



Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting date: **16 February 2012** **Started: 7:00 PM** **Ended: 10:10 PM**

Location: Vancouver School Board - Room 120

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Gwen Giesbrecht

Minutes rec. by: Steve Baker

Attendance:

Present: Steve Baker, Diana Day, Gwen Giesbrecht, Iraj Khabazian, Ivy Leung, Monica Moberg, Colin Redfern

Regrets: Sarina Auriel, Jennifer West

Absent:

Late:

Guests:

(none)

Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Committee Business

1.1. Review Agenda

Gwen Giesbrecht

Accepted as amended

Status: Completed

1.2. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

Gwen Giesbrecht

Status: Deferred: 08/03/2012

1.3. Report from the Chair

Gwen Giesbrecht

Colin and Gwen met with Superintendent Cardwell last week to discuss a number of issues including Town Hall meeting.

Meeting with consultant for the resource allocation review was discussed. Several DPAC Executive members met and provided feedback on process and comments.

Appeared good notes were taken and appears to have been informing for the process. Process will be comparing other practices that might be able to be used within Vancouver. It was acknowledged that VSB is unique compared to other cities. Early assessment is absolutely needed.

March 8th meeting with Trustees was discussed with The Board Chair. DPAC preference is to meet with Trustees in absence of SMT. Expectation is a meeting with only the elected members and trustees.

It was noted that there is interest in meeting with SMT in the future.

Status: Completed

1.3.a. Town Hall Meetings

Colin Redfern

Town Hall meetings - all rooms are organized. Catering is confirmed subject to numbers.

Diana will confirm AV setup for Van Tech.

Ivy will confirm AV for Magee.

Banners for sale.

Comments will be recorded in some form. If it possible to get Court reporters to take note, that would be ideal. Short of this, there will be recording by electronic or written means.

Report:

Nothing to report - Gwen will give up date on meeting with Steve:



Status: Completed

1.3.b. Vice-Chair - Jennifer

Steve Baker

Status: Completed

1.4. Treasurer's Report

Monica Moberg

Reminder for submitting expenses. Nothing further to report.

Status: Completed

1.5. Board Committees

Update on the last couple Board meetings was provided by Gwen Giesbrecht

Status: Completed

1.5.a. Committee I - Management Committee

Gwen Giesbrecht

Ride to Bike a framework proposed through Committee I.

Moved by Monica, Seconded by Iraj to supporting initiative. Carried

S. Baker to draft letter.

School Fees were discussed and an active review have been going on and it appear there will be a reduction in fees.

Question raised regarding mini schools/academies regarding fees. A more informed meeting with Deputy Superintendent Jordan Tinney would be good to have more information on restructuring for fees.

Meeting with Trustees will be with Trustees only.

Status: Completed

1.5.b. Planning & Facilities Committee (Committee II)

Colin Redfern

Before and after school care for childcare guidelines are being supported.

Playground template being developed.

Some discussion on purchase and installed playgrounds where the full cost of purchase and installs were not paid for entirely by PACs. DPAC reaffirms the need for Schools and Provincial Government to pay for Playgrounds.

Report:

Status: Completed

1.5.c. Education & Student Services Committee (Committee III)

Ivy Leung

Reported out in a seminar/conference hosted with students.

Interesting discussion at Committee III regarding a motion on reviewing history curriculum.

Iran- Aboriginal Focus School Steering Committee update.

Status: Completed

1.5.d. Personnel & Staff Services Committee (Committee IV)

Colin Redfern

Discussion regarding the "private meetings" without Parent representation.

Report:

We need to discuss our direction from a parents and unified focus: Especially in front of Senior VSB staff

Status: Deferred: 08/03/2012

1.5.e. Finance & Legal Committee (Committee V)

Gwen Giesbrecht

No meetings - no report.

Status: Completed

1.5.f. Calendar Committee

Gwen Giesbrecht

Calendar survey is confirmed for distribution.

Calendar is being considered of 10 days.



Status: Completed

1.6. WiFi Committee

Gwen Giesbrecht

Gwen Giesbrecht met with WiFi representatives to acquire information from Una St Claire and Carl Capp regarding WiFi. While J. West is dealing with some of the WiFi, these representatives were available at a time convenient to provide the opportunity for a brief overview on some of the WiFi issues affecting schools.

Status: Completed

1.7. Meeting with Trustees

Gwen Giesbrecht

Dealt with under Committee 1

Status: Completed

1.8. Anti-Bullying Project - Letter of Support

Gwen Giesbrecht

Moved by Monica and seconded by Colin to support grant application for the Anti-bullying project. Gwen to provide letter of support.

Status: Completed

2. Old business

2.1. BCCPAC Update

Steve Baker

AGM - May 25th to May 27th - Coquitlam
Deadline for Nominations - February 28th

Status: Parked

2.2. Parents as Career Coaches

Steve Baker

Status: Parked

2.3. Communications Coordinator

Steve Baker

Status: Parked

3. New business

No New business

4. Committee business

4.1. Town Hall Meeting

Ivy Leung

Ivy and Iraj

Status: Completed

4.2. PAC Celebration

Colin Redfern

Report:

This item to be tabled until after the town halls projects is completed: January 26th DPAC meeting

Status: Completed

4.3. Communications Coordinator

Steve Baker

Status: Completed

4.4. Date Next Meeting

Report:

February 22, 2012 - Van Tech Town Hall,
February 23, 2012 - Magee Town Hall



March 8, 2012 - 5:30 pm - Dinner meeting with Trustees

March 8, 2012 - 7:00 pm - regular meeting of DPAC Executive

Status: Completed

4.5. Adjournment

Monica/Colin to adjourn 10:10 pm

Status: Completed
