

# SD40 DPAC MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14TH, 2019

held at: QUEEN ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Brennan Anstey (DPAC treasurer & 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)  
Moorea Longstaff (Ecole Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary School)  
Cyrus Sy (Ecole Glenbrook Middle School & Ecole Herbert Spencer Elementary School)  
Allison Viverios (NWHPHL)

**REGRETS:** Karon Trenaman, Beth Ott

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kathleen called meeting to order at 7:08pm

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

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Each member introduced themselves and the schools they represent.

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

Moved by: Ronda

Seconded by: Cyrus

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** to accept the MINUTES OF THE MAY 14TH, 2019 meeting with Tweedsmuir update added.

Moved by: Ronda

Seconded by: Hilla

**CARRIED**

## **UPDATES FROM SD40 PACS**

**ECOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL (Cyrus)**

- \* The PAC AGM was last week. A couple members are moving on. The majority of the executive positions have been filled. There will be supplementary elections in the fall to fill the openings.
- \* May 27th was the Grade 5 info night - where parents of Grade 5 students who will be attending Glenbrook next year come to the school, meet the Principal and Vice Principal, have a short presentation and then get to tour the school.
- \* The Silly Olympics were not as well attended as last year - we had between 30-40 students attend. Discussion that with so many students involved in sports at this time of year (lax, baseball, ball hockey) looking at alternative dates might be something to think about for next year.

### **ECOLE HERBERT SPENCER ELEMENTARY - Cyrus**

- \* The Carnival was a Huge success. Many people really enjoyed the free food trucks
- \* Upcoming dates:
  - \* Freezie Days: June 7th, 14th and 27th
    - June 7th - Hot lunch, Freezie Friday & Parent Reading Time
    - June 13th - Grade 5's - Cultus Lake Waterslides Fieldtrip
    - June 14th - Staff appreciation lunch / Freezie Friday

### **ECOLE TWEEDSMUIR ELEMENTARY : sent in by Charmaine Urbano**

The AGM was held on May 15th. We have new members for the 2019/20 school year

Upcoming events in June:

- 14th - sports day, hotdog and yogurt fun lunch
- 19th - staff appreciation lunch
- 19th - PAC meeting
- June 26th - grade 5 leaving ceremony

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

- \* Our blended school is done.
- \* There are now 2 weeks of conferences where the children show the portfolios they have been working on.
- \* We still have a few events coming up:
  - Friday, June 7th: UBC Gearing Up - this is where a crew from UBC comes to school, discusses engineering and encourages problem solving with the students.
  - The following week is the annual picnic / pool party
- \* Hilla is now retiring as her child is moving to Centennial. We welcome Allison as the new DPAC rep for NWHPH

### **NEW WESTMINSTER SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (Ronda)**

- elections held at the AGM. The Chair, Co-Chair and treasurer agreed to stay on. There will be a supplementary election in the fall to vote in a secretary and members at large.
- The Chair and Co-Chair are trying to faze out and get new members to come in to learn / get mentored.
- They are very happy with the money that the SB has put into the arts programs in NW

### **RICHARD MCBRIDE ELEMENTARY (Kathleen & Brennan):**

\*On Wednesday, June 5 (tomorrow) there will be a second open house in the school gym to view the draft plans of the new school. From 6:30 - 8 p.m. with project architects IBC Architectural Group. See <https://bit.ly/2HxGEzl>

\*The 90th Celebration was a great success! It was held Saturday, May 25th - the same day as the rainy Hyack Parade. Wonderful to see people who attended the school as early as the 1950's

\*Upcoming at the school are: a coin drive, a movie night, and a fun lunch. Freezie Friday's have been very successful - a lot of money made in a very short amount of time with only a few volunteers needed. Movie night has been successful this year in building community.

\* The last Family Reading of the year is this Friday. Parents of all students K-5 are invited to come in and read with their children for 30 minutes. As not all parents can participate, classes get grouped into small groups -each with a parent. The kids love it. The PAC then has coffee & treats for parents before they leave for the day

\* The school sent out the calendar for the 19/20 year. The bell schedule has been updated so that all schools in the district are consistent.

\* The AGM was successful with a new PAC Executive all in place. There were three long-standing PAC members leaving as their children are heading to middle school, we thank them very much for their service to the families of McBride.

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

Brennan presented the draft budget for next year.

Discussion took place: we would like to increase parent education so DPAC can offer up to \$300 to each school, conference fees so DPAC can support / send more members to the BCCPAC conferences, add in a small amount for gifts in case needed and increase BCCPAC Fees as the fees will go up next year.

Brennan will work on this and bring to the first meeting of the new year.

**ELECTIONS:**

Elections were held with the 4 main positions being filled. We will have a supplementary election at our first meeting of the year where we will vote in 2 Members At Large. Congratulations to the following 2019/2020 DPAC executive:

CO - CHAIRS: Kathleen Carlsen & Beth Ott

SECRETARY: Cyrus Sy

TREASURER: Brennan Anstey

**NTAC:** Brennan Anstey

There has not been a meeting since the last DPAC meeting, but Brennan did let us know that next year NTAC will have a focus on schools and traffic around schools. We all find this very encouraging.

**YAC:** This position has been vacant all year. We are hoping to have someone fill this position at our meeting in the fall. 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, Fraser-

side, Family Services, District Community School Co-ordinators and the School Board. The next meeting is June 11th.

- Discussion about the changes in PNO with some members retiring, some leaving and some new members joining. We would like to see this organization continue with input from DPAC. We are optimistic.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS:**

We are very happy to learn the district, in partnership with Burnaby are offering a diploma program to become an Education Assistant. The idea is to be educated in the area, with graduates welcome to apply for jobs right here in New Westminster.

There was a lot of positive, informal conversation & discussion held after the formal part of the meeting was finished. Some of the ideas that were discussed:

- We would like to work together on a Mission Statement / Goals for the Year
- Ask about a designated trustee liaison for DPAC
- set guidelines for updates which may include a success / a challenge / where was the focus / effort put the last month
- DPAC could start the resolution process early / discuss at meetings as early as the fall
- We could put a one page info sheet out to schools re: What is DPAC, can your PAC host a meeting - this includes supplying a space, snacks & drinks,
- work on improving communication with all parents
- Can we invite school trustees to our meetings / could SB rep attend and give updates / reports
- DPAC to send minutes to Superintendent / & trustees?
- DPAC should cover the cost of childcare for every DPAC meeting.

It was a small group, but we are very focused on getting more people involved, setting goals and communicating with all New West parents and having a great 2019/2020 year.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** to adjourn meeting at 8:52pm

Moved by: Ronda

Seconded by: Cyrus

CARRIED

Next meeting date and location to be announced as soon as possible