



Date: December 14, 2017
Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Location: Room 180
Vancouver School Board

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Shaun Kalley (Vice-Chair) Minute Taker: Amanda Hillis
(Secretary)
Executive: Crystal Smith (Treasurer, arrived at 7:25), Stephen Filbey, May Ke, Anne
Montgomery (arrived at 8:10)
Regrets: Rob Peregoodoff (Chair), Erin Arnold

In Attendance: David Schaub (False Creek, DPAC Rep), Alan Patola Moosmann (Hudson, DPAC Rep), Alex Dow (Jamieson, DPAC Rep), Celena Benndorf (L'Ecole Bilingue), Erin Bartlett (Lord Byng, DPAC Rep), Sarah Honeyman (Lord Roberts, DPAC Rep), Erica Ellis (Lord Tennyson), Jacqueline Crummey (Lord Tennyson, DPAC rep), Sandra Bell (Queen Alexandra, Co-chair), Heather Legal (Tecumseh, Chair), Roy Park (Van Horne), Celine Sauvage (Vancouver Tech), Curtis Alenakew (Xpey'), Merissa McNeil (Xpey'). VSB - Lisa Dominato (DPAC Liaison Trustee)

Called to order at 7:03pm without quorum. All motions made and voted on after quorum reached.

1. Standing Items

1.1. Welcome, acknowledgement

1.2. Introductions

1.3. Delegation: Tennyson re: out-of-school care

- ASK: Share their petition asking Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, and Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care, to 'Integrate Out-of-School Care into Our Schools'
<https://www.change.org/p/rob-fleming-mla-leg-bc-ca-integrate-out-of-school-care-into-our-schools>.
- Background: There is no longer the standard on the one-income family. Today there is no way for most working parents to care for kids without out-of-school care. This care needs to be considered in the seismic mitigation program and new school design for all Elementary schools..
- At Tennyson there are currently 105 spots between 3 providers, 2 on-site with 200 on the on-site waitlist. These seats do not seem to be included in the design plans for the replacement build.
- The parents are also in communication with city planners, MLA David Eby, Vancouver Coastal Health (licenses daycares) and VSB.
- **ACTION: DPAC will include the petition in a December email, the PAC to PAC section of the January newsletter, and on social media.**

1.4. Approval of Agenda

- District update was moved from 1.4 to 1.9 to fit with Lisa Dominato's availability. Delegation was moved up to 1.3 to allow quorum to arrive before items requiring motions.
- **MOTION: Stephen made the motion to accept the agenda as amended. May seconded. Motion passed.**

1.5. Approve minutes from November 9 executive meeting ([attached](#))

- **MOTION: Crystal made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. May seconded. Motion passed.**

1.6. Executive nominations

1.6.1. Ratification of Erin Bartlett (Lord Byng)

- 22 PACs voted. Unanimously for.
- Erin B. will take over as liaison for the following schools: Bayview, Ecole Jules Quesnel, Lord Byng, Lord Kitchener, Queen Elizabeth Annex, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, Southland, and University Hill Secondary.
- Erin B. will be the 2nd alternative representative for VSB Standing Committee III.
- **ACTION: Amanda will update website and notify VSB.**

1.6.2. Nomination of Roy Park (Van Horne)

- **MOTION: Shaun made the motion to accept the nomination of Roy Park and to send out for PAC ratification. Voting would close prior to January 11th Executive meeting. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.**
- **ACTION: Amanda and Shaun will send out electronic ballot to PACs.**

1.7. Officer reports:

1.7.1. Chair report ([attached](#))

1.7.2. Treasurer report

- Tabled to January. See comments in chair report and in 1.8.5.1 (Finance committee)

1.8. Committee reports:

1.8.1. VSB standing committees:

- 1.8.1.1. Committee I - December 6 (click [here](#) for agenda; [here](#) for minutes). Attended by Rob.
- 1.8.1.2. Committee II - November 15 (click [here](#) for agenda; [here](#) for minutes). Attended by Amanda.
- 1.8.1.3. Committee II - December 13 (click [here](#) for agenda; [here](#) for minutes). Attended by Anne.
- 1.8.1.4. Committee III - December 6 (click [here](#) for agenda; [here](#) for minutes). Attended by Shaun.
- 1.8.1.5. Committee IV - November 15 (click [here](#) for agenda; [here](#) for minutes). Attended by Erin.
- 1.8.1.6. Committee IV - December 13 (click [here](#) for agenda; [here](#) for minutes). Attended by Erin.
- 1.8.1.7. Committee V - November 15 (minutes not posted individually, but are in the board agenda: click [here](#)). Attended by Amanda.

- Handout given out at the meeting with Committee I, II, and V reports updated to include all 7 reports ([attached](#)).

1.8.2. VSB advisory committees:

1.8.2.1. SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) - December 4 (Sandra Bell)

- Update on Gateway project
- Update of Special Education Review Survey
- **ACTION: Amanda to send out dates for Special Education Program Group Meetings for parents and that VSB is looking for parents with medically challenged students to join the Eligibility Committee.**

1.8.2.2. Diversity - December 5 (Celena Benndorf)

- The DAC has been in existence for 13 years. It was only my first meeting, but my impression is that they seem to be in full swing, and are a very active and productive committee, per the attached 'VSB District Diversity Report'. At present, it appears that most of the committee's focus is on LGBTQ-related matters, but they are open to discussing other issues pertaining to diversity.
- The Committee is working on the booklet, '*QUESTIONS & ANSWERS for Parents and Caregivers of Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth*' that they asked us to provide feedback on by December 22.
- The document, 'Cultural Religious Faith-based Diversity Celebrations in Schools' was distributed via email (but not discussed).
- **ACTION: Amanda to send out information about the draft booklet with a request for feedback before December 22nd.**

1.8.2.3. AEEA-I&M (Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Implementation and Monitoring Committee) - December 13 (Crystal)

- 2174 self-identified students this year. 188 in Grade 12 (124 in mainstream program). Last year 99 students in Grade 12 but only 62 graduated. Discrepancy is being looked into.
- Update on last year's survey given to ~500 G7-12 students of which 242 responded. Many responded with the "neither agree nor disagree" option. Committee thinking about removing option in the next version. DPAC attendees discussed the merits of including as can be a valid answer rather than forcing to mark a choice they don't fully agree with.
- Two parents at the committee suggested making a policy to follow before a school administrator calls Child Protective Services on indigenous families.

1.8.3. VSB ad hoc committees:

1.8.3.1. French Immersion choice program review committee (Shaun)

- 5 French Immersion K classes were lost this year and promised, but not delivered, to return next year. It had been understood that this would be part of the review process. ASK: PACs and parents at French Immersion schools contact their trustee liaison and ask why they are not pursuing their return.

- **ACTION: Shaun will contact FI school PACs**

1.8.3.2. Focus Group of Current Staffing Shortages (Roy)

- Met on Friday, December 1st. Janet Fraser drafted letter which the group had a couple days to comment on before it was sent out. Now on VSB website

(http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/shared/17_12Dec08_L_toMOE_reTeacher%20Recruitment%20and%20Retention.pdf).

1.8.4. Representatives needed for VSB committees

1.8.4.1. Crosstown Naming Committee (ad hoc)

- Reminder: On May 11, 2017 DPAC passed the following motion:

Motion: *that names selected for Vancouver schools should honour the Coast Salish community, and recognize their outstanding individuals, be reflective of the region, or be significant to the original geography of the area. Names of individuals should only be used posthumously. If Coast Salish Community grants permission the VSB should then move to honour the historical and cultural/ethnic heritage – including other First Nations communities, recognize outstanding individuals, be reflective of the region, or be significant to the geography of the area. Names of individuals should only be used posthumously.*

- Erin Bartlett volunteered to be DPAC's representative on this committee.

- **ACTION: Amanda will update VSB.**

1.8.4.2. Emergency Management Committee (advisory)

- No volunteers at the meeting.

- **ACTION: Amanda will send out to PACs to recruit.**

1.8.4.3. FI Review (ad hoc)

- **ACTION: Shaun will send out to FI PACs and parents.**

1.8.5. Internal committees:

1.8.5.1. Finance Committee

- **MOTION: Shaun made the motion to invite Roy Park to join the DPAC Finance Committee. May seconded. Motion passed. Roy accepted.**

1.8.5.2. Bylaw Committee (Shaun)

- Stephen volunteered to join Shaun on this committee.

1.9. **District update** (Lisa Dominato, DPAC's Trustee liaison)

- Would like to know what's been working at DPAC with the board.
- Board priorities:
 - How do we all fit together? New board made up of 4 parities; new senior staff - all need to be able to work collaboratively.
 - She will be making a motion on Monday for a Board work plan. 3 levels 1) things obligated to do; 2) emergent things; 3) things important to us to do.
 - Capital pressures - new schools and seismic. How to expedite.
 - Recruitment and staffing
- Meetings being planned with Rob Fleming and local MLAs to identify VSB priorities.
- Recent events and parent topics
 - General Gordon - Janel met with families and staff. VSB policies are to be inclusive.
 - Renaming Crosstown - Allan Wong bringing motions on Monday to rescind and replace the name of the school at International Village from Crosstown to Alexander Won Cumyow.
 - Parent noted that Vancouver is declared unceded Coast Salish territory therefore school may be in Chinatown but is on unceded territory. Note: this goes with DPAC's previously-adopted position that school renamings should reflect the Indigenous context.
 - Out-of-school care motion on Monday
 - Parent noted that this is provincial as involves area standards for school design.
 - BCSTA would be good co-advocate
 - Principal/vice-principal shifts - 1 change creates ripple through school system
 - Retirements, maternity leaves, snagging p/vp from other districts all impact.
 - Board has no say in who becomes a vp/p or where they are place. All done by senior management who look at their fit with the school.
 - While 3-5 years may seem the normal time periods for a vp/p to be at a school, there are no set time periods.

2. Old Business

2.1. Action items from October 12 Executive Meeting

- 2.1.1. Follow up on Earthquake preparedness information to send to PACs (Stephen)
 - No follow up to-date.
 - **Action: Stephen will connect with Elisa Gutierrez and report back at January 11 meeting.**
- 2.1.2. Submission to Select Standing Committee for Finance and Government Services re: Budget 2018 (Shaun)
 - Shaun made the submission.
 - **Action: Shaun will post the submission on the website.**

- 2.1.3.** Executive capacity and communications (Shaun)
 - Will be discussed in an in-camera following this meeting.
 - 2.2. Action items from November 9 Executive Meeting**
 - 2.2.1.** DPAC 2017/2018 goals
 - **Action: Crystal to work on drafting an actionable goal 4 for January 11 meeting.**
 - 2.3. General meetings:**
 - 2.3.1.** November meeting - New Student Reporting Models (recap)
 - Question on what is the selling point for teachers to communication with parents?
 - Stephen has a letter from Beaconsfield on concerns with new grading system which he will present off-line due to time constraints.
 - 2.3.2.** January meeting - Special Needs focus
 - 2.3.3.** February meeting - Curriculum

3. New Business

- 3.1.** SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity)
 - **ACTION: Amanda will post a website (<https://www.sogieducation.org/q-a/>) in the resource section of DPAC's website.**
- 3.2.** Request for feedback. Interim report card for DPAC by DPAC representatives.
 - All attendees invited to email feedback on how DPAC is doing.
- 3.3.** DPAC board training
 - Recommendations sought for board training courses.
- 3.4. AOB?**
 - Reminder from attendee about SACY workshops for parents. A representative from SACY will be presenting at the January 11 meeting and the upcoming workshops were sent out in a December update email.
 - Lisa Dominato requests that we think of how she can be of use to DPAC.

Next Meetings:

Executive: **January 11, 2018**

General: **January 25, 2018** - working title for workshop "Navigating Inclusive Education in the Public School System"

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm

Rob Peregoodoff

1. Resignations -
 - a. Acknowledgement of the need for our treasurer, Crystal Smith, to have to step down from her role as Treasurer. I acknowledge and respect the reasons that she has shared and thank her for the time and efforts that she has been able to give DPAC to date. I am glad that she still intends on contributing as an Executive member as i know she has much to give to the group as a parent in the VSB.
 - i. Hopeful that this key position will be filled ASAP
 - b. Acceptance of the termination of the contract with Savvy Professionals and Kim Trehan. We wish her all the best for herself and her company and thank her for the time, effort and dedication she has provided the VSB DPAC.
 - i. DPAC should now take this opportunity to revisit the staffing requirements and priorities to determine our needs. Until such time as this happens, I will recommend that DPAC not rehire under the existing contract.
2. November General Meeting - a huge thank you to everyone who stepped up on the night to support what I hope was a successful evening. I apologise to everyone for the technical issues that resulted in the delay in starting. I look forward to hearing the thoughts from others on the DPAC executive. I have two action items before the next general meeting in January:
 - a. Request a meeting with the VSB onsite AV support so that I can troubleshoot what occurred and learn to prevent any future issues
 - b. Request a VSB Secure login so that we are not dependent of the slow and restricted VSB Visitor network
3. Participation in Superintendent Interviews - Along with Amanda Hillis, glad to have had the opportunity to contribute to this important process. Overall a positive experience with three highlights:
 - a. Acknowledgement of the effort and value brought by the external search firm; both candidates that we had the pleasure of meeting were warranted and welcome.
 - b. Endorsement of the choice made by board
 - c. It was an excellent opportunity to network with all of the other key stakeholder groups within the VSB community
4. Attendance at BCCPAC Fall Conference - Along with Vice-Chair Shaun Kalley, attended both Friday and Saturday morning in Richmond. Overall I will reserve judgement on specifics other than to say i'm glad we attended and believe VSB DPAC should continue to participate in and contribute to the BCCPAC. Highlights for me included the following presentations, available here =
<http://bccpac.bc.ca/resources/2017-dpac-summit-presentations/>

- a. BCPSEA - parents would all be well-served to better understand the negotiation processes as we move towards 2019 so that we can be a neutral, positive and stabilizing influence with the goal that the conclusion of the next round of negotiations are best for the system as a whole, and that encompass the challenges that lie in the future for public education.
- b. MyEdBC - for reasons better articulated in person, i believe history will show this to be a milestone in public education in BC albeit for the wrong reasons. However, we as parents have to resist the urge to simply criticize but rather we have to embrace our critical role in helping the province, our district, our schools and our child's teachers to getting to MyEdBC V2 as soon as possible.
- c. Deputy Minister of Education - encourage all parents and taxpayers to review as it contains substantial data and evidence. Of particular note to myself is the national and international rankings (2015) under the previous government. Also to be noted in the data is the health of the entire provincial education system.