



District Parent Advisory Council

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Vancouver DPAC - 1580 West Broadway - Vancouver, BC, V6J 5K8 - 604 215-8621 or 604 657-0154

DPAC Executive Meeting

Date-Time	Thursday, October 13, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.
Location	Conference call
Attendance:	Jennifer West (Co-Acting Chair) Steve Baker (Communications Coordinator) Ivy Leung Monica Moberg Iraj Khabazian (Treasurer)
Regrets:	Gwen Giesbrecht (Chair) *on leave, Sarina Auriel (Community Member), Colin Redfern (Co-Acting Chair)
Absent:	
Guests:	

Agenda:

1. Agenda - Approved
2. Previous meeting notes - clarified
3. Advocacy banners are ordered and will be available for the Oct 27th meeting. Clarification provided on payments.
4. Oct 27 City wide planning – Plans are in place – Jennifer picking up the Advocacy information.
5. DPAC position and strategy for PAC grants – Confirmed funds were not available for ``PAC grants``. If there is additional money, this matter will be visited.
6. DPAC Budget (Iraj and Steve) – Iraj reported on proposed budget. Details to follow.
7. Townhall Meetings – February 16th is the tentative date. Location is still being sourced out. Monica will investigate using John Oliver. Ivy will inquire with Donna in regard to rental.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Steering Committee - Aboriginal Focus School – Verbal report (Iraj)
 - b. Committee II – Written report previously provided Colin); Monica reported on highlights from meeting she attended.
 - c. Committee III – IB Program being proposed for Southlands. Mandarin school going ahead. Inner City Schools were discussed. A student presented information on letter campaign for gender equality. (Ivy)
9. DPAC's expense report (Iraj) – The information received from VSB Accounting suggested a healthy balance for the DPAC Budget. Further clarification of the actual budget is required.
10. Playground and government funding (Iraj)

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11. Resignation from the role of DPAC Treasurer – Reviewed reasons for stepping back but will stay on until another person can fill the position. Iraj will continue in the role while we sort out where the finances are at. Monica will pull together a full summary statement.
12. WiFi - Request for Proposal – Meeting scheduled with Superintendent next week. The IT Committee was committed to meet with parents prior to moving forward with WiFi. Suggestion to survey Elementary School PAC Chairs.
13. Requests for sharing information with PACs (Steve)
 - a. Scouts Canada – School Program – Agreed to distribute information (Steve)
 - b. Parent In Residence (P.I.R.), F.O.R.C.E. Society for Kids Mental Health – Steve will clarify additional information from this group and offer opportunity to share (Steve)
 - c. Election Notice – it was reported that City of Vancouver Elections office has asked if our DPAC could distribute notice for elections. It was agreed to share information.

General discussion on providing information on DPAC Highlights. It was agreed that information relevant to School and Education would be appropriate to share in electronic newsletter.
14. Transportation Advisory Committee – City of Vancouver – It was agreed to put out a call for interest to see how much interest there may be to have representation to this Committee from interested parents. (Steve)
15. Call for DPAC Executive Members and call for Volunteers will be included in an e-mail notice for next week along with a reminder for the City-wide meeting.
16. Other Business
17. Next Executive Meeting – November 17th, 2011 (Conference Call)
18. Adjournment – 9:05 PM

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