



# Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting date: **April 12, 2012** Started: 7:05 PM Ended: 9:26 PM

Location: Vancouver School Board

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by:

Minutes rec. by: Steve Baker

## Attendance:

Present: Steve Baker, Claudia Ferris, Iraj Khabazian, Ivy Leung, Monica Moberg, Colin Redfern, Jim Smith

Regrets:

Absent:

Late: Diana Day

## Guests:

Sarina Auriel (regrets), Jennifer West (present)

## Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

## Meeting Minutes:

### 1. Committee Business

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#### 1.1. Review Agenda

Gwen Giesbrecht

##### Minutes:

Add DPAC Grant

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Status: Completed

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#### 1.2. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

##### Minutes:

March 29th minutes approved

Status: Completed

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#### 1.3. Report from the Chair

Gwen Giesbrecht

##### Minutes:

Meeting with P Bacchus

Status: Completed

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##### 1.3.1. Vice-chair - Colin

Colin Redfern

Status: Completed

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##### 1.3.2. Vice-Chair - Jennifer

Jennifer West

Status: Completed

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#### 1.4. Treasurer's Report

Monica Moberg

Budget

##### Minutes:

Process for disbursements working well.

Heritage Hall has been paid in full.

Question on Gaming Fund with disbursement



A more full report next meeting on proposed spending.

**Status:** Completed

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### **1.5. Board Committees**

**Status:** Completed

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#### **1.5.1. Committee I - Management Committee**

Gwen Giesbrecht

**Minutes:**

Report was presented last meeting but calendar survey was included.

**Status:** Completed

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#### **1.5.2. Planning & Facilities Committee (Committee II)**

Colin Redfern

**Minutes:**

Playground Policy Committee still in development - good progress to date and good feed back from test group.

Playground Grants - request for a breakdown of funding allocation for grants. The methodology should be provided to stakeholders. The funding being provided is unclear on which funds are able to be considered in relation to the grants.

Earthquake preparation hasn't met for sometime - there is a question of concern with procedures being consistent with the overall integrated plan for communities.

The Vancouver Elementary School Administrators have asked to join the Playground Policy committee through Allan Wong: DPAC has asked for a letter from them outlining their Priorities and Goals as a stakeholder in this process before DPAC answers their request:

One area the administrators can contribute would be to bring forward their ideas on how best to manage PAC funds that are being deposited into school accounts or that are being managed by school administrations such that the funds are not counted as "school funds". This has adversely effected PACs grants in the past.

**Status:** Completed

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#### **1.5.3. Education & Student Services Committee (Committee III)**

Ivy Leung

**Minutes:**

Ivy reported on the Adopt a School Program d. UBC Dental School has adopted Nightingale School. Looking to expand program to other schools.

Aboriginal Focus School discussion - Diana Day spoke regarding some concerns with the structure for the program without involvement of parents on the Caucus.

School Growth Plans have not been developed as a result of teachers job action.

**Status:** Completed

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#### **1.5.4. Aboriginal Focus School Steering Committee**

Iraj Khabazian

**Minutes:**

Propose a formal letter to VSB requesting parent representation on the Caucus for the Aboriginal Focus School.

**Status:** Completed

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#### **1.5.5. Personnel & Staff Services Committee (Committee IV)**

Colin Redfern

**Minutes:**

Nothing to Report

**Status:** Parked

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#### **1.5.6. Finance & Legal Committee (Committee V)**

Gwen Giesbrecht

**Status:** Parked

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Gwen Giesbrecht

### 1.5.7. Committee III/V

#### Minutes:

Budget reviewed. Highlights to attend to include class size composition.

4.05 - concern with not utilizing current staffing such as Teacher Librarians. Mentoring positions are of concern in relation to experts in the system being used?

General concern with ensuring a full consultant report.

Concern with employee wellness program initiative.

Cafeteria services will result in additional cost for families and will result in less students accessing food program.

Fees for IB and Advanced Placement.

District closure days include a recognition of employee wellness. There is no education benefit to students. Savings on wellness program could reduce the number District closure days.

International Education - establishing program cohort costs would be approx \$1 million for facilities with an expectation of reimbursement in the future with no guarantees of reimbursement.

**Status:** Completed

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## 2. Past Business

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No Past Business

## 3. New Business

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No New Business

## 4. VSB Committee Business

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### 4.1. PAC Celebration

Colin Redfern

#### Minutes:

Discussion on caterer. Planning under way.

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.2. Communications Coordinator

Steve Baker

#### Minutes:

April e-bulletin was circulated April 12th.

**Status:** Completed

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#### 4.2.1. BCCPAC Update

Steve Baker

##### Minutes:

April 30th is deadline for Earlybird Registration. AGM is on May 27th and 28th. Conference is on May 26th.

**Status:** Completed

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#### 4.2.2. Parents as Career Coaches

Steve Baker

**Status:** Parked

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## 4.3. Date Next Meeting

#### Report:

April 26, 2012

**Status:** Completed

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## 4.4. Adjournment

#### Minutes:



MSC to adjourn 9:26 pm

**Status:** Completed

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Recording Secretary:

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Chairperson:

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Date:

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