



# District Parent Advisory Council

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DPAC Executive Meeting – November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Conference Call – Colin, Iraj, Ivy, Monica and Steve. Regrets; Jennifer and Sarina. Gwen on leave.

1. Agenda – Approved with addition.
2. Last meeting – October 17<sup>th</sup>
3. Debrief of Oct 27<sup>th</sup> event (Colin) – Meeting went well. Well attended. Steve C was good. Overall – great event. Banner sales went well. Should meet before hand.
4. Board meetings of November 7th, October 17th and October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Iraj provided highlights of the meetings.
5. DPAC Planning Calendar and assignments (Colin) – Investigate options for internet calendar and access. Doogole, Google Calendar, Windows Live, New Website. Steve B and Jennifer will review for the next In-person Meeting.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Aboriginal Focus School Steering Committee (Iraj) – Summary provided regarding a “caucus” for governance. The “District Parent perspective” is important to ensure inclusion for all parents.
  - b. Committee II – Colin Reported – Seismic reports moving forward. DPAC sent letter thanking Board representatives for providing “heads-up” on the Total Education fire.
  - c. Committee III – Ivy reported – Nov 9, 2011 – Community LINK presented report for approval. Summer School was reported on.
  - d. Committee V – Preliminary report – expected 14 million shortfall.
  - e. Other Committees – Principal Interviews were held and the selection process identified the best of the best. EVP Interviews taking place this week.
7. Playground (Iraj) – Three stages to the grant. Stage 1 – 40 schools for new playgrounds. Stage 2 – Playgrounds paid for by PACs in 2010/11 and currently being raised. At this point it is unclear whether PACs will be compensated. Discussions continuing and it should be clear by the end of November.
8. Early Care Learning Plan by "CCCABC" and "ECEBC" (Iraj) – Report on initiative for early care in pre-kindergarten and early assessment of these children.
9. WiFi (Iraj) – enquired on status of survey – 400 responses as of 10 days ago. Colin provided a short summary of some of the results. Details will be reported when Jennifer returns.
10. DPAC “Grant” – Many PACs had enquired about the DPAC “Grant”. Clarity will be provided to PACs regarding the disbursement of DPAC funds. With the reduction of the DPAC budget from the School Board, there were not sufficient funds remaining at the

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end of the 2010/11 school year to disburse any funds to PACs. On review of the funding for 2011/12, it is unlikely that there will be any "extra" funds to disburse to PACs at the end of this school year. Advice will be provided to PACs regarding this matter.

11. BCCPAC Regional Conference – Three Executive members interested in attending Conference on November 26<sup>th</sup> in Surrey.
12. Finalize Planning for November 24<sup>th</sup> – Child minding is confirmed. Ensure fruit platter (no vegetables), coffee, tea and water. Provide water (and lemon) for Boardroom. Event will be advertised to start sign in at 6:50 and Executive members will arrive by 6:35 to meet and greet.
13. DPAC finances – Gaming Grant report needs to be submitted by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Iraj and Monica will pull together a financial report for December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
14. Town-hall meeting - Update and planning discussion – Ivy and Jennifer will organize for West side. Monica and Iraj will organize East Side. Food and childminding will be provided. Suggested to promote with door prize as well. The dates will be established based on availability of Van Tech and Magee within the same week in February 2012.
15. Soliciting interest in joining DPAC (Iraj). Promotion and invitations for bi-monthly bulletins. Promote DPAC Executive elections as standard format.
16. Proposal from Restaurant – Defer to e-mail.
17. Letter to BCTF and BCPSEA will be drafted via e-mail.
18. Next meeting – Dinner meeting on December 8, 2011 – details to follow.
19. Adjourn – Monica and Iraj – 9:35 PM

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