They are interested in teaming up with other schools to split the cost of the movie license. They will have more to report at the next mtg.</p>
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<p>DPAC executive minutes & Chair Report</p>	<p>Kathleen reported the following that was discussed at the executive meeting held Thursday, September 14, 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *DPAC does not have a secretary. Minute taking will be shared between Sandra, Kathleen and Beth. * A computer for DPAC is probably not needed this year * Funding for Guest Speakers - these speakers must be educating the parents. DPAC would like to compile a list of speakers that would be suitable for SD40 - individual PAC's are asked to send in recommendations. We will also check with BCCPAC to see if they have a list of speakers. DPAC will make funds available for speakers. We will need to establish an amount for each school. Tracie will look into criteria for speakers and start a list. * Fundraising Suggestion List - we would like to compile a list of worthwhile fundraising events. Which companies are great to work with, which ones may not be suited to our school district. We may get deals from different companies if more schools from one district use them. Please ask your PAC's to send in their list - both good and not so good so this can get started. * DPAC list of equipment - we would like to put a list together of big ticket items that schools have purchased for big events which individual PAC's could then rent out to other schools in the district. This would entail items for carnivals, and fun days. <p>Karen reported that movie licenses are now going through each school. If schools are interested in partnering with other schools, let DPAC know so we can put these schools in touch with each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A parent asked about the dress code - this was addressed during Kelly's report. * Co-Treasurer - we are still looking for a co-treasurer as this will be Sandra's last year. She is willing to help someone "learn the ropes" to make a smooth transition for next year. If you know anyone who may be suitable please let any executive member know. * Education Policy and Planning Meetings - School administrators communicate directly with the Superintendent regarding dates for the EP&P meeting venues. We will post these as soon as we have them. Thank you to Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary who put on the first meeting in September - this was well attended and was a great success. * We have a new SD40 Communications Co-ordinator - Holly Nathan. She & her team have revised the SD40 website as well as most of the school's sites. She has also created a Facebook page and a Twitter account & plans to use them to connect PACs and to promote their activities. If you are on social media, you will want to "like" New West schools as relevant information will be posted there. * Restorative Justice - would like to come and give 1.5 hour presentation. Discussion took place, decision to ask if they would come in to give a short 30 minutes presentation. This should probably go to the senior administrators 1st and be presented to the School Board.
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Treasurer Report	<p>Sandra circulated the 2017-18 DPAC budget. Motion: to approve the 2017-18 Budget Moved: Beth Seconded: Roya CARRIED</p> <p>* Sandra reported BCCPAC memberships are due - all PACS are to register but DO NOT PAY. The DPAC will pay for all SD40 schools. * Discussion re: bursaries - DPAC gives 1 fine arts / 1 science / 1 special needs bursary * Fall BCCPAC - one of the executive may attend the Fall BCCPAC - we will wait to hear the dates to confirm.</p>
Reports from Committees	<p>Parents Night Out - Sandra reported the next event will be focused on social media. This will be November 7th at the Justice Institute from 6:30 - 8:30. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this event so they can learn together about social media safety, on line bullying, privacy, chatrooms and how role playing games can lead to addictions. DPAC will supply food and drinks for this event. NTAC - Cheryl has agreed to stay on. The application process for a new representative is in November. BCCPAC liason - this is a new position which a DPAC member at large will take on. Congratulations to Beth Ott who was voted in at our AGM in June. This position will help to keep DPAC up to date with the ongoing of BCCPAC, provide information to the individual PACS, find and share good resources, and work to bring SD40 relevant resolutions to the BCCPAC.</p>
New Business:	<p>We hope this year to have greater communications between PACS and parents. This may be done with the help of Holly Nathan & more PAC information being added to school newsletters. Website - Wendy is stepping down from her position and Alexandra has agreed to take over the website. They will work together so there is a smooth transition.</p>
Adjournment	<p>meeting adjourned at 9:26pm</p>