

# SD40 DPAC MEETING MINUTES

## JAN. 8TH, 2019

held at: E'COLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Brennan Anstey (DPAC Treasurer, Richard McBride Elementary)  
Hilla Avidan-Shavit (New Westminster Home Learners School)  
Kathleen Carlsen (DPAC Co-Chair, RME)  
Ronda Field (NWSS)  
Vidhya Ganesan (Ecole Qayquayt Elementary)  
Sue Kenny (Queen Elizabeth Elementary School)  
Alexandra Kostadinova (Herbert Spencer Elementary)  
Beth Ott (Ecole Glenbrook Middle School)  
Cyrus Sy (EGMS)  
Karon Trenaman (DPAC Co-Chair, Ecole Tweedsmuir Elementary)

**REGRETS:** Allison Flannagan, Tracie Berg

**CALL TO ORDER:** Karon called meeting to order at 7:11pm

**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: Ronda

Seconded by: Brennan

CARRIED

**MOTION:** to accept the MINUTES OF THE NOV 18TH, 2018 meeting.

Moved by: Brennan

Seconded by: Kathleen

CARRIED

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Lisa Sohi from The Healthy Schools Program - see power point attached

- There was discussion re: School Nurses (for those with medic alerts, allergies, emergency plan, Grade 6 immunization), Nursing Support services (for those who may have a seizure care plan, an EA or 1 to1 worker training), and Healthy Schools Nurse (which is a full time added resource to the district)

- After a great presentation and discussion, we learned that Health Schools NWD committee was formed in 2015 and the priorities outlined are:

2016-17: physical literacy

2017-18: mental wellness

2018-19: food literacy

There was also much discussion about vaping and it was brought to the attention of Lisa and all those in attendance, that vaping is popular at the high school and is even happening during class time.

Question: Who is responsible for policing this?

Answer: School administrators

2. Cyndi Adams (dietician) from The School Nourishment Program -

- see power point attached

- The SNP wants to increase nutrition literacy

- They plan to provide meals for students every day (some pay full price, some have partial subsidy, some are fully funded)

- The 3 schools who will take part of the initial roll out are: Feb 5th - Qayqayt, Feb 7th - Queen Elizabeth, and Feb 8th - Queensborough Middle School

- all other schools should be included by January of the 2019-2020 school year

- all entrees are priced at \$5.75 per entree

### **UPDATES FROM SD40 PACS**

#### **ECOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- The Talent Show on December 4th was a success showing off many talented youth

- more info to come in Feb, as PAC has not had mtg in the new year yet

#### **ECOLE TWEEDSMUIR ELEMENTARY :**

Jan 16 – Lockdown Drill

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Jan 22 – Parent Night with Saleema Noon (sex ed)

Jan 24 – Saleema Noon presentations to the students

Jan 25 – PAC Fun Lunch (previously called Hot Lunch)

Feb 11 - Earthquake drill

#### **ECOLE QAYQAYT ELEMENTARY:**

- Christmas concert was great - singing & acting Elflandia

- Fundraiser - basket sale \$2,700 / more money raised than in the last couple years

- presentation by Cindy Adams - School nourishment program - see above

- last year they had a successful drumming program. Decided to this again - PAC will subsidize so cost to each child is \$4. The lessons will run for 2 weeks with an interactive sharing performance on Fridays, Jan 11th and Jan 19th.
- The next DPAC meeting will be held at Qayqayt on Tuesday, Feb 19th

### **HERBERT SPENCER ELEMENTARY:**

- PAC mtg tomorrow
- winter concert on Jan 29th at Massey Theatre
- Skating party was held the last day of school
- Had a successful movie night in December
- When they had Hot lunch once a month - everyone ordered. Now they are doing hot lunch once every 2 weeks, but they have less orders.

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

- The grade 12 Graduation requirements have changed. To learn more about the BC Graduation Program, which has now been finalized, go to [www2.gov.bc.ca](http://www2.gov.bc.ca)
- Tuesday, January 15th - the Drama Department will put on a performance at 7:00pm
- January 21st - last day of Semester 1 scheduled classes
- Jan 22- 25th: open learning, enhancement & incomplete days/provincial exams & assessments
- Jan 28th - first day of semester 2 classes
- Jan 30th - Parent Night - new graduation program will be discussed as well as course selection for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Dry Grad will gladly accept bottles at the 8th Street Bottle Depot (across from the school) - just specify when dropping off they are a donation for NWSS Dry Grad
- 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)
- June 11th DPAC mtg - Ronda will check availability with School Admin

### **NEW WESTMINSTER HOME LEARNERS SCHOOL:**

- Classes for this term will start on Thursday, January 10th
- The school had a skating party on December 3rd
- There were no other school organized events, but parents organized many events such as visits to the Burnaby Art Museum and workshop on December 19th, and the Little Bits Interactive Show at the Anvil Center
- PAC mtg not yet happened in 2019

### **RICHARD MCBRIDE ELEMENTARY:**

- successful show at Massey Theatre Dec 13th - The Littlest Reindeer / all students involved / great teacher involvement & this year an audience sing-a-long
- Very successful Purdy's chocolate fundraiser
- last day of school - pj day / movie in some classes / older classes went swimming
- Jan 18th - Fun Lunch - Pizza
- Jan 25 - Movie Night (Up, Tangled, Wall-E - to be decided)
- Jan 22nd - Parent Info Night - Talking about Racism (6:30 - Eventbrite). As this event is taking place in the library, space is limited. The link to register is: [tinyurl.com/talkingaboutracis](https://tinyurl.com/talkingaboutracis)
- next PAC mtg Jan 16th - may learn more about the new school update?

### **QUEEN ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY**

- Jingle Bell Jog on very windy day in Dec, then PAC delivered hot chocolate to each class
- no Christmas play / concert
- spring event has been changed / more info to come
- Grade 4 - entrepreneurial show
- PJ day
- Purdy's chocolates - great results
- One of 3 schools piloting the healthy Schools

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Brennan Anstey

- Brennan went through numbers and tallied everything.
- All outstanding bills have been paid and the accounts look good.

### **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.

### **UPDATE: The Feb 12th PNO has been cancelled!**

- There will be a new PNO the last week of February. The subject will be on educating parents on VAPING. Once the date is finalized all PACs will be notified.
- 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.
- Kathleen will enquire about posters & will then send to all PAC chairs once received.

**NTAC:** Brennan Anstey reported

He is talking to people about transportation around schools / a unique idea he's heard: designated drop off area near or on school grounds where volunteers take children to their classroom teacher or line up area.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. February Meeting - Will be held at Qayqayt on Tuesday, February 19th (the day after the long weekend )
2. We are still looking for a DPAC rep for YAC - This information was sent out in November. Karon will send out information again to PAC executives for this position.  
- Meetings are held once a month at 5:30 - 7:00 at Century House

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Reflector fundraiser - this information will be sent to PACs. Decision to be made re: fundraiser through individual schools or through DPAC. Please let your DPAC executive know your PAC thoughts on this by next meeting - February 19th. Kathleen will look into this as a DPAC fundraiser and bring information to the next meeting.
2. The BCCPAC will have its annual AGM and conference May 3-5, 2019. To prepare for this all Resolutions Forms need to be submitted by the DPAC of each district.  
All Special Resolutions (which are resolutions to make changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, calls for removal of a director, or changes to the authority of the board) are due by January 31st.  
All Ordinary Resolutions (these advocate changes to our public education system or gives direction to the Board of Directors) are due by February 28th. Although Ordinary Resolutions can be submitted any-time (including at the AGM), it is highly recommended these are submitted prior to the AGM so they can be widely circulated to the membership for review and comment and be included in the AGM Resolution Booklet.

Beth, who has taken on the role of the BCCPAC delegate for SD40 DPAC was not able to stay until the end of the meeting. She will send her thoughts / ideas that will be shared with DPAC once she is feeling better.

If anyone has any ideas / thoughts on the above, please contact Beth directly.

For more information and a great read check out the BCCPAC website where you will find The Member Resolutions Policy (No. 4020 - be prepared for a long read :) and the BCCPAC Constitution and Bylaws. You may also find it interesting to check out past resolutions!

3. BCCPAC Awards - these are awarded annually at the AGM. There are 3 possible awards available - the Bev Hosker Award, the George Mathews Award and the Lifetime Member Award. There was discussion about the above. More information can also be found on the BCCPAC webpage.

4. Thought Exchange - this is a forum that the SD40 School Board is asking all parents to participate in. Please see part of email sent to the DPAC below:

Visit <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#611599839> and share your ideas on the question: **What are the most important things we can do to meaningfully support learning opportunities for our students?**

To gather your feedback, we're using Thoughtexchange - a forum where you can confidentially share your ideas, see the ideas of others and highlight what matters most to you. Come back often and contribute to the ongoing dialogue.

To participate using your mobile device, text "hello" in the language of your choice to the phone number 728-55 and enter the code: 611-599-839.

Together we can build a conversation about student learning during a time of transformation in education at New Westminster Schools - and shape priorities for the coming year. Participation will be open from 8 a.m. January 7 - 8 pm on January 14.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** to adjourn meeting at 9:11pm

Moved by: Ronda

Seconded by: Cyrus

CARRIED

Next meeting: February 19, 2019

Location: Qayqayt Elementary School

Time: 7:00pm

Address: 701 Park Crescent, New Westminster, BC V3L 5V4