



Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting date: **December 12, 2013** **Started: 19:45** **Ended: 21:30**

Location: VSB

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Ivy Leung

Minutes rec. by: Claudia Ferris

Attendance:

Present: Melanie Antweiler, Steve Baker, Diana Day, Claudia Ferris, Stefanie Gajdecki, Iraj Khabazian, Ivy Leung, Colin Redfern, Mabel Sun

Regrets: Monica Moberg

Absent:

Late:

Guests:

(none)

Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Committee Business

1.1. Review Agenda

Ivy Leung

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.

Status: Completed

1.1.1. Approval of Previous Minutes

Ivy Leung

Minutes:

Motion to accept last two minutes made by Stefanie and seconded by Mabel. Passed unanimously

Status: Completed

1.2. Report from Chair

Ivy Leung

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:

Motion to approve professional development training for Iraj Khabazian for up to one thousand dollars to be spent at Landmark or BCIT made by Mabel Sun, seconded by Colin Redfern, approved unanimously.

Final approval was authorized for \$645.00 for Landmark training for Iraj Khabazian.

Documents:

- Chairs Reflections 2013.docx

Status: Completed

1.3. Communications Coordinator

Steve Baker

Minutes:

Discussion of content for survey - suggestion a survey about bullying and not just on-line bullying. Discussion that the survey should have a space to leave comments about what it looked

Did you report it - what actions did the school take?



Note that the aboriginal students are feeling bullied. Concern about how we can identify different groups that might be more likely to be bullied. ELL parents probably need some translation done.

Note that this survey may need to be sent out to individual PAC members.

Report:

This last month has included contacting PACs that have not signed up to BCCPAC and inviting them to join. Colin was following up by phone in an effort to increase Vancouver PAC memberships.

Our email list currently has 261 contacts for PACs and 61 Parent (or interested people) on this list.

On review of past discussions regarding surveys, we had agreed that our next survey would be dealing with bullying at school. I am proposing that we proceed with a survey to be completed over the holidays and open until January 11th.

The invitation for the Lower Mainland Meeting is expected to go out by December 20th. This will provide an opportunity for DPACs to sort out their schedules with a response date of January 18th for planning purposes.

Status: Completed

1.4. Reflection on Year to Date

Ivy Leung

As this is the annual holiday dinner meeting, the expectation is to address any urgent business followed by discussion on activities from the start of the school year and what we expect to address in the coming months.

Regular business will continue in January.

Status: Completed

2. Past Business

No Past Business

3. New Business

3.1. VLN PAC Request for BCCPAC Membership

Colin Redfern

Report:

This request was discussed over email but a decision has not been made. A decision needs to be made prior to December 15th for the VLN PAC to be a voting member. An update on this issue is that the VLN PAC does have a gaming grant that they can pay for their membership from. Discussion that Patti Bacchus had been telling parents that they give us a grant - there needs to be some clarification that DPAC does not have the money to do that.

Status: Completed

3.2. Inviting William Wong, district principal for English Language Learning(ELL)

Mabel Sun

I attended ELL advisory committee meeting yesterday and invited William Wong to give a presentation of his program and how their program will help immigrant students and parents plus the resources that immigrant parent can access.

William requested an formal invitation and also wanted to know our meeting schedule so that he can find a date to come. BTW, how much time we usually will give to these presenters?

Report:

Recommendation is that 15 minutes and 15 minutes for questions and answer. The SASSI worker is coming in on January 9th. Steve or Chair to arrange after checking the DPAC calendar.

Status: Completed

4. VSB Committee Business

4.1. Committee I - Management Committee

Monica Moberg

Status: Completed



Mabel Sun

4.2. Committee IV - Personnel

Status: Completed

4.3. Date Next Meeting

January 9th, 2014 7 pm

Status: Completed

4.4. Adjournment

Status: Completed

Recording Secretary:

Chairperson:

Date:
