

# SD40 DPAC MEETING MINUTES

## APRIL 9TH, 2019

held at: NEW WESTMINSTER HUME PARK HOME LEARNERS SCHOOL

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Kathleen Carlsen (DPAC Co-Chair, Richard McBride Elementary School)  
Ronda Field (New Westminster Secondary School)  
Allison Flannagan (Fraser River Middle School)  
Bernadette Gourlay (Queensborough Middle School & Queen Elizabeth Elementary School)  
Bryant Ibbeston (Hume Park)  
Susan Kenny (QES)  
Antonia Paradis (Connaught Heights Elementary School)  
Cyrus Sy (Ecole Glenbrook Middle School & Herbert Spencer Elementary)

Karon Trenaman (DPAC Co-Chair, Ecole Tweedsmuir Elementary) - arrived at 7:30pm  
Brennan Ansty (DPAC NTAC rep, RMES) - arrived at 8:40pm

**REGRETS:** Hilla Avida-Shavit, Vidhya Ganesan, Beth Ott, Garry Self

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kathleen called meeting to order at 7:04pm

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

**INTRODUCTIONS:** All those present introduced themselves and the schools they represent.

**MOTION:** to accept AGENDA set for this meeting.

Moved by Ronda

Seconded by: Sue

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** to accept the MINUTES OF THE JAN 8TH, 2019 meeting.

Moved by: Sue

Seconded by: Cyrus

**CARRIED**

### **PRESENTATION:**

Rocky Suffron, President of The New Westminster May Day Community Association dropped in to update us on what their association is doing.

The NWMDCA is working with Nadia Young, the May Day Administrator, on ways to keep May Day traditional, relevant for today's families and bring new social value to it.

Mr. Suffron and the NWMDCA team has offered to hold a "Cheer Off" at this year's May Day Event. This means that each school is encouraged to come up with a school cheer which will be performed at

this year's May Day. The NWMDCA will award \$500 to the winning school (winning school to be chosen by draw) for that school to hold an end of the year party for the Grade 5's.

There was discussion and those in attendance felt this could encourage Teamwork and school spirit. The NWMDCA is also doing a number of other things to make May Day inclusive and positive for all New Westminster residents - one event coming up is an adult May Day Social on May 18th at the New Westminster Curling Club. Tickets for the social are \$10 which include food, a DJ, a comedian, prizes and more. For questions or information, please contact Rocky at: [rocksuffron@gmail.com](mailto:rocksuffron@gmail.com)

## **UPDATES FROM SD40 PACS**

### **CONNAUGHT ELEMENTARY**

- School has a new Principal - Jennifer Bourne. It was a smooth transition, students and parents are very happy with new principal and appreciate that she is very "hands on"
- One of the teachers was successful in their bid for a grant. This money was then used to fund a Cultural night featuring a potluck & fun evening. It was a great turn out as all students celebrated their ethnicity.
- School Wide Dance program was very popular / finale on Thursday, April 11th
- gearing up for June 7th - School Carnival 5:30 -8:00pm / volunteer's first meeting tomorrow night / this is our big yearly fundraiser and will feature a petting zoo this year.

### **NEW WESTMINSTER HUME PARK HOMELEARNERS**

- New Pac President Byrant Ibbetson
- NWHPHL PAC organized "Life After Hume" (K-9) Event. Many students leave this small school in grade 8. This event was to educate parents and students about integrating into other schools after HPHL. They learned that there were so many options (part time school, part time online / outdoor learning / farming schooling) Past graduates came back and spoke about how they did it. The big part for many of the students leaving is the social component. Because students come from so many other areas (Surrey, Maple Ridge, Burnaby) they may find it more difficult than those who are neighbours. Three trustees attended this event which was held at NWSS
- The first week of May - the whole school will go to Camp Sasamat

### **FRASER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Tanya Kaselj is the acting principal
- Talent Show will be in the evening on April 30th
- PAC had planned on holding a silent auction, but there was not enough support. They will go with a raffle as the main fundraiser instead

### **ECOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- In Feb the PAC sponsored a night about cannabis. Karen Janzten spoke to the kids during school hours, then gave a presentation to the parents in the evening. Many good reports on this event.

- Entrepreneurial Fair was very successful this year. There were over 45 students who took part. The photo booth was very popular.
- Grade 8 Grads will do many fundraising activities. They had a reduce, reuse, recycle event and on April 13 they will hold a bottle drive at the school from 9:00am - 3:00pm
- May 16th - Silly Olympics - in the past has included a cakewalk, and the pie throwing (at a teacher) was very popular.

### **NEW WESTMINSTER SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL:**

- New Vice Principal - Murray MacLeod / John Tyler has moved onto a new position in Alberta.
- May 4th - Silent Auction Pub Night (in support of Dry Grad) - any donations in the form of cash, individual items or in-kind services, would be greatly accepted. For more info email: [newwestdrygrad@gmail.com](mailto:newwestdrygrad@gmail.com)
- May 22nd next mtg / elections - looking for more executive
- Discussion that there were issues with the band because some students are coming from schools who teach band year round with others who do band for one term. This makes it difficult for both students and teachers.

### **RICHARD MCBRIDE ELEMENTARY:**

- Held a very successful clothing swap. Families donated clothing and shoes that no longer fit them, these were organized by size, displayed in the gym then any family could go "shopping" for free - basically anything that they liked, they took home. It was wonderful both for those donating and those receiving new-to-them items. We hope to have at least one more of these events before the end of the year.
- "Fun Lunches" continue to be popular
- Trampoline Safety - a link to fill out a survey was sent out to all PACs a short time ago. McBride will now be hosting an Open House on Trampoline Safety on Wednesday, April 10th. This free event will be held in the gym on a drop-in basis. The link for the survey is below: <http://rmdelaney.hostedincanadasurveys.ca/index.php/335389?lang=en>
- May 3rd, 2019 - McBride's Night Out. Tables are going fast for the McBride's Night Out. This event allows McBride Parents and friends to enjoy a relaxing evening while getting to know some of the businesses from their local community. The evening will include a silent auction, raffle, and possibly "swag bags" while promoting local vendors and home-based businesses. Cost to rent a table is \$30. As there is a limited number of tables available, applications are now available and a lottery draw will be done to determine which businesses are able to participate. For application, please email DPAC or contact an executive member of the Richard McBride PAC.

### **QUEEN ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY**

- May 14th next DPAC meeting
- Running reflector fundraiser
- Park & Walk Day - April 25th - principal & administrators are adamant about not having cars around the school. The idea is to create satellite parking spots 5 minutes from school and walk to

school. Trying to teach that it's fun to walk to school. Company called HASTE - came to the school & discussed good walking paths to school.

- Bike to School Week -is in May / registration is coming up very soon
- June 1st - First parent night out at a local Pub / fundraiser / check QEE facebook group
- School Dance program - great event
- Rock the Salish Sea at the Bethany Baptist Church Hall - Great event held just before Spring Break promoting Sustainability & our environment
- 30% of school population was sick in March with the some sort of virus. Everyone seems to be much better now

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sent in by Brennan Anstey

- is about to apply for the Gaming Grant / \$2500
- typically get a grant from the school district
- we are looking good at this point

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Reflector Fundraiser - only one school has done this - Sue Kenny from QEE gave a short presentation regarding this fundraiser. She reported the following:

This is a small family owned company / moved from Finland to Canada / everyone in Finland wears reflectors which have proven to improve safety, & reduce injuries / Sue made up an order form & spreadsheet for each division. She would be happy to help any other school that would like to take this on. She was given wholesale prices / the company is trying to give a 60% spread / the response has been great / the display at the school has garnered much discussion and interest.

For more information contact Sue at [suekenny12@gmail.com](mailto:suekenny12@gmail.com)

2. BCCPAC - The conference and AGM will be held May 3-5, 2019 in Richmond. If anyone from your PAC would like to attend to represent your school, registration needs to be sent in fairly soon. If no one from your school is able to attend, please fill out the Proxy Form allowing either KATHLEEN CARLSEN, BETH OTT or CYRUS SY to vote on your behalf. The forms are attached with these minutes. Once filled out, these can be either emailed back to the DPAC chair at [newwestdpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:newwestdpacchair@gmail.com) or via text to Kathleen at 604 788 3816.

The 10 Resolutions that have been proposed can be found on the BCCPAC website. Kathleen read out each resolution and the membership voted. See below for results.

2019.01	Amendment to Lifetime Member Qualification -	PASSED
2019.02	Removal of Associate Member Class	PASSED
2019.03	Amendment to Financial Section	PASSED
2019.04	Inclusion of Comprehensive Driver Education in the High School Curriculum	PASSED
2019.05	Change to K-12 Curriculum for Inclusion of	

	consent and Online Safety	PASSED
2019.06	Individual Education Plans for Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder	PASSED
2019.07	Regulatory Body & Post-Secondary Programming for Education Assistants	PASSED
2019.08	Access to Menstrual Products for Students	PASSED
2019.09	Operating Funding for Large, Growing and Urban communities	PASSED
2019.10	Capital Funding for Portables	PASSED

3. We will be looking for a DPAC rep to be our rep at YAC for next year. Unfortunately no one has taken on this position this year. For more information about this please contact an executive member Meetings are held once a month at 5:30 - 7:00 at Century House

**MOTION:** DPAC to re-imburse on a first come, first serve basis the cost for PACs to attend the BCCPAC conference & AGM on May 3-5th, 2019. Total not to exceed \$1200 total.

Moved by: Kathleen

Seconded by: Sue

**CARRIED**

**PNO:** Kathleen Carlsen-Locatelli

- explained that the PNO (Parent's Night Out Committee) is a NW community group in partnership with the NW police department, Fraser Health, Healthy Schools, Fraserside, Family Services, and the District Community School Co-ordinators.
- **PNO last official presentation was held on MARCH 5th.** The presentation was on THE EFFECTS OF VAPING. This event was sold out, and we did actually have a full house
- It was informative and we do believe that a follow up may take place again next year. This may include more input from the school administrators as that is what many of the responses asked for.
- Another Event was held on April 3rd at Herbert Spencer School. This was put on by the School Board and advertised by the PNO. It featured Andrew Baxter who gave a presentation on UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH. As it was on a Wednesday evening, I was unable to attend but those who were able to go said it was great?
- Our next and Final event for the year will be held on APRIL 23rd at the Justice Institute. The topic is: GAMING DISORDERS AND ADDICTION.
- Registration for this free event will again be through Eventbrite, and we will again have all registered attendees notified that they will need to be there by 6:15pm. After the 6:15 registration, all seats will be open so those on the waitlist can attend.
- The NW Police department will cover the cost of the venue & the The District Community Co-ordinators will look after the cost of the speakers.
- DPAC will cover the cost of the food - approximately \$325
- Kathleen will send out posters when they are available.

**NTAC:** Brennan Anstey arrived at the DPAC meeting after the NTAC meeting finished. He reported that the focus this entire calendar year is schools and **safety around schools** discussion on: signage / what to do around schools / levels - signage, physical impediments, one way type changes - work in progress / brainstorming at this point / how far do we want the schools to go for the safety /

Discussion about other closures on 1st and Royal. There is always much discussion in New Westminster when it comes to traffic.

**YAC:** This position is still vacant - see old business above

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Grade 5 transition to Middle School - we have been asked if DPAC could organize events for children in Grade 5 to get together before going to Glenbrook so it can ease the transition. We responded with “we like the idea, but cannot take on this role. We would be happy to support this, but DPAC has to stay open to all schools and we do not have the manpower at this time.”

We invite anyone who is interested in organizing this to please contact us and we will get you in contact with the person who brought this idea forward.

2. May Day - Karon reported:

- At the last Presidents Circle Meeting May Day was discussed. The new superintendent has inherited the pressure of two groups. There are changes this year - they include - the voluntary decision for grade 3 & 4 students to dance / many different ideas have been discussed / Practises are now after school / SD is now putting it on the parents & students. Many people are sensitive to the history of this event.

3. Talking Tables - Karon reported / 8 people were there to represent DPAC / chatting about budget allocation / Secretary Treasurer gave a presentation, talked about priorities at each table / what has worked well, where do you see the challenges, teacher perspective, positives, nutrition in the schools, lack of communication. We look forward to hearing what the next step is in this process.

4. Strategic Planning - Karon reported that at this point it is a fact finding mission JJ Lee (High School Rep) and Charmaine Urbano (elementary school rep) have attended. We are looking for a Middle School Rep. Allison, Bernadette or Cyrus - please let us know if you are interested in attending and representing your child's school.

At the last meeting (the 1st one) community consultation was the homework with those present asked to interview 5 different families who are new to the district and to find out how their experience with the system was.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** to adjourn meeting at 9:20pm

Moved by: Ronda

Seconded by: Cyrus

CARRIED

Next meeting: May 14th, 2019

Location: Queen Elizabeth Middle School

Time: 7:00pm

Address: 921 Salter Street

\*NOTE: The June Meeting will be held on June 4th at the NWSS library.

\* After this meeting, the remaining resolutions to be voted on at the BCCPAC AGM in May came out. Please see link below and let us know whether or not your school supports them.

Link is [https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Documents/Resources/AGM/2019-AGM-Booklet.pdf?utm\\_source=BCCPAC+Contacts&utm\\_campaign=8e9c9246a0-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_03\\_14\\_08\\_49\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_d837bec74a-8e9c9246a0-254865817](https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Documents/Resources/AGM/2019-AGM-Booklet.pdf?utm_source=BCCPAC+Contacts&utm_campaign=8e9c9246a0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_03_14_08_49_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d837bec74a-8e9c9246a0-254865817)