



Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting date: **26 January 2012** Started: **7:00 PM** Ended: **9:50 PM**

Location: Skype Conference Call

Purpose/Notes: Regular Meeting

Chaired by: Gwen Giesbrecht

Minutes rec. by: Steve Baker

Attendance:

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

Regrets: Sarina Auriel, Diana Day, Jennifer West

Absent:

Late:

Guests:

(none)

Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Committee Business

1.1. Review Agenda

Gwen Giesbrecht

M/S Carried

Status: Completed

1.2. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

Gwen Giesbrecht

M/S Carried

Report:

Status: Completed

1.3. Report from the Chair

Gwen Giesbrecht

Concern with Consultant for funding review - unclear on the intent. Committee members able to attend Feb 2nd meeting with consultant should attend.

Status: Completed

1.3.a. Vice-chair - Colin

Colin Redfern

Status: Completed

1.4. Treasurer's Report

Monica Moberg

Budget

Business cards are finished and being sent to schools. Colin will pick his up.

Budget presented. Input requested via email.

Status: Completed

1.5. Board Meeting

Gwen Giesbrecht

Reaffirmed policy regarding anti-bullying - Board meeting on Jan 16th. The chair outlined the comments extended on behalf of DPAC.



Status: Completed

1.5.a. Committee I - Management Committee

Gwen Giesbrecht

Status: Completed

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

Colin Redfern

Child services feed back has been positive I regard to policy.

The Facilities department is looking to separate the grounds and Gardens from playgrounds. It is unclear why but further discussion is continuing.

Status: Completed

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

Ivy Leung

Status: Completed

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

Colin Redfern

Status: Completed

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

Gwen Giesbrecht

Status: Completed

1.5.f. Calendar Committee

Gwen Giesbrecht

Review of current calendar. Considering continuing with current calendar. Still contemplating year round calendar but that discussion has not moved ahead with the teachers not participating during job action.

Considering creating more longer weekends, rather than the four day weekends.

Pro-d days are being incorporated in consideration of calendar. Teachers have not being present due to job action. Possibly doing another survey. It was again suggested to do a hard-copy survey. The intention is to provide the opportunity for those parents that may not be connected electronically to the School or school board.

If DPAC did our own survey, there could be an opportunity for entering information manually through survey monkey. Survey questions were requested to be provided by tonight to share with DPAC Executive. Any comments/feedback should be shared with Gwen by Sunday noon. Feed back is needed by Monday.

Status: Completed

2. Old business

2.1. Town Hall Meetings

Ivy Leung

From meeting of 12/01/2012

Townhall presentation still being developed by Colin and Jennifer. It was suggested that we explore free advertising in local media. There apparently was an ad in a local cultural newspaper. It was confirmed that no one on DPAC has ordered any advertising for the event.

Ivy has contacted both schools for av equipment and caterers.

Agenda - moderator, welcome and explanation, introduce panel.

Panelist will do two to three minute self intro on position and role of each.

Audience will be asked to raise questions regarding budget process. An Administrator will provide answers.

One the theme of our children, our future, fund it now.

Programs for our future.

Parent fundraising. Technology. Libraries.

Ten minutes before the end, announce a couple more questions. Moderators will provide a recap of the key questions and comments.

Close with thank you, And join everyone for refreshments.

Looking for comment section for website including RSVP.



Status: Completed

2.2. PAC Celebration

Colin Redfern

From meeting of 12/01/2012

Colin will book Heritage Hall for the event as soon as a deposit cheque is available. Steve will attend to the refreshments for the event.

Tentative date is still for May 15th.

Status: Completed

2.3. Budget

From meeting of 01/01/0001

Still under review.

Status: Completed

3. New business

3.1. Forum on Poverty

Iraj Khabazian

Good forum, good turn out. Some MLAs turned up with good comments. Full report at next meeting.

Status: Completed

4. Committee business

4.1. Communications Coordinator

Steve Baker

Status: Parked

4.1.a. BCCPAC Update

Steve Baker

Status: Parked

4.1.b. Parents as Career Coaches

Steve Baker

Status: Parked

4.2. Date Next Meeting

Next meeting Feb 16, 2012 at Board office

Report:

February 16, 2012 - VSB Board Office

Status: Completed

4.3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

Status: Completed
