

Meeting Minutes – Vancouver DPAC

Date: Jan 28th 2016

Location: Room 120, VSB

Time: 7-9pm

Chairperson: Farah Shroff (Vice Chair)

Timekeeper: Iraj Khabazian

Minute Taker: Kim Trehan

Attendees: Farah Shroff (Vice Chair)
Alex Dow (treasure)

Shaun Kalley (member at large)
Iraj Khabazian (member at large)
Michele Buckman (member at large)
Kim Trehan (Communication contractor)
Gwen Giesbrecht (PAC chair of Britannia Secondary),

Rayana Garen, Nootka Elementary
Linda Yu
Dr. Gabriela Ionita, Apex Clinical Services (Guest speaker)
Lord Byng Secondary School rep
Amanda Hillis
Bippan Dhillon
Kelly Read, Tupper DPAC Rep
Dr. Patricia Porter (Guest Speaker)

Regrets : Mabel Sun (Chair), Morgane Oger (secretary), Lianne Wang (member at large)

Agenda Item	Presenter	Notes
Call the meeting to order, and Acknowledgement of Territory*	Farah	Acknowledgment / recognition of the sacred lands and that this meeting is taking place on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓ilwítulh (TsleilWaututh), and x̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations.
Welcome and Round table introduction	Farah	
Motion to adopt the agenda, and approve the last two meeting's minutes: Dec 10, 2015 and Jan 14, 2016	Farah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> agenda amended and new item added to business 11 LRFP and strategic plan update.
Guest speaker: Dr. Patricia Porter	Patricia Porter, PhD	Presented her book '5 steps to unlock your child's potential from K to career' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education: The Missing Piece - the Porter Process - Strategies - Examples of Ultimate Success Formula - Request to promote the book through our channels - Request to review it on Amazon (passed)

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Guest speaker: Dr. Gabriela Ionita	Gabriela Ionita, PhD, RCC	<p>speaks about Anxiety in Childhood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • begins by how she explains anxiety to children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alarm system analogy • genetics • role modelling & the environment • past traumatic events • research shows correlation between anxiety and performance • 5 parts to anxiety: physiological, distorted believes, overproduction of fear, attentional bias, behavioural avoidance • has offered to these 90 minutes presentations at the school: <p>DPAC to let PACs and Schools know that there is this service available, for free. Not as an endorsement but definitely as a great resource</p>
Gifted education advisory committee parent representative candidate introduction	Rayana G	<p>Gifted education advisory committee parent representative candidate introduction: Rayana Garen:</p> <p>Rayana to touch base with Kim Trehan regarding advisory committee meeting schedule: information also available on the VSB site.</p>
Motion to appoint Rayana as DPAC rep for Gifted Education advisory committee with the commitment of attending the scheduled meetings and presenting the written reports to the DPAC meetings	All executives	<p>Motion to appoint Rayana as DPAC rep for Gifted Education advisory committee with the commitment of attending the scheduled meetings and presenting the written reports to the DPAC meetings:</p> <p>Motion passed by Michele Buckman, seconded by Shaun Kalley</p>
Committee, Board meeting and Media Reports	Farah and other executives	<p>Globe & Mail (Sunny Dhillon) in touch regarding Monday meeting and passing of school closures. Media has been showing great interest regarding this issue. DPAC executives have signed off on a statement that must be referred to when speaking with media</p> <p>Alex: attended the calendar meeting; the dates for 2016/2017 are set; next years is complete; looking to do 2 year runs on calendars, we'll have 24 months to look at over the course; the only question we have to come to is if we are going with a two week break or a one week break which changes the school day;</p>

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Discussion on Second City-wide Feb 25 th meeting theme and planning plus Parents education workshop planning	All	<p>Theme: Celebration of PACs @ the retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an event to say thanks to the parents of Vancouver; we say thanks, - a meet and greet - a place needs to be rented, chairs need to attend; <p>we are required to have 3 city wide events: we will definitely do one in June; we are required to do a second one.</p> <p>suggestions: PAC celebration in May and topical discussion in March</p> <p>Vote: move citywide event to April 7, led by Alex with the help of Kim</p>
DPAC funding for PACs	Farah	<p>Ideas discussed to take \$5000 and how to distribute it</p> <p>motion passed: to spend it made by Shaun to take the \$5000 and distributed to every school equally and give schools the option to opt out from the money so that other schools have the money by April 29; we would need the cheques cut by June 15; seconded by Iraj;</p>

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New business: LRFP and strategic plan update:	Anyone	<p>Alex: it would be huge for the ministry of education to say that they have put their whole back to release the funds that they have been holding back; alex to write a few sentences of what he would like DPAC to make as a statement</p> <p>Shaun: this is the biggest thing that is going to make an impact on VSB; request to listen to the stakeholders; agrees to put a statement out;</p> <p>Farah: we put out a statement that this is an interim plan; DPAC urges the minister; parents and children are placed at the centre of all the decisions that are made; that they have a say in all the decisions that are placed;</p> <p>Amanda: 95% is a concern; we need a safe school system</p> <p>Rayana: make the schools one of those centres where people can go in case of a natural disaster; it's not only for the school, it's also for the communities; we would like schools to be an additional safe space in case of a disaster we don't agree to their definition of 95%</p> <p>Alex: release of funds immediately</p> <p>Kim to write out a draft press release and send out to the executives for release</p> <p>Iraj: along with a few other parents were there: he asked about 95%, the definition and the formula and #2 the independent schools,</p> <p>Minister said that the 95% capacity is based on the classrooms only, not any other space within the schools; if the classroom capacity is 25 and there are 25 students in there than the capacity is considered that 100%</p> <p>Moving forward we must make it clear that meetings we are having with the ministry are independent and not affiliated with any political parties. Kim and Iraj to make a statement on Facebook;</p> <p>Iraj puts forward Motion brought forward to accept Bippan Dhillon and Amanda Hillis as DPAC executive; Michele seconded; motion accepted</p>
In Camera	DPAC Executive Council Members	10 minutes
Adjournment		8:53 p.m.
Next Meeting:		Thursday, Feb 11 th 2016 Room 120, VSB 19:00