

SD40 DPAC MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14TH, 2019
held at: QUEEN ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE:

Brennan Ansty (DPAC NTAC rep, Richard McBride Elementary School)
Hilla Avidan-Shavit (New Westminster Hume Park Home School)
Kathleen Carlsen (DPAC Co-Chair, RMES)
Ronda Field (New Westminster Secondary School)
Vidhya Ganesan (Ecole Qauqayt Elementary School)
Bernadette Gourlay (Queen Elizabeth Elementary School)
Beth Ott (Ecole Glenbrook Middle School)
Michelle Pastro (Queensborough Middle School)
Antonia Paradis (Connaught Heights Elementary School)
Cyrus Sy (EGMS)

REGRETS: Karon Trenaman

CALL TO ORDER: Kathleen called meeting to order at 7:05 pm

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: Bernadette

Seconded by: Ronda

CARRIED

MOTION: to accept the MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9TH, 2019 meeting.

Moved by: Vidhya

Seconded by: Ronda

CARRIED

PRESENTATION:

Karen Janzen and Chad Oatway gave a presentation called Empowering Health. (formerly known as the balance wheel). These speakers were relatable, educated and able to offer a great tool based approach to building healthy families. Those in attendance felt this would be a wonderful presentation for families to participate in.

Karen and Chad are available to give the full 90 minutes presentation to local schools or PACs. Please contact Karen Janzen at: kjanzen@sd40.bc.ca or Chad Oatway at: coatway@sd40.bc.ca for more information.

UPDATES FROM SD40 PACS

CONNAUGHT ELEMENTARY-

- Gardening has been a big part of our curriculum throughout the school this spring (K-Grade 5).
- In particular, the K and Grade 1 classes have been experimenting with growing strawberries in "Mars" soil vs Earth soil. On April 15 they were featured in the New West Record.
- May 8th: The Vancouver Circus School visited the school for the day and taught students juggling and other circus skills.
- May 8 & 9th: Held a very successful bake sale to raise funds for Cops for Cancer.
- May 13-16: Students took part in a week long program with Hyack Football.
- Preparation for our June 7 Carnival is in full swing. We have booked Mayor Cote to take part in the fun by volunteering in the dunk tank between 7- 730pm

ECOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL (Cyrus)

- Silly Olympics to be held on May 16th; trustees have been invited
- PAC and AGM elections to be held on May 27th @ 7pm
- Info Night has been reschedule for May 27th @ 6:30pm
- Attended BCCPAC Conference and AGM
- Two District 40 resolutions were successfully passed

ECOLE HERBERT SPENCER ELEMENTARY - no report

ECOLE TWEEDSMUIR ELEMENTARY : - no report

FRASER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL - no report

NEW WESTMINSTER HUME PARK HOMELEARNERS

- Hilla is moving on after this year
- New DPAC rep is Alison
- Successfully applied for a grant to do a mural inside the school

NEW WESTMINSTER SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (Ronda)

- Welcomed new principal Murray McLeod
- New school is coming along well
- Arts and Tech Ed requested funds from school district

QAYQUAT ELEMENTARY (Vidya)

- Education Planner BC
- Fresh to You Fundraiser
- Student Led Conference being started for the 1st time and will start for all grades going forward

QUEEN ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY (Bernadette)

- Trying to recruit more parents for specific jobs such as gardening
- Milk was removed from fruit & veggies program

QUEENSBOROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Samosa Day was successful
- PAC potluck for after Grade 8 leaving ceremony; with photo booth as a surprise
- Our first ever Freezie Day will be May 31st - after school. Freezies \$1 each
- June 26th - Grade 8 leaving ceremony in the morning / at 11:00am, students move to the multipurpose room for a potluck lunch, music and photobooth from Retro Box Photobooth. (PAC raised funds from selling the Grade 5 hoodies to pay for the photobooth. Cost \$450). Should be lots of fun as there will be props, students get the pictures the same day and staff will also be there so students can get pictures with their teachers. For more information email: retroboxphotobooth@gmail.com
- AGM is June 19th, 2019

RICHARD MCBRIDE ELEMENTARY (Brennnan):

- The McBride Read-a-thon was a lot of fun, promoted reading in all grades and made more than \$2500
- Historical McBride 90th Celebration events are being held – Sat May 25th - this will be held after the Hyack Parade at the school.
- Lots of PAC members moving on, but it looks like there are lots of new families willing to take on executive positions.

- Track & Field takes place Tues & Thurs mornings with a McBride Mini Meet being held at Sapperton Park on May 31st.
- June 4th the PAC will host Saleema Noon - sexual health educators (from 6:30 - 8:30pm)
- The next community consultation for the new school will be held Wednesday, June 5th from 6:30 - 8:30pm - this is a drop in style event.

DICUSSION RE: DPAC ELECTIONS

- Open positions: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 members at large
- All members at-large will be encouraged to participate actively
- It seems we have people running for each position. This is a good start for the upcoming school year and a great way to end the 2018-2019 school year
- Those thinking about running discussed the idea of DPAC focusing on Parent Education next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Brennan Anstey

- Finances are looking good
- New budget will be prepared for next meeting
- Areas to increase include DPAC conference and parent education
- Applied for gaming grant
- For next year, we will continue to apply for gaming and district grant

NTAC: Brennan Anstey

-no report as there has not been another NTAC meeting since our last DPAC mtg.

YAC: This position has been vacant all year. We are hoping to have someone fill this position at our AGM next month. Meetings for the Youth Advisory Council are held once a month from 5:30 - 7:00 at Century House.

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, District Community School Co-ordinators and the School Board.

- The last PNO presentation was held on APRIL 23rd - topic was: GAMING DISORDERS AND ADDICTION.
- Registration filled up, there were great discussions afterwards and the PNO is working on improving our education nights in the 2019-20 school year.
- Discussion took place re: will DPAC continue on with the PNO. Leadership has changed in the PNO. It seems there is now a lack of DPAC input and feedback being listened to.
- Beth is willing to lead a letter to Superintendent to request greater influence from parents on PNO. Further discussions will happen after letter is written and response is given. Decisions will be made in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BCCPAC AGM and conference - 4 DPAC members, sharing 2 weekend tickets, attended the BCCPAC conference and AGM. Vidhya attended the conferences Friday and reported the highlights she found interesting:

- BC Education Savings Grant, Education Planner, BC; Shutterfly + Lifetouch for Fundraising
- Cyrus also attended the conferences on Friday and found the A to Z - all about PACs to be very interesting, educational and empowering. This presentation, along with any others put on by the BCCPAC executives will be on their website soon. His main take back is that PACs are not solely fundraisers - but ambassadors for their child's education.
- Cyrus, Kathleen and Beth also attended the 2-day AGM. It was there that we were able to vote for all those schools who sent in proxies. The results of the resolutions are below. We are happy to say that the 2 resolutions spearheaded by NWSS both successfully passed. Please also see below for the minor changes in wording to these 2 resolutions.

2019.08 Access to Menstrual Products for Students

Submitted by: Surrey DPAC, SD36 & New Westminster Secondary School PAC, SD40

Be it resolved that BCCPAC advocate for the Ministry of Education to fund all school districts to make **feminine** hygiene products (pads and tampons) available free of charge in appropriate washrooms in all schools **that have grade level 4 and above**.

- Removed all wording in red above

2019.12 - BCCPAC (**educate**) **inform** members about available resources to support acceptance and inclusion of LGBTQ **2t** members including SOGI and that BCCPAC call upon members to speak out against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, and take proactive steps to prevent the occurrence of intolerant or discriminatory acts.

- removed the word educate, replaced with the word inform / added 2t

2019 BCCPAC RESOLUTIONS:

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	NOT 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	NOT PASSED
2019.10	Capital Funding for Portables	PASSED
2019.11	Advocacy for Increased Traffic Controls Surrounding Elementary Schools	PASSED
2019. 12	Supporting Acceptance and Inclusion of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity	PASSED
2019.13	Music Education in Elementary Schools	PASSED
2019.14	Amendments to Policy 4020	PASSED
2019.15	Increase in Membership Fees	PASSED
2019.16	Change in Gaming Grant Eligible Uses for PACs	PASSED
2019.17	Implementation of No Passing in all School Zones	NOT PASSED* Sent to board for discussion
2019.18	Add to policy 4020 responsibilities for resolutions passed at AGM	PASSED

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: to adjourn meeting at 9:20pm

Moved by: Ronda

Seconded by: Cyrus

CARRIED

Next meeting: June 4th, 2019

Location: NWSS library

Time: 7:00pm

Address: 835 - 8th Street