



Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting date: **March 29, 2012** Started: **7:20 PM** Ended: **9:20 PM**

Location: Vancouver School Board

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Colin Redfern

Minutes rec. by: Steve Baker

Attendance:

Present: Steve Baker, Diana Day, Iraj Khabazian, Ivy Leung, Colin Redfern

Regrets: Monica Moberg

Absent:

Late:

Guests:

Sarina Auriel (regrets), Jennifer West (present)

Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Committee Business

1.1. Review Agenda

Colin Redfern

Minutes:

Add Aboriginal Focus School Steering Committee under Committee III
MSC to Approve Agenda

Status: Completed

1.2. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

Colin Redfern

Minutes:

MSC to Approve Minutes of March 8, 2012

Status: Completed

1.3. Report from the Chair

Status: Deferred: 12/04/2012

1.3.1. Vice-chair - Colin

Colin Redfern

Status: Deferred: 12/04/2012

1.3.2. Vice-Chair - Jennifer

Jennifer West

Status: Deferred: 12/04/2012

1.4. Treasurer's Report

Monica Moberg

Budget

Status: Deferred: 12/04/2012

1.5. Board Committees

Status: Completed

1.5.1. Committee I - Management Committee

Jennifer West

Minutes:



Semester School discussion. Contemplating a hybrid system. Current at discussion stage with further reports later.

Sectoral review still proceeding.

Volunteer activities within schools are going to be investigated to determine what volunteers are actually doing in schools. Further review to be done.

2012/13 Calendar - survey results were considered and many comments were considered. More input is being sought from Community with a report being expected next month.

Status: Completed

1.5.2. Planning & Facilities Committee (Committee II)

Colin Redfern

Status: Parked

1.5.3. Education & Student Services Committee (Committee III)

Ivy Leung

Minutes:

New courses were approved - see Committee III minutes from March 2012.

Early Intervention for access to challenged student in early years (grade 1/2)

Iraj reported on Aboriginal Focus School. Symposium was held with a number of participants. Report will be going to steering committee. A question about parent representation on the aboriginal caucus (sub committee of steering groups).

Status: Completed

1.5.4. Personnel & Staff Services Committee (Committee IV)

Colin Redfern

Status: Deferred: 12/04/2012

1.5.5. Finance & Legal Committee (Committee V)

Status: Completed

2. Past Business

No Past Business

3. New Business

3.1. Meeting with Trustees

Minutes:

Meeting went well and a breadth of topics was discussed. Members of DPAC hope to meet with Trustees again as the meeting was of value. It would be useful to have all Trustees and DPAC Executive members at future meetings.

Status: Completed

3.2. Town Hall Meetings

Colin Redfern

Minutes:

Summary review of both Magee and Van Tech - A total of 26 schools were represented between the two meetings. Transcription of the meetings is still being arranged.

Status: Completed

3.3. Promotion Requests

Steve Baker

1. Bully Proof Your Daughter
2. Understanding why Latin@ students choose to leave or stay in school
3. Promote SSW Program at Langara
4. David Livingstone Elementary School - "Elements of Music"

Minutes:



Criteria for promotion of external events needs to be developed to ensure the promotions are consistent with DPACs objectives. Some basic criteria includes, not for profit, of educational interest, PAC relevant, available to all parents and PACs.

Based on the initial criteria, number 1 and 2 will be promoted, number 3 and 4 will not. The Communications Coordinator will respond to the requests.

Status: Completed

4. VSB Committee Business

4.1. Town Hall Meeting

Ivy Leung

Both events were successful although participation could have been better.

Status: Completed

4.2. PAC Celebration

Steve Baker

Minutes:

Tasks were assigned to facilitate promotion and organization of this event. Four people have signed up for this event. DPAC Executive Members should also register for this event.

Status: Completed

4.3. Communications Coordinator

Steve Baker

Status: Parked

4.3.1. PAC Enquiries and Mail list update

Steve Baker

Status: Parked

4.3.2. BCCPAC Update

Steve Baker

Minutes:

The registration is open for the Conference and AGM. The dates are May 25, 26 and 27. The Communication Coordinator will start to gather Proxies to ensure Vancouver is represented with all eligible votes.

The meeting with PACs for a review of the resolutions will be held on May 3rd. J. Puddifoot will be asked to host this meeting on behalf of DPAC.

Status: Completed

4.3.3. Parents as Career Coaches

Steve Baker

Minutes:

One person has signed up for this event. A promotion will be sent out specifically to the High Schools. A request will also go to Principals to promote this event for the Grade 11 and 13 Parents.

Status: Completed

4.4. Date Next Meeting

Minutes:

The next meetings are April 12, 26, May 3 (BCCPAC Resolutions) and May 9 (PAC Celebration). The scheduled meeting for May 24th will remain tentative but will be cancelled if we can arrange for a meeting at the BCCPAC AGM.

Status: Completed

4.5. Adjournment

Minutes:

MSC to adjourn 9:20 Jen/Iraj

Status: Completed



Recording Secretary:

Chairperson:

Date:
