



# Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting date: **October 24, 2013**    **Started: 19:10**    **Ended: 20:35**

Location: VSB Education Centre - Room 120

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Monica Moberg

Minutes rec. by: Claudia Ferris

## Attendance:

Present: Steve Baker, Diana Day, Claudia Ferris, Stefanie Gajdecki, Iraj Khabazian, Ivy Leung, Monica Moberg, Mabel Sun

Regrets: Melanie Antweiler, Colin Redfern

Absent:

Late:

## Guests:

(none)

## Meeting Documents:

- Lower Mainland DPAC meeting Coquitlam April 10 13.doc
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- Lower Mainland DPAC Meeting Dec 06 12.doc
- City Wide PAC issues.pdf

## Meeting Minutes:

### 1. Committee Business

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#### 1.1. Review Agenda

Monica Moberg

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

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##### 1.1.1. Minutes

Monica Moberg

###### Minutes:

Deferred to next meeting for approval. Everyone is to read the minutes of prior meetings in order to confirm acceptance.

**Status:** Completed

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##### 1.1.2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

###### Minutes:

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**Status:** Deferred: 14/11/2013

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#### 1.2. Report from Chair

Monica Moberg

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.

###### Report:

Chair will be attending the BC Superintendent's Conference and Diana Day is invited to attend. November 21, 22nd 2013.

The Chair would like to invite DPAC executives to think about issues to bring to the Inner City Task Force



with all the different community stakeholders. How do we lift people up in a compassionate way, that doesn't stigmatize, so that people get the resources they need. The Chair would like DPAC members to privately email Monica with our ideas and concerns. DPAC executive request a basic parameters and mandate for the task force so they have a background to provide input for. Chair explains that the role is to revision inner city - what makes a difference for children who are disadvantaged because of poverty?

Action: Chair will scan the document for the rest of the executive and load it up into my committee

Chair will send information about a new program at Sexsmith that helps people learn. Action: Co

Chair had lunch at Windermere with Senior Management. Highlight was meeting a teacher who promotes Red Seal Trade.

Attended Parenting in the Zone workshop - for kids who can't make it in a regular program, need experiential learning. Strategies provided in how to stay in reality and grounded, as opposed to reactive. Action item: Chair to scan and distribute.

Lower Mainland DPAC meeting hosted by Burnaby Tuesday November 19th from 5:30 - 8:30 Mabel and Iraj volunteer to attend. Action item: media coordinator to dig up the notes and focus from the last year's sessions. Update to a point form.

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.3. Treasurer Report

Iraj Khabazian

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.

#### **Report:**

Treasurer reports that we received the \$2,500.00 gaming grant so we have \$3,439.65 less the costs of the Heritage Hall deposit and the costs of Mabel's Landmark training program. The BCCPAC yearly membership of \$75.00 was sent. The funding report for the year was signed and the DPAC books are up to date. Treasurer is meeting with Rick Crowchuk and Lisa Landry to go over how they want the processes followed this 2013/2014 year. On October 31st, there will be a 4X4 meeting and any issues about process will be brought up there.

Treasurer explains that VSB finances want purchasing to go through purchase orders as they would with purchasing with suppliers such as Staples. Treasurer will also get some training on the VSB website and the idea is to set up a budget for projecting expenses. All expenditures go through the Treasurer, then through the Chair before it is sent off.

Treasurer asks for any input from DPAC to be sent in to Treasurer prior to the Oct 31 st meeting.

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.4. Internal Sub-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.

#### **Report:**

Heritage Hall Celebration is booked for Thursday May 15th, 2013.

ELL Ctte report - Mabel and Ivy went to meeting at Moberly. Lots of great work being done which is not necessarily being communicated out. Many parents are new and because of the language barrier, they did not know where to go. There is not a lot of funding for this service as the ELL students are only funded for 5 years. Next year they are applying for funding for the SWISS workers from the federal government through Canadian Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Action: item is to pull the exact URL for the services to go in the DPAC newsletter with a request to DPAC reps to pull the information out for their translated school newsletters.

For secondary schools, they have a new Engaged Immigrant Youth Program to support youth to stay in school and pursue meaningful employment and education goals. There are four staff on the team. Participating Secondary Schools; Britannia, David Thompson, Killarney, Tupper, Point Grey, Gladstone, Windermere, John Oliver and Churchill.

Discussion about protocol with ctte reps and should we provide them with some guidelines? Agreed that we should invite our technology rep to the next DPAC meeting and file his report ahead of time on mycommittee.



Report on Britannia Aboriginal potluck was a big success, with great food. Pacific Institute of Math and Science at UBC have an aboriginal program that Vancouver students should know about.

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.5. 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.

#### **Report:**

Highlight new workshops - JO are hosting a Chinese version of Parents as Career Coaches - we have the invitation in English and are waiting for a version translated into Chinese to promote.

Churchill is offering the English version November 5th and 12th and there have been 3 rsvps so far. It is being pushed on our website. Recommendation that EventBright might be useful and the coordinator will look at that. Discussion of what social media might be best to get the word out about workshops will continue.

Cyber secure at Tupper school is being promoted. Unlock Your Future on scholarships November 14th at David Thompson.

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### 1.6. Communications Plan

The Communications Plan was adopted out of the annual retreat and is the working document for the goals and objectives for the school year. This is the guiding document for activities of the DPAC Executive and the communications coordinator. The plan may be adjusted for unanticipated issues but this is primarily DPACs working document for the school year.

**Status:** Completed

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### 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.

#### **Report:**

On October 15th, Fairchild TV contacted DPAC executives Ivy and Mabel to see if they could comment on a Report from Spotlight on Science Learning 2013 which concludes that we need to change student appetite for science and math because they say there are currently not enough students continuing in math and science beyond the compulsory grade 10 level. Mabel provided a supportive comment for encouraging students to go further in math and science. Fairchild TV is also releasing a documentary about school funding, which Colin Redfern participated in at the end of October. We do not have anyone on the executive that subscribes to Fairchild TV so we are not monitoring the results of our participation with them.

Steve Baker prepared a report summarizing the October 17th City-Wide meeting and the media coordinator sent it to journalist Cheryl Rossi and new BCCPAC blogger Janet Steffenhagen, along with photos of the event. Both journalists covered our issues and we will be encouraging Cheryl Rossi to follow up with our technology committee representative for more coverage.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/news-blog/vancouver-pacs-identify-shared-concerns>

<http://www.vancourier.com/news/class-notes-begbie-students-give-we-day-thumbs-up-1.668027>

Ivy, Mabel and Claudia have been discussing the possibility of creating an education column for the World Journal in Chinese.

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### 1.8. Workshops

Steve Baker

One of our objectives includes providing workshops of interest to PACs and parents. Workshops have included PAC 101, Treasurer 101, Parents as Career Coaches and general interest workshops or speakers of interest to parents. Additional workshops and speakers can be organized throughout the school year at the discretion of the DPAC Executive.

**Status:** Completed

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## 2. Past Business

No Past Business

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## 3. New Business

No New Business

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## 4. VSB Committee Business

### 4.1. VSB Board

DPAC Representatives to the School Board are only able to observe the Board meetings although there is an opportunity to ask questions as the second last item on the agenda. Highlights of the meetings are appropriate for those matters that have not already been discussed at the Committees.

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.2. Board Highlights of Interest to DPAC

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.3. Committee I - Management Committee

Monica Moberg

**Status:** Completed

#### 4.3.1. Advocacy Committee

Ivy Leung

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.4. Committee II - Planning and Facilities

Colin Redfern

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.5. Committee III - Education and Student Services

Melanie Antweiler

**Status:** Completed

#### 4.5.1. Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement

Steve Baker

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.6. Committee IV - Personnel

Mabel Sun

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.7. Committee V - Finance and Legal

Iraj Khabazian

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.8. Date Next Meeting

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.9. Adjournment

#### Minutes:

Motion to adjourn by Stefanie and seconded by Diana. Passed unanimously.

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Recording Secretary:

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Chairperson:

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Date:

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