



Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting date: **12 January 2012** **Started: 7:00 PM** **Ended: 9:55 PM**

Location: Vancouver School Board

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, Jennifer West

Regrets: Sarina Auriel

Absent:

Late:

Guests:

Jordan Tinney (present)

Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Committee Business

1.1. Presentation from Deputy Superintendent

An overview of the "Ourfuture" website, its creation and a look ahead to a sectoral review process.

Jordan Tinney presented background on app for iPhone/iPad. Looking for feedback on New Web Interface - part B for VSB Our Future.

Initiative is to have a friendly interface for community. Designed to be graphical for easy access. Overview presented with a short walk through on website.

Discussion with Board through consulting firm, Placespeak. Designed for user easy interface.

Discussion on Sectoral Review. Outreach for questions for the public.

Sectoral review expected to go out to Community within the next month.

Some further comments regarding input to respect the Parent Representative voice.

The Chair thanked Jordan for the information.

Jordan left the meeting at 7:55 PM

Status: Completed

1.2. Review Agenda

Gwen Giesbrecht

Add 2.2.a. Catering

New Business - Issue from a PAC over child care.

Status: Completed

1.3. Approve Agenda

Gwen Giesbrecht

Moved by Monica, seconded by Ivy to adopt the Agenda as modified. Carried.

Status: Completed

1.4. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

Colin Redfern

Moved by Colin, seconded by Monica to approve Minutes of December 8, 2011

Status: Completed



Gwen Giesbrecht

1.5. Report from the Chair

Welcome to Diana Day - New Executive Member.

Gwen acknowledge the good work done by Jennifer and Colin along with the DPAC Executive during her leave.

Status: Completed

1.5.a. Advocacy Committee

DPAC would concur with our DPAC Chair, co-chairing the VSB Advocacy Committee.

Next meeting Monday. With the Teachers' Job Action, it has been difficult to involve all stateholders in the Advocacy meetings.

Status: Completed

1.5.b. New Board

Gwen Giesbrecht

Review of new Board make up. Interested in meeting with new Board for dinner/dialogue. 90 minutes.

Overview of recent media concerning anti bullying policy. Many DPAC Executive members have heard concerns with comments extended by two of the School Board Trustees.

Status: Completed

1.6. Treasurer's Report

Monica Moberg

Any expenses are to go through the Treasurer from this point forward to ensure appropriate allocation to Gaming Account or VSB DPAC Budget.

Moved by Iraj and seconded by Ivy to issue cheques to BCCPAC for two delegates attending the November Conference, reimbursement for S. Baker for payment of DPAC BCCPAC Membership Fees and Cheque for Heritage Hall to secure the Hall for the PAC Celebration Event. Motion Carried.

Status: Completed

1.6.a. Budget

Still under review.

Status: Deferred: 26/01/2012

1.6.b. Finances

See previous comments under Treasurer Report

Status: Completed

1.7. Board Committee Highlights

Inauguration meeting was well attended. C. Redfern attended on behalf of DPAC.

Status: Completed

1.7.a. Management Coordinating Committee (Committee I)

Gwen Giesbrecht

No meetings held.

Status: Completed

1.7.b. Personnel & Staff Services Committee (Committee IV)

There was discussion on whether the In-Camera meetings warranted the DPAC Representative not attending. While there may be legitimate issues requiring certain matters to be dealt with In-Camera, DPAC is involve in other Committees which are also dealing with matters in-confidence.

Status: Completed

1.7.c. Finance & Legal Committee (Committee V)

Gwen Giesbrecht

Gwen is back to DPAC representative for Committee V, Monica will be the Alternate (as the Treasurer) and Iraj will pick up the Alternate to Committee II.

Status: Completed



Colin Redfern

1.8. Planning & Facilities Committee (Committee II)

Status: Completed

1.8.a. School Care - Facilities

A report on School Care was presented at the last Committee II meeting and it was agreed to postpone dealing with the recommendations pending further input from DPAC. As a note, DPAC has sent a message to all PACs requesting input prior to the next Committee II meeting.

Status: Completed

1.8.b. Play Grounds

Playground Provincial funding is now based on matching grant to a maximum of \$50,000 which cannot include corporate funding or in-kind donations.

Status: Completed

1.9. Education & Student Services Committee (Committee III)

Ivy Leung

Overview of last meeting - 2011/12 report on Student Achievement Summary Requirement

Status: Completed

1.9.a. Aboriginal Focus School Steering Committee

Iraj Khabazian

Iraj reported on Aboriginal Focus School Steering Committee.

Community discussions are complete. Draft report in process. Two surveys to go out to community parents and organizations for feed back. Governance continues to be under discussion.

Status: Completed

1.10. Communications Coordinator

Steve Baker

Status: Completed

1.10.a. Agenda Development

The new program used for the agenda development will continue to be used. It appears to be a practical tool that allows comments and production of minutes.

Status: Completed

1.10.b. Website

Over view of the Website and discussion on Facebook and Facepage

The Executive agreed with "going live" with the website and utilizing Facepage as an information only page.

Status: Completed

1.10.c. PAC Updates - E-mail List

Currently have approximately 240 PAC representatives on mailing list. Change is average five contacts per month. It is unclear how many people may be missing the information as a result of the mailing being treated as Junk Mail or Spam. Further review will assess if this is a problem to be concerned with.

Status: Completed

1.10.d. February 9th Event - Disability Registered Savings Plan Information Session

Consultant has promotional material ready. Tupper has been scheduled for the event.

Moved by C. Redfern and seconded by Iraj for DPAC to offer Childminding for the event. Carried.

Status: Completed

1.10.e. BCCPAC

Vancouver has approximately 40 PACs signed up as BCCPAC Members. There is still promotion to have more PACs sign up.



Status: Completed

1.10.f. Parents as Career Coaches

John Oliver is available for this event to go forward in May or early June. Waiting for dates from Capilano University for both Spring and Fall.

Status: Completed

2. Old business

2.1. Town Hall Meetings

Ivy Leung

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.

Status: Deferred: 26/01/2012

2.1.a. Guests

Invitation is intended for Parents involved in the Vancouver School Board.. Trustees are invited as observers. Senior Administrators will be invited as a resource.

Status: Completed

2.1.b. Refreshments/Food

The intention is to have light refreshments, possibly pizza, for participants. Ivy will enquire with Magee and Van Tech to see what is possible to be provided through the culinary programs.

Status: Completed

2.1.c. Parking

It was noted that there will be the night school programs which may result in parking in the area being difficult. This should be noted on the promotion material.

Status: Completed

2.2. PAC Celebration

Colin Redfern

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: Deferred: 26/01/2012

3. New business

3.1. Child Care Services

Colin Redfern

There was a query regarding a conflict over available child care services at one of the schools. Colin will acquire more information and provide some suggestions to the affected PAC.

Status: Completed

4. Committee business

4.1. Date Next Meetings

Status: Completed

4.1.a. January 26, 2012 - Conference Call

Status: Completed



Steve Baker

4.1.b. Propose Feb 16, 2012 - 7:00 PM - In-Person

With the Town Hall meetings being scheduled on February 22 and 23, it was agreed to move the February meeting for the Executive to an "In-Person" meeting on February 16, 2012. Steve will advise Donna Wong of the change.

Status: Completed

4.1.c. Town Hall Meetings - February 22nd and 23rd, 2012

Ivy noted the dates and venues for the Town Hall meetings needed to be reversed. Steve will update the Website and Facepage.

Status: Completed

4.2. Adjournment

Moved by M. Moberg, seconded by I. Leung to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting ended at 9:50 PM

Status: Completed
