



Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting date: **October 25, 2012** **Started: 6:30 PM** **Ended: 9:30 PM**

Location: Vancouver School Board

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Colin Redfern

Minutes rec. by: Steve Baker

Attendance:

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

Regrets:

Absent: Iraj Khabazian

Late:

Guests:

Sarina Auriel (regrets), Jennifer West (regrets)

Meeting Documents:

- Final Communications Plan October 2012.doc

Meeting Minutes:

1. Committee Business

1.1. Review Agenda

Colin Redfern

Minutes:

MSC to approve the agenda.

Status: Completed

1.2. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

Colin Redfern

Minutes:

Deferred

Status: Completed

1.3. Report from Chair

Colin Redfern

Status: Completed

1.4. Treasurer Report

Monica Moberg

Minutes:

Msc to authorize treasurer to access online banking.

Monica will draft letter

Draft budget presented for review

msc to approve with reserve to be added.

Status: Completed

1.5. Other Committee Reports

Status: Completed



Steve Baker

1.6. Communications Coordinator

Status: Completed

1.6.1. MLA Meeting

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.6.2. Lower Mainland DPAC

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.6.3. Meetings with "Partners"

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.6.4. Surveys

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.6.5. Website

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.6.6. Workshops

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.7. Media Relations Coordinator

Status: Completed

Claudia Ferris

1.7.1. Media Contacts

Status: Completed

1.8. Communications Plan

Status: Completed

1.8.1. Funding

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.8.2. Trustees

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.8.3. FSA

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.8.4. Elections BC

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.9. PAC Celebration

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

1.10. BCCPAC

Status: Completed

Steve Baker

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

Status: Completed

4.2. Board Highlights of Interest to DPAC

Status: Completed

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

Colin Redfern

Status: Completed

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

Colin Redfern

Minutes:

Discussion on need for community engagement in Capitol plan guiding principles.

Report:

The October 17th 2012 committee II meeting held many items and a very ambitious agenda for the 90 minutes in was scheduled.

We had presentations from two groups:

A Carlton Elementary parent who showed us his Masters in Planning final project on the re-zoning and densification of the Carlton Elementary site: This provided good food for thought on how our more "Hub" school locations may/will look in the future.

The second presentation was from an established foundation, Evergreen BC, for open learning through design of outdoor play areas. The foundation seemed to be requesting a direct relationship with the VSB. I asked does this mean the VSB will be funding outdoor play areas? There was no response from the chair. I followed with that if parents are going to have to foot the bill then they should be able to choose who they want as a designer and a lot of them are parents with in the schools who volunteer their time. The mood was not receptive to this and it is my view that we strategically need to find a way to work with the VSB folks to come to terms that they are "dependant" upon parents for so many items in facilities now and there needs to be either more collaboration or more funding coming from VSB.

I asked that two items be put onto new Business: Update on District Parents and School Naming committees and a request to discuss the formation of a sub advisory committee on Afterschool care space and operations planning in schools. This item was differeed by the chair for follow up by Jim Menschino before the next committee II meeting.

The meeting followed for an ask for approval of the Capital Plan Guiding Principles: I will distribute this at our Next meeting October 25th to discuss. Items 2 and 8 are the two items I said DPAC could not recommend because these were purely financial in their decision making process and involved the retention of existing school structures. I will ask for direction in the meeting on these items.

The rest of the meeting was spent updating the committee members on Rental Revenue and Policy, Projects completed over the summer, a review of the capital plan briefing notes. These items can be viewed on line if there is a need for further information.

End of report

Status: Completed

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

Ivy Leung

Status: Completed

4.5.1. Aboriginal Focus School

Diana Day

Both Iraj and Diana are assigned to this Committee and both are expected to monitor, report and provide



recommendations with respect to DPAC's response to any of the activities of the School's success and/or matters that need our input from a community perspective of parents.

Status: Completed

4.6. Committee IV - Personnel - Matters of Concern to DPAC

Monica Moberg

Status: Completed

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

Monica Moberg

Status: Completed

4.8. Advocacy Committee

Ivy Leung

Status: Completed

4.9. Date Next Meeting

Status: Completed

4.10. Adjournment

Minutes:

Msc to adjourn.

Status: Completed

Recording Secretary:

Chairperson:

Date:
