

## **C.R. District Parent Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

**Present:** Karen Worsley (Secretary), Kate Morgan (Vice-Chair), Kelly Clark (Phoenix), Shauna Schmitte (EDM), Jen Sanchez (Penfield)

**By Invitation:** Dave Harper (CRDTA), Nevenka Fair (SBO)

**Regrets:** Michael Savoie (President), Violet Shade (Treasurer), Christine Szaflik (CUPE)

In Michael Savoie's absence Kate Morgan chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

It was noted that there is a low turn-out for the meeting tonight. With the late start-up this year we are still contacting schools and trying to establish PAC contacts.

### **Minutes from Previous Meetings:**

Draft Minutes from the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were earlier emailed and copies were also circulated for review at the meeting. There being no revisions, additions, deletions, or business arising, UPON MOTION made, seconded and carried, the May 21, 2014 meeting Minutes were APPROVED as presented.

<Note: no meeting held in September due to continuing teacher job action.>

### **Agenda:**

Agenda for tonight's meeting was circulated. Addition: under "New Business", (a) meeting notifications and (b) workshop ideas/themes. There being no further additions or revisions, tonight's Agenda was APPROVED.

### **Correspondence:**

There were no items received this month for review.

DPAC meeting dates set for the current year: DPAC meetings this year will continue to be held at 7 pm at the Robron Centre on the following Wednesdays:

November 19 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting in December	January 21 <sup>st</sup>
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting in June	

It was noted that tonight there was a double booking of the DPAC meeting room by FORCE, and there is another conflicting date on November 19<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that the DPAC meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> would be in Room A119, and then we would go back to the Library,

### **School News & Reports from PACs:**

- EDM: new principal Mme Hwang, and male teacher in school now too (grade 5). Halloween Fun Night on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Timberline: great communication with administration, PAC attendance doubled at first meeting.
- Phoenix: held PAC meeting, doubled attendance (Violet brought food for draw). Filled all positions but SPC. New principal, Laird Rheulen. Open House already held. Very happy to be back at school and activities going forward as planned. Seismic upgrade progressing well – 80%

of gym back, library is done now – on schedule. Work site was well set-up for student drop-off.

- Carihi: kids thrilled to be back, great to see grade 9's so excited about high school. Band and sports all back on track.
- Penfield: new principal, Hendrik Horsthuis.
- Pinecrest: Halloween event on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**A. Treasurer** – Violet Shade, Treasurer: Kate Morgan presented information in Violet's absence.

- In the general account there is currently \$3,968.50, and in gaming \$2,572.76. Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report was not made as a full report was not provided, just bank account balances.
- Violet has filed for gaming grant for this school year. Above figures as of August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- A reminder was given that every school can apply for money from the School District. Attached is a sample letter for PACs to use.
- There were no questions.

**B. District Diary** – Nevenka Fair, Assistant Superintendent

- District Diary handout provided (copy attached).
- Looks like up to 30 students lost in the District due to labour dispute (family in Alberta or moved to private school), but numbers are up about 20-30 students in the District.
- Learning Improvement Fund handout provided (copy attached). Currently meeting/consulting with schools to see how to best use funds provided this year. Not that much more than we received in the past. EAs – only \$76,000 for extra, equals about 3 full-time EAs, rest of funds are to teachers. \$767,000 = approx 7 teachers (salary + benefits). Money has already used: Hired counsellor for elementary; adjustment in Learning Assistance time (due to enrollment numbers); less than 5 teachers still to be hired/allocated to schools – currently reviewing plans which are to be submitted by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Want to get in place asap so that additional supports can be provided.
- \$40 day care subsidy per day promised by the government re job action – tricky part now is that government is trying to take back part of this money to fund Teacher Education Fund – not sure what, if any, they will claw back.
- New Strategic Plan has been passed – has 4 goals. Whole plan is available on the website.
- Opportunity to share funding concerns regarding public education. To share your feedback with the Finance Committee, visit: <https://leg.bc.ca/cmt/finance/submission.asp>.
- SPC's – Nevenka to check in with administrators to request names by a certain date.
- No questions.

**C. Board of Trustees** – Michelle Babchuk

- Not present
- DPAC has greatly appreciated Michelle's commitment to parents and to DPAC as Chair of Board of Trustees. She has made a lot of effort to communicate and keep involved. She is no longer involved. We look forward to seeing who will come to our meeting as the Trustee's representative. Please encourage everyone to vote for Trustees at this Fall's election.

**D. Teachers' Association** – Dave Harper, CRDTA Rep.

- Glad to be part of the DPAC group and looks forward to the meetings this year.
- Noticing a much younger group of teachers in the past couple of years.
- Discussion ensued re Christmas concerts, performing arts, value of community, and the learning that happens during “play”.

**E. CUPE** – Christine Szaflik, President

➤ Not present

**F. BCCPAC** ([www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca)) – Michael Savoie

➤ Not present

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### (1) Meeting Notifications

How do people want to be notified? Meeting dates are on the DPAC website – they will always be on the third Wednesday each month at Robron. It was agreed that we should send out an email ahead of time as a reminder. The email will be sent to everyone who has signed in at a DPAC meeting this year, and a request is being made to schools to provide us with additional email contacts.

Karen confirmed that draft Minutes will be emailed to those on the meeting sign-in sheet and anyone else who requests.

#### (2) Workshop Ideas/Themes

We would like math workshops at all levels of school. How parents can help – what are some of the frustrations, including tutoring. We are open to new ideas for workshops/guest speakers. What are other PAC issues and how can we help? We have resources that we can explore and use. To be discussed further at next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 7 pm at Robron room A119.

*NOTE: Missing Attachments:*

- *Sample letter to PAC's to request funding*
- *District Diary*
- *L.I.F. Handout*