



Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting date: **June 13, 2013** Started: **7:15 PM** Ended: **9:30 PM**

Location: VSB Education Centre 1580 West Broadway - Room 108

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Colin Redfern

Minutes rec. by: Monica Moberg

Attendance:

Present: Melanie Antweiler, Steve Baker, Diana Day, Claudia Ferris, Stefanie Gajdecki, Iraj Khabazian, Ivy Leung, Monica Moberg, Hakim Mokhtar, Colin Redfern, Jim Smith, Mabel Sun

Regrets:

Absent:

Late:

Guests:

Sarina Auriel (present), Jennifer West (present)

Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Committee Business

1.1. Review Agenda

Colin Redfern

The agenda may be adjusted to provide for priority items and new items added. Once the agenda is accepted with changes, this will be the order of the business for the meeting.

Minutes:

Moved to approve agenda with addition of Aboriginal Enhancement Report

Carried unanimously

Report:

Status: Completed

1.2. Treasurer Report

Monica Moberg

The treasurer will provide an update on any business attended to between meetings and provide a brief summary of activities as well as a summary of our financial position. Where possible, the treasurer will include a written report in this section prior to the in-person meeting.

Minutes:

Report:

Monica provided an overview of the Treasurer Role and process for reimbursement for expenses.

All expenses should be submitted by the June 17th and no later than June 30th as this is the year end for finances.

Bank balance \$417.15

Status: Completed

1.3. Annual Retreat

Colin Redfern

Minutes:



Round table for introductions with new Executive members.
Confirm August 18th or, alternately August 25th.

Report:

The date and location for the DPAC Retreat needs to be confirmed. Colin is available August 2nd to 25th. Steve is unavailable August 19th to 25th.

Ivy has identified the following dates as available: Sun August 25, Mon August 26, Tue August 27, Wed August 28, Thur August 29, Fri August 30, Sat August 31

Jim confirmed the same dates.

Iraj has confirmed these dates **Whole day:**

- Monday, August 26th;
- Wednesday, August 28th; and
- Friday, August 30th.

Half day:

- Tuesday, August 27th (morning okay); and
- Thursday, August 29th (afternoon okay).

Status: Completed

1.4. Report from Chair

Colin Redfern

The chair will provide an update on any business attended to between meetings and provide a brief summary of activities. Where possible, the chair will include a written report in this section prior to the in-person meeting.

Minutes:

Report:

Budget - Confirmed with RK that the budget is confirmed to be the same funding as last year.
Cultural Safety event for the Fall.

Carol Madson

Status: Completed

1.5. Other Committee Reports

This will include sub-committees of the DPAC such as the Advocacy Project, the PAC Celebration, Lower Mainland DPAC or other similar activities. If possible, a written summary will be provided in the report section.

Status: Completed

1.6. Communications Coordinator

Steve Baker

The communications coordinator will provide an update on any business attended to between meetings and provide a brief summary of activities. Where possible, the communications coordinator will include a written report in this section prior to the in-person meeting. For on-going projects or activities, there will be sub-reports outlined below.

Status: Completed

1.6.1. Surveys

Steve Baker

The communications plan included the opportunity to survey the Vancouver PAC leaders and, where appropriate, parents within the Vancouver School District. This provides the DPAC Executive an opportunity to reflect a more informed perspective of the PACs we represent from a District perspective.

Status: Completed

1.7. Media Coordinator

Claudia Ferris

The DPAC Communications Plan includes a coordinated strategy for dealing with education issues within the media. Utilizing a media coordinator provides the opportunity to support and organize the appropriate executive members to speak to issues of interest in the media.

Status: Completed



Steve Baker

1.8. PAC Celebration

In recognition of the volunteers from PACs that assist in parent advocacy and support DPAC initiatives, DPAC has established an annual event for recognizing these volunteers. The annual celebration provides the opportunity for DPAC Executive members and PAC Executive members to meet in a more casual environment to share stories, concerns and celebrate successes in mutual objectives. The entire DPAC Executive is involved in planning and participating in this event.

Status: Completed

2. Past Business

No Past Business

3. New Business

No New Business

4. VSB Committee Business

4.1. VSB Board and Committee Reports and Recommendations

DPAC Representatives to Committees and the School Board have the opportunity to provide input. When reporting on representation to Committees, the purpose of reporting to DPAC is to address issues of concern to DPAC and/or parents. Highlighting issues that are likely to be of future concern to DPAC or parents and to acquire guidance and input from members of the DPAC Executive is what needs to be addressed at Executive meetings. Other Committee or Board information is available publically and is available to the DPAC Executive so there is no need to share other business of the Committees or the Board with the DPAC Executive.

Status: Completed

4.2. Board Highlights of Interest to DPAC

Status: Completed

4.3. Committee I - Management Committee - Matters of Concern to DPAC

Iraj Khabazian

Report:

Status: Completed

4.3.1. Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee

Diana Day

Report:

Report presented to Committee III - Less than 1/2 of the schools never included the Aboriginal Goals which are required.

30% graduation rate in Vancouver is probably the worst in BC if not in Canada.

Issues with discrimination within the Aboriginal community at Schools.

Status: Completed

4.4. Committee II - Planning and Facilities - Matters of Concern to DPAC

Colin Redfern

Status: Completed

4.5. Committee III - Education and Student Services - Matters of Concern to DPAC

Ivy Leung



Status: Completed

4.5.1. Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Group

Minutes:

Report:

Status: Completed

4.6. Committee V - Finance and Legal - Matters of Concern to DPAC

Iraj Khabazian

Report:

Status: Completed

4.7. Advocacy Committee

Ivy Leung

Status: Completed

4.8. Date Next Meeting

Report:

AGM is the next meeting on June 17th at 7:30 PM - Location still to be confirmed.

Status: Completed

4.9. Adjournment

Status: Completed

Recording Secretary:

Chairperson:

Date:
