



Date: November 9, 2017  
Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Location: Room 120  
Vancouver School Board

### EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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Chair: Rob Peregoodoff (Chair)                      Minute Taker: Amanda Hillis (Secretary)  
Executive: Erin Arnold, May Ke, Anne Montgomery  
Regrets: Shaun Kalley (Vice-chair), Crystal Smith (Treasurer), Stephen Filbey (no notice)

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In Attendance: Alan Patola Moosmann (Hudson, DPAC Rep), Erin Bartlett (Lord Byng, DPAC Rep), John Puddifoot (Lord Byng, DPAC Rep), Gord Lau (Trafalgar, DPAC Rep), Anita Chui (Laurier), Katie Bedford (Lord Selkirk, DPAC Rep), Roy Park (Van Horne), Jen Stewart (Simon Fraser, DPAC Rep), David Schaub (False Creek, DPAC Rep), Barbara Lee (Norquay), Celena Benndorf (L'Ecole Bilingue, DPAC Rep), Alex Dow (Jamieson, DPAC Rep).

Called to order at 7:03pm

#### 1. Standing Items

- 1.1. **Welcome, acknowledgement**
- 1.2. **Introductions**
- 1.3. **Approve agenda**
  - **MOTION: Anne made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Erin seconded. Motion passed.**
- 1.4. **Delegations: (Laurier Elementary re. Modular Housing)**
  - Chair introduced main concerns that brought COV's temporary modular housing plan to DPAC: 1) lack of consultations with VSB among others; 2) potential to happen at other sites near schools
  - Anita Chui went into background of how Laurier found out about the proposed construction of modular housing near Laurier and Churchill schools which started with a brief comment on temporary housing at a PAC meeting, followed by an email from the Marpole Residents Coalition, which lead to a press conference at Heather and 54th. First contact from the city was a postcard which parents followed with a protest near the proposed building site and a petition which now has a couple hundred signatures.
  - Laurier's main concern is the proximity to the school. Additionally, the site has no public amenities or transit stops.
  - Chair brought up some points from DPAC's meeting with VSB senior management including VSB policy KMG 'Incompatible land use near schools,' and lack of specific consultation.
  - Discussion followed with differing points of view. All agreed that the lack of consultation was an issue. Housing does not fall into DPAC's mandate.

**1.5. Approve minutes from October 12 executive meeting ([attached](#))**

- **MOTION: Erin made the motion to accept the October 12 Executive minutes as presented. Anne seconded. Motion passed.**

**1.6. Officer reports:**

**1.6.1. Chair report**

- We have had some significant challenges processing our financial obligations, resulting in challenges to our organization. As chair i take full responsibility for these challenges and table the following two actions that i hope will mitigate any further challenges:
  - Use of digital signatures
  - Complete the transition of accounts as was approved by DPAC last spring.
- 4x4 meeting - for the Nov 8th meeting it was 3x3. We had good discussion on many points, the three most important from my perspective were the Programs of Choice review, Modular Housing, and Office365/myEd discussions.
- VSTA meeting - good conversation and dialogue
- October 26th General Meeting - overall an excellent session from my perspective, unfortunate about the technical issues, need to be resolved.
- Continued need for more contributions to DPAC Exec matters. I would love to hear, 'how can I help'?

**1.6.2. Treasurer report (presented by Amanda in Crystal's absence)([attached](#) was circulated)**

- As per Treasurer's report, all completed expense reports received have now been submitted to VSB for payment.
- VSB creates reports around the 14th of the following month, so no updated VSB report this month.
- As mentioned in Chair's report, gaming account is being transferred to another bank, as motioned last year.

**1.7. Committee reports:**

**1.7.1. VSB standing committees:**

- 1.7.1.1. Committee I -November 8 (click [here](#) for agenda; [here](#) for minutes). Attended by Rob. Review of summer school numbers. 'Our Schools Survey Tool' - parents can request results from secondary school principals (secondary schools choose grades and content so not consistent across VSB). Principal, Vice Principal membership program. No significant items to report.
- 1.7.1.2. Committee II - October 18 (click [here](#) for agenda; [here](#) for minutes). Attended by Anne. Renaming of Xpey' Elementary and distribution of its catchment as it is a District program. Artificial turf - Churchill next in line; done through partnership with Parks board.
- 1.7.1.3. Committee III - November 8 (click [here](#) for agenda; [here](#) for minutes). Attended by Amanda. Enhanced Services update and Early Intervention Literacy update.
- 1.7.1.4. Committee IV - (no meeting since last Exec)
- 1.7.1.5. Committee V - (no meeting since last Exec)

**1.7.2. VSB advisory committees:**

- no meeting since last Exec.

**1.7.3. VSB ad hoc committees:**

1.7.3.1. Digital Hub (Gord Lau) - primary focus on public website. Scope: privacy using apps in classrooms and equity - currently not requiring use of digital at home.

365 - cloud-based; Microsoft has to ensure it complies with relevant laws on where data stored (in Canada). Transparent as possible - has list of where each app stores data.

1.7.3.2. French Immersion choice program review committee (Gord Lau) - Current focus in on equity of access, not capacity. Investigating a couple solutions: 1) removing catchments and only siblings having priority; and 2) redrawing catchments. Choice 1 would be easier for VSB as it wouldn't have to be amended regardless of situation changes in the future (more classes, different locations, etc.) but pros and cons for both options.

Discussion on pros and cons but no recommendations made.

The committee will meet again next week with a report coming to Committee III on December 6th.

**1.7.4. Internal committees:**

1.7.4.1. Finance Committee.

- There was a miscommunication in getting the 2016/17 excess funds printed by VSB to distribute to Tier 1 schools but new cheques should be printed soon.

**1.8. Acknowledgement of Morgane Oger's resignation**

- **MOTION: Motion to accept Morgane Oger's resignation made by Amanda and seconded by Anne. Motion passed.**

**1.9. Executive nominations**

- **MOTION: Motion to send out for PAC ratification Erin Bartlett's (Lord Byng) nomination next week to close prior to December 14th Executive meeting made by Amanda and seconded by Erin A. Motion passed.**
- **ACTION: Amanda will send out electronic ballot to PACs.**

**2. Old Business**

**2.1. Rebroadcast of school-based initiative**

- Discussion on what types of information PACs would want forwarded by DPAC from outside organizations. No decisions reached. DPAC will continue to essentially deny.
- Discussion on DPAC new monthly updates with PAC to PAC segment. Appreciated by PACs present. Henry Hudson has created a seismic petition that they would like shared with other PACs. BCCPAC is considering sharing through them. Could share in DPAC's December PAC to PAC segment.

**2.2. BCCPAC DPAC summit**

- Hoping to connect with other lower mainland DPACs.

- Shaun and Rob are attending and have a list of items they want to discuss with BCCPAC and the Ministry. If anyone has questions they'd like asked, please submit to [chair@vancouverdpac.org](mailto:chair@vancouverdpac.org).

### 2.3. DPAC 2017/2018 goals

1. Improve bi-directional communication between Vancouver parents and VSB through Vancouver DPAC, resulting in higher parent engagement and stronger education community.
    - a. Facilitate awareness of curriculum and report card changes that impact students in the classroom.
    - b. Request or organize VSB public meetings on schools closures, budget, or other major concerns.
    - c. Initiate newsletter or other regular communication via blog, email, and/or social media.
  2. Advocate for resolution of systemic education impediments, including:
    - a. Student safety, including seismic and building remediation.
    - b. Sustainable, predictable funding enabling long-term education planning.
  3. Improve administrative governance and procedures of Vancouver DPAC.
    - a. Complete revision and modernize DPAC By-Laws.
    - b. Improve quality of DPAC meetings.
    - c. Increase awareness of, and relevance to, DPAC to Vancouver PACs.
  4. DRAFT = DPAC will begin to explore and understand Indigenous ways of knowing, and will strive to create more opportunities for Indigenous families to be involved in all DPAC gatherings.
- No concerns raised over first 3 goals. Goal 4 is currently a sentiment. Need to recraft and put actions under it. No decisions made.

### 2.4. Seismic motion for discussion

- Motion presented at October 26 General meeting: Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) takes the following position with respect to the (56) Vancouver schools still without signed project agreements that are part of province's seismic mitigation program:
  1. urgency is a priority; we all have to consider compromises in order to expedite solutions for the safety of children, staff, parents and community users of our facilities. We support a return to a 2025 deadline instead of the amended 2030.
  2. we work within a limited resource envelope
  3. the safe exit after a seismic event is top-priority, however to compliment the provincial disaster recovery planning we consider post-event support facilities to be a close second. Returning to a semblance of normalcy as soon as possible post-event will be enhanced with usable school facilities.

Therefore, we propose that the VSB and the Ministry of Education prioritize completion of new school construction over the retrofitting of existing schools.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Suggestion to switch around with motion being “we propose that the VSB and the Ministry of Education prioritize completion of new school construction over the retrofitting of existing schools” and the rest included as rationale.</li> <li>● Discussion on some of the hindrances to speeding up the process including: heritage, City of Vancouver permits, project office capacity, parent will - especially if against some component of design/plan. Noted that some of the new builds have design and construction issues.</li> <li>● Will take offline and get further input before bringing back to November 23 General Meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.5. Action items from October 12 Executive Meeting</b></p> <p><b>2.5.1.</b> Follow up on Earthquake preparedness information to send to PACs</p> <p><b>2.5.2.</b> Submission to Select Standing Committee for Finance and Government Services re: Budget 2018</p> <p><b>2.5.3.</b> Executive capacity and communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● These items were tabled to next executive meeting as neither Shaun nor Steven were in attendance.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.6. General meetings:</b></p> <p><b>2.6.1.</b> Trustee candidate forum - no further discussion</p> <p><b>2.6.2.</b> October meeting - recap - tabled to next meeting</p> <p><b>2.6.3.</b> November meeting - New Student Reporting Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Confirmed presenters/panel includes representatives from: VESTA, VSTA, MoE, VSB and UBC admissions.</li> <li>● Discussion on video recording. Quoted \$1000 for professional production. Liability of production issues deferred to third party instead of DPAC/tech student. Number of speakers hesitant of broadcasting.</li> <li>● Opportunity to take questions off the floor/in advance which would be vetted onsite.</li> <li>● <b>Volunteers: Erin B. - room setup; Celena - as needed.</b></li> <li>● <b>Action: Rob will provide an audience response system at no expense to DPAC to be used by official PAC representatives.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>2.6.4.</b> January meeting - Special Needs focus - tabled to next meeting</p>
<p><b>3. New Business</b></p>	
	<p><b>3.1.</b> Questions for DPAC to take to upcoming meeting with VSB senior management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● none.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.2.</b> AOB?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>February General Meeting - suggestion of curriculum focus.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b>  <b>Executive: December 14, 2017</b>  <b>General: November 23, 2017 - workshop: New Student Reporting Models</b></p>	

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm