

# SD40 DPAC MEETING MINUTES

## JUNE 14TH, 2018

held at: HOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**ATTENDANCE:** Brennan Anstey (Richard McBride Elementary), Tracie Berg (Queensborough Middle School), Kathleen Carlsen (DPAC Vice-Chair, RME), Sandra Coll (DPAC Treasurer, NWSS), Vidhya Ganesan (Ecole QaQuayt Elementary), Beth Ott (Ecole Glenbrook Middle School), Jude Talbot (F.W. Howay Elementary)

**REGRETS:** Donella Prasad

**CALL TO ORDER:** Karon called meeting to order at 7:13pm

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

**MOTION:** to accept AGENDA set for this meeting with additions. (discuss All Candidates mtg in the fall, the ministry of education survey on erasing bullying and DPAC mtg dates for the new year)

Moved by: Kathleen

Seconded by: Sandra

CARRIED

**MOTION:** to accept the amended MINUTES OF THE MAY 14TH, 2018 meeting.

Moved by : Beth

Seconded by: Sandra

CARRIED

## UPDATES FROM SD40 PACS

### NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC elections were held and a new executive team is in place for next year, being co-chaired by husband and wife team of Jason and Lesley Parker.

NWSS students currently have an art exhibit showing at the art gallery in Queen's Park - but only until the end of June.

Graduation requirements of the Ministry of Education and the BC post-secondary institutions are changing. Provincial exams are extinct and are being replaced by a numeracy and literacy test that all students must pass in order to graduate.

**All Grade 11 students will be writing the NUMERACY assessment this June 2018**, allowing students opportunities to rewrite during next school year. During the 2018-19 School year Grade 12's will take a Language Arts 12 course and write the associated provincial exam. That way all requirements will be met in time for applications for post-secondary and time to be able to re write if needed.

For more information:

- Graduation 2018 Program.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation-info>

- Provincial Graduation Numeracy Assessment:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment/graduation/numeracy>

- Assessment and Exam information for students:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/curriculum-and-assessment/provincial-exams>

Graduation festivities are upcoming - banquet on June 22, leaving ceremony on June 28 and Dry Grad following on June 28-29.

### ECOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- AGM May 28th - Beth is the new chair, Renee is new Vice Chair, and Sloane Drennan will be a MAL. We are short a few executive members; hoping to fill the vacancies in the fall.
- The Silly Olympics was a HUGE success. Wendy Chiu did a fantastic job organizing it / the most popular event: pie in the face - where some staff members agreed to sit and have pies thrown at them - what great sports!

- The school is up one more division and will get 2 more portables. They are losing some of the basketball courts because of this. The portables will not have bathrooms in it, so school will work with a fob system so students can enter to use the facilities.
- 650 students expected in the fall / same number of counsellors / fewer EA's and a new VP
- Artstop - June 26th for the whole school
- no talent show this year, and no Xmas event this year - hope Silly Olympics will be run annually
- meeting dates are already set:
- discussion re: inequality in EGMS field trips - some teachers plan exciting, fun field trips each year while others don't take the students to any. When parents and PAC ask administrators about this they are told that field trips are at the teachers discretion / some teachers plan exciting fun field trips, others don't do any.

**ACTION:** Karon will bring this to the Presidents Circle in the fall

- field trip for the CPF group - trip to Montreal & Quebec City in March 2019 \$2,000 per child / 6 days, flights, accommodations / jump street - organize the whole thing.

#### QUEENSBOROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL

- AGM coming up this Wed
- sports day was held both last Tuesday and one the Friday before (half on Friday because it was rainy, so they finished the events the following Tuesday).
- Playland this Friday for all grade 6 & 7's in the school - many schools go as Playland is closed to the public so only schools are there on certain days.
- Another field trip: canoeing at Deer Lake - entire school went and took turns throughout the day - different classes, had a lesson then free time . All students went with parent
- School is up 2 divisions in the fall and will take over other classrooms (may take over the computer room); they had extra space when they initially built the school so this will now be used.

#### ECOLE QAYQAYT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- PAC Elections were held on Wednesday, June 13th, many of the same executive members are staying. Serena Trachta is continuing as the PAC chair.
- Two week drumming session for K-5 students, all kids participated; We had an interactive sharing performance for the whole school community on Friday 8th, June as part of school assembly - it was amazing! Planning to have drumming session again next year.
- Sports day on Friday June 15th - hot dogs, fresh fruits, milk and juice were given to students and parents were encouraged to have lunch with kids at school.
- Administration has made the decision that there will be NO early dismissal next year for parent-teacher meetings. The Principal believes parents and teachers can meet after school hours or parents can contact teachers via phone call or email, if they have any questions or concerns.
- 2018 to 2019 academic year PAC will focus on body health awareness and sex education workshop with Salema Noon in October. Interested parents and kids can attend. Parents get to know what the kids will learn during the workshop and then decide if they want their kids to attend.

ACTION: DPAC to send form for re-imbursment to PAC chair - Serena

#### ECOLE LORD TWEEDSMUIR ELEMENTARY:

- 8 classes went to see the high school play Monsters Inc by NWSS dance program on May 7th. This was the NWSS dance program's year end show. Great to see a filled house for this show
- sports day on the 15th - lovely weather / included the sack race, bean bag toss, parachute, hot dog lunch
- field trips coming up include a trip to crescent beach
- appreciation for volunteers before sports day
- PAC meeting is this upcoming Wed /

#### F.W. HOWAY ELEMENTARY:

- leaving ceremony for the grade 5's - was a great show with the MC's dressed up as clowns; telling jokes
- The run-a-thon was held on a very rainy Friday - raised \$2400
- Walk for water (same as glenbrook). Howay is the only elementary school to go to WE and as such, they have to do a global fundraiser to attend the WE. So they are doing the walk for water (this is where students carry water certain distances

- so they can feel what it was like for girls years ago), parents pledge money - this was successful and raised \$1200. The school Principal will get his hair dyed blue for water & shave WFW on back of his head
- Grade 5's annual trip to The Cultus Lake water slides is coming up
  - fun day is coming up soon - traditionally we have a bouncy castle, but it is too expensive this year so are now doing fun day in the morning (with stations) then in the afternoon the primary kids do crafts and the intermediate students go swimming
  - There will be a school picnic at Hume Park - all families invited - primaries in water park - bus there / seniors to go swimming /
  - PAC elections were held: DPAC rep: Garry Self / Many of the same members
  - New principal starting in the fall: Sarah Phelan
  - Howay has Questions about the Safety Together Group as they are hoping to host them in the fall.
  - **ACTION:** Kathleen will report back to Jude & Garry re: the success of this event at McBride

#### RICHARD MCBRIDE ELEMENTARY:

- One of the teachers had her students participate in the Royal Canadian Legions longstanding Poster and Literary Contest. One of these students placed 1st provincially & 2nd Nationally and was recognized at an assembly.
- TD bank donated \$6,000 to the schools garden club - this was to help build garden beds for the schools' garden. Mr. Pattern from NWSS came & taught the children how to use the tools and buddy classes worked together on this project.
- The Scholastic Book Fair took place last week - great to see so many children in purchasing books.
- PAC had another successful Freezie Friday (changed it to Thursday due to weather reports)
- PAC AGM was held and all executive positions are filled. Jen Arbo is the Chair, Dana Cupples is the Treasurer, Kathleen Carlen is DPAC rep.
- The Teacher / Staff appreciation lunch was a HUGE success with SO much food. Teachers commented that they were impressed and appreciated the many home cooked dishes.

#### **DPAC ELECTIONS:** Sandra Coll ran the elections

Congratulations to the new DPAC executive for the 2018-2019 school year:

CO CHAIRS:	KARON TRENNAMAN KATHEEN CARLSEN
TREASURER:	BRENNAN ANSTEY
MEMBERS AT LARGE:	BETH OTT TRACIE BERG

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Sandra Coll

Spending for the year is finished after issuance of the 3 bursary cheques. Operating account still has a healthy balance of \$8,138 and Gaming account will be down to \$178 once all cheques are processed. At that time, Gaming Summary Report for Gaming Branch will be completed and submitted.

Draft budget for 2018-2019 was briefly reviewed again. Discussion about increasing line item for Parent Education to allow for larger grants to PAC's for sponsoring parent ed sessions plus co-sponsoring PNO events. Draft budget will be adjusted, increasing this line item from \$3500 to \$4500.

The amended Draft budget will be presented again at the first meeting of the 2018-2019 school year for final approval.

**PNO:** Sandra Coll

- 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 Coordinators.
- the group plans to organize 2-3 events for next year - these parent education events are open to all parents.
- Eventbrite will be used; all events are free
- The first event is planned for either Nov 6th or 13th at the Justice Institute - the topic will be on anxiety. The NW Police department will cover the cost of the speaker and DPAC will cover the cost of the food.
- In February they are looking at an event where they show a balance wheel - which is really a concept for mental, physical and emotional health - this looks to be very interesting for parents of children of all ages.
- In April - we will look at an event focused on social media, but this year have the speaker be more specific about addictions (including porn & video games)

We still want to communicate with the district to ensure we are working together, and not having events on the same topic in the same month.

- A new Chair of the PNO is needed as Robin is moving out of province.

**NTAC:** Tracie reported there was much discussion about speed bumps and speed humps.

- Lisa LeBlanc wants to get NW citizens who represent their neighbourhoods to agree on the topics that would interest you. They then want to categorize them.
- Many discussions took place including speed bumps - not specific to location, how to reduce the speed to 30km - is this throughout the city or just in school zones, the difference between speed humps and speed bumps, trying to find the worst and best streets of the city / 8th street is good
- The last meeting was really more of a workshop with everyone put into groups for 35 minute discussions.
- Sidewalks are to be put in by developers of new buildings / some sidewalks have been, some sidewalks have been put in near Connaught. Developers now have to put everything under ground.
- DPAC's role at NTAC is to share PAC concerns. We take the concerns of the PAC to the NTAC meeting, hear the feedback and find out what they can do
- police officers are assigned to each school
- Howya is interested in the pedestrian crosswalk on Cumberland being a pedestrian controlled crosswalk / Tweeds PAC proposed blinking signage by the school for cars going in both directions (at this time they only have it in one direction).
- NTAC elections are in September. Brennan is very interested in attending these meetings as well. DPAC to enquire if we can have 2 reps attend the meetings. As the next meeting is in the late fall, we will discuss this in the early fall.

**YAC:** Donella was not at this meeting to give a report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Could all PAC executives please forward the information re: vendors, speakers, and your school event dates so we may get this information ready to share in September. Please send to the DPAC chair & Kathleen will work on this in the summer noting the information we share is only as good as the information we receive from all schools.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The executive of DPAC has suggested we hold an All Candidates Meeting. Traditionally DPAC has hosted these events. We will need to organize this for late September to early October.

The last 2 ACM's were held at the library at NWSS. DPAC will have to check with city re: have they organized a meeting yet & who do we contact

ACTION: Kathleen to look into who we contact at city hall to find out if the city has already organized a meeting and to find availability

- NWSS administration to book library
- We need to find / organize the following: moderator / questions we will ask / coffee & tea / BCCPAC parliamentary contact

ACTION: Beth to look into this for early October - 11th or 12th, earliest is the 2nd or 3rd.

We could ask Holly (the communications officer from the school district) to advertise

For the Questions to be asked, DPAC will ask PACs what kind of questions they would you like to ask the candidates.

2. Superintendent Karim Hachlaf and his team will be looking into offering a workshop on cyber bullying. This will be free to NW school district and will be open to all. They are hoping to also offer workshops during the year on the following subjects: independent learning plans & managing anxiety. DPAC will enquire about dates.

3. The Ministry of Education is introducing Erase Bullying - they are looking at revamping this and would like parent feedback - it's a 10 minute survey  
add link:

4. There are some conflicts with the DPAC meeting dates These dates will be discussed at the next meeting. Conflict because of stat - could move one week earlier or one week later.

Next meeting Sept 17th.

This will be held at the school board office at 7:00pm



Meeting adjourned 9:30pm