

## **SD40 New Westminster DPAC**

Apr. 20, 2015

Minutes of Meeting

**Attendees:** Beth Ott (Chair), Andrea Mears (Vice-Chair), Colette Mondin (Treasurer), Cheryl Greenhalgh (Secretary), Naomi Perks (Herbert Spencer Rep), Mark Smith (Connaught Rep), Nora Tseng (NWSS Rep), Diane Bodnar (McBride Rep), Ronda Field (Qayqayt & Glenbrook Rep), Deborah Garrity, Jonina Campbell (SD40 Trustee), John Gaipman (SD40 Superintendent)

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

### **2. Guest Presentations:**

- **Chris Weber (Teacher, Lord Tweedsmuir) and Alysa Karsan (Teacher, Fast Forward Program), Presenting on Universal Design for Learning (UDL)**
  - Chris and Alysa discussed the shift to teaching with a focus on UDL. The focus being on moving from teacher-centric lessons to student-centric. Information will be presented in multiples of ways and students are encouraged to express their understanding in multiple ways.
  - Approximately 25% of SD40 staff are members of the UDL team – they are situated throughout all of our schools. They communicate through a Blog group.
  - UDL utilizes technology in the classroom. We are currently using 45 SMARTBoards, 20 document cameras, projectors and iPads. There is a need for more laptops.
- **NWSS Student Environmental Club (Students: Sophie Labrosse, Sarah Labrosse, Ana Mramor, Fatma Khudhur)**
  - The students described the activities of the club. It has existed for over a decade and has been a four time winner of the Judge's Choice award at the BC Green Games.
  - The students have worked on initiatives including a compostable cafeteria, Auspens (refillable white board markers), paper towel composting, a bake sale to raise money for legal fees for the Athabasca Chipewyan Fund, a community garden at NWSS, the Transit Referendum, fundraising for the Cortes Island Forest Trust and attending the Do It Green Conference in Burnaby.
  - Areas of action that the students would like to target to improve SD40 sustainability are inner-city school waste management bins, moving paper towel recycling into all schools, install the wind turbine, improve compost systems and introduce Auspens to all schools.
  - Q – Superintendent questioned whether parents would consider a pack-in, pack-out program for school lunches?

### **3. Agenda:**

- Adopt agenda m/s/c

### **4. Minutes, General Meeting:**

- Adopt General Meeting minutes of Feb. 16, 2015. m/s/c

### **5. Updates from Schools:**

- **Richard McBride: Diane Bondar**
  - McBride will be holding a plant sale May 2
  - The school is participating in a program (Abilities in Motion) with the Rick Hanson Foundation which raises awareness of disabilities and inclusion.
- **Herbert Spencer: Naomi Perks**
  - Nothing to report.

- **EGMS: Ronda Field**
  - Glenbrook is hosting the CPF pancake breakfast on May 2
- **QayQayt: Ronda Field**
  - The PAC is hosting the QayQayt Howl (carnival) on June 6
- **Connaught Heights: Mark Smith**
  - Nothing to report.

## 6. Report from Superintendent and Board Chair: John Gaipman & Jonina Campbell

- Superintendent Gaipman reported that:
  - Bill 11 directives have been taking most of the administration time. These changes have the potential to change education as we know it. There are three major portions:
    - Shared Services – our district will be billed \$347,000 for our share of “shared services” this year (legal, procurement, transportation & professional services). Savings will have to be found within our current budget. The directive occurred very quickly.
    - Professional Development – this portion of the Bill is not yet defined. The Teacher’s Regulation Branch has traditionally been responsible for directing approved activities for professional development.
    - Changing Role of Minister – the Minister will now be able to give directions to a Board. Before Bill 11, Boards were autonomous (other than the obligation to balance the budget). The Minister will now have the authority to direct Boards and replace them if they fail to comply. School Planning Councils are now disbanded, many reports are now gone, the Achievement Contract is gone...we won’t hear what, if anything, will replace these reports until October. The government promises that the data will now be richer.
- **Q** – Is there an update on the NWSS replacement project?  
**A** – The report is at the Ministry, still waiting to go to Treasury. Once it’s at Treasury, it usually takes 3-4 months for High School projects.

**Q** – The maintenance report describes a focus on FW Howay and NWSS and roof replacement?

**A** – The wording is misleading. There will be maintenance at NWSS and roof replacement at FW Howay

**Q** – Who does the work on the deficiencies at Qayqayt?

**A** – The contractor is responsible for the work but will sometimes contract the work to the district for district staff to do some of the smaller jobs.

## 7. Chair’s Report: Beth Ott

- Beth reported that the working group on the Constitution and Bylaws will have a draft shortly. There should be something to bring to the AGM in June.
- Parent education:
  - The Tech-Talk originally scheduled for April will be postponed until late September due to a glitch with booking the speaker.
  - Actions/Follow-up from the Village of Attachment presentation. The Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) out of UBC recommends that we think about what is right in our schools and what could be improved. **ACTION: Reps take question to PACS and bring back data.**
    - Suggestion that we promote an engagement day (i.e. all grade 3 students, teachers and parents).

## 8. Treasurer's Report: Colette Mondin

- Colette reminded PAC Treasurers that gaming grants are open and the deadline is June 30.  
**ACTION: Collette to write an email message for Treasurers about deadlines and submissions.**

## 9. Committee Reports:

- **Youth Advisory Committee (YAC):**
  - Beth presented the written report submitted by Heather Lynch
- **Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee (NTAC): Cheryl Greenhalgh**
  - Nothing to report

## 10. New Business:

- **BCCPAC AGM**
  - Planning to submit resolutions on the topics of:
    - Outdoor play structures
    - Seismic upgrades to schools
    - Gender identification
  - Drafts of the resolutions were shared and discussed. Suggestions for improved wording will be incorporated and sent out to all PACs for approval. The resolutions will be submitted from the floor of the convention
  - **ACTION: Beth to email the PAC Chairs with the final resolutions and outlining the process for resolutions and proxy voting.**

## 11. Priority Inquiries:

- Q – Did or will the Administration have a presentation on Village of Attachment?
- Q – Could the District website outline all of the senior district staff (the VP's are not named).

## 12. Upcoming Events:

- Emails will be forwarded.
- Request from a PAC regarding suggestions for finding an accountant to audit books on a volunteer basis. **ACTION: Beth to send an email request looking for such.**

## 13. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm m/s/c