



Invest In Our Children
They Are Our Future!

DPAC General Meeting
District 39

Date: October 26, 2017

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Location: Room 180
Vancouver School Board

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Rob Peregoodoff

Minute Taker: Kim Trehan

DPAC Executives:

Shaun Kalley (Vice-Chair), Amanda Hillis (Secretary), Crystal Smith (Treasurer), Erin Arnold, May Ke, Anne Montgomery Absent: Stephen Filbey, Morgane Oger

Official PAC Representatives:

John Puddifoot (Lord Byng Secondary)

Shaun Kalley (Charles Dickens)

Deborah Barnett (Crosstown Elementary)

Carrie Siggins (Sir James Douglas Annex)

Nina Lakhani (Ecole Jules Quesnel Elem.)

Alan Patola Moosmann (Henry Hudson Elem.)

Sarah MacKinnon (Dr. AR Lord Elementary)

Paula Temrick (Maple Grove Elementary)

Ian McDonald (Nootka Elementary)

Amanda Hillis (Queen Alexandra Elementary)

CJ Harmer (Queen Mary Elementary)

L Chow (Templeton Secondary)

Anne Montgomery (Tupper Secondary)

Corine Willems (Tyee Elementary)

Michele Buckman (Xpey' Elementary)

Attendees:

Erin Bartlett (Lord Byng), Holly Sum, Karrie Thornitt (Xpey'), Victor Thompson (Xpey'), Janet Fraser (Churchill, Trustee-elect), Estrellita Gonzalez. (Hamber, Trustee-elect)

Observers:

Carrie Bercic (Trustee-elect), Christopher Richardson

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Standing Items

1.1. Welcome, Acknowledgement

1.2. Roundtable Introductions

1.3. Identification of official PAC Reps

1.4. Call for Quorum

1.5. Approval of Agenda

- Amended to include passing of minutes and a new motion.
- **Motion to pass as amended made by Anne (Tupper) and seconded by Ian (Nootka). Motion passed.**

1.5.1. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Ian (Nootka) and seconded by Shaun (Charles Dickens). Motion passed.**

1.6. Report on issues raised from last general meeting

- [Handout](#) provided with responses Dianne Turner, Official Trustee, provided at last executive meeting. (See October 12th Executive meeting minutes.)

1.7. Old Business:

1.7.1. Motion on seismic

Motion put forward by Amanda (DPAC) and seconded by Corine (Tyee) that: **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.

Discussion opened up. Lots of questions regarding current policy and City of Vancouver regulations and permit process.

- Recommendation the motion be returned to committee for revision put forth by John (Lord Byng). Seconded by Ian (Nootka).

1.8. New Business/Questions/Issues

1.8.1. Motion for appropriate cultural reference

Motion put forward by Crystal (DPAC) and seconded by John (Lord Byng) that: **Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council calls on the Vancouver School Board and all related entities to remove the label of 'Aboriginal' and replace it with the word 'Indigenous' in all communications, titles and references.**

Justification:

The term "*aboriginal*" is highly disputed within the Indigenous community and is akin to "*Indian*." Both terms are blatantly disrespectful to all Indigenous peoples whether it is recognized or not. The term "*aboriginal*" breaks down to "ab-" ("not" or "away from") and "original" or "not original" making the term an oxymoron. The term "*Indigenous*" is the best replacement as it is widely used within Indigenous communities and in academia. This term also encompasses all nations and is far more respectful.

Motion passed unanimously.

1.8.2. Questions/Issues raised by PACs

- How much say do PACs have in spending of GST rebates received by schools for materials bought by PACs.
- Impact on CASL on teachers obtaining contact information from MyEd BC.
- The need to share personal health numbers on field trip forms (secondary school) when the schools have the numbers on file (security).
- Understanding gaming fund spending regulations and reporting (Rob offered that PACs can bring forms to DPAC to help fill out)

1.9. Close formal meeting

- **Motion to close the formal meeting made by Shaun (Charles Dickens) and seconded by John (Lord Byng).** Formal meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

1.10. Workshop by Jolene Andrew

1.10.1. Building Resilient Communities: What role do our schools play?

[Link to presentation](#)