

C.R. District Parent Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Present: Michael Savoie (President), Karen Worsley (Secretary), Lisa McCosh (Acting Treasurer), Kate Morgan (Director), Suzy Roberts, Charee Waterton, Cheryl Chatterton, Shauna Schmitke, Jen Boulet

By Invitation: Michele Babchuk (Board of Education), Elaine Thompson (CRDTA), Nevenka Fair (SBO)

Regrets: Christine Szaflik (CUPE)

NOTE: meeting held at earlier time of 6 pm in order to accommodate SD72 budget meeting to be held 7-8:30 pm tonight.

Mike Savoie called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Minutes from Previous Meetings:

Draft Minutes from the February 19th meeting were presented at the March 12th meeting but, unfortunately, a motion for approval did not pass as not enough people from the previous meeting were in attendance. UPON MOTION made, seconded and carried, the February 19, 2014 meeting Minutes were APPROVED as presented.

Draft Minutes from the March 12, 2014 meeting were circulated for review. Revision to be made to add the full names of "Suzy Roberts" and "Linda Missio" under Present. UPON MOTION made, seconded and carried, the March 12, 2014 meeting Minutes were APPROVED as revised.

DPAC elections are held annually at the May meeting – any questions email or phone Mike Savoie. It was noted that DPAC roles are different from that of school PACs as they affect the district as a whole.

Agenda:

Agenda for tonight's meeting was circulated. Additions: Under "New Business" add (1) BCCPAC meeting/AGM, and (2) DPAC website. There being no further additions or revisions, tonight's Agenda was approved.

Correspondence:

Items received and presented for review:

- Teachers' Magazine (circulated)
- BCCPAC Annual General Meeting package of materials, including Nominations & Resolutions and Individual Education Plan – A Guide for Parents. AGM to be held in Vancouver from May 31-June 1. This topic will be covered below under New Business.

School News & Reports from PACs:

- Southgate – concert band performed in Port Alberni received gold nomination for nationals next year. Both the concert and jazz bands will be heading to the nationals in Vancouver this May before the band's San Francisco trip.
- Phoenix – inviting all feeder school PACs to attend next PAC meeting in May. Usually held the 2nd Thursday of the month – May 8th, Would love to see parents attend – large group of parents this year leaving when their children move on to Carihi this fall. Great time to show up,

elections not held until September, come and check it out and talk while parents who have been there awhile still there.

REPORTS

A. Treasurer – Lisa McCosh, Acting Treasurer

In the general report there is currently \$3,998.25, with no activity, and in gaming \$2,677.51, with one cheque for \$75 cashed by Quadra PAC for reimbursement of fall BCCPAC fees.

There were no questions.

UPON MOTION duly made, seconded and carried, the Treasurer's Report was accepted and APPROVED as presented.

B. Board of Trustees – Michelle Babchuk

- Not present

C. Teachers' Association – Elaine Thompson, CRDTA President

- Still trying to bargain, both sides at LRB this week asking for certification on essential services. At this point no decisions re job action have been made. If they are, will not affect the students.

D. District Diary – Nevenka Fair, Assistant Superintendent

- Building connections with North Island College, had a trades day last Friday. Starting next year maybe have a week long session, perhaps incorporate fieldtrips – create some lessons with people going into classes and link it to careers, contacts to access, etc. Would include all levels of students from primary to senior. Good relationship set up with new individuals at the College. Discussion ensued - parent comment that senior students (gr.10/11) really need more information about choices, as most don't know what they want to do yet. Kids can't seem to make the connection to trades, and there will be so many opportunities available in this area in the next few years. Has to also touch on trades not just locally, but broaden their minds for careers globally. Also commented that we can't stereo-type jobs between the sexes.
- Fourth Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement consultation recently held – very good feedback. Starting to work on an action plan for the Achievement Contract.
- Barry Bennett working with District on “instructional intelligence” - talks about how to support the instructional capacity of the teacher, as they make the biggest different to the child. DPAC may be interested in having him speak to parents next year. Strategy is all about student engagement.
- Communicating student learning – Nevenka invited to Canadian and International symposium on assessment (only 36 invited) in Frederikton, NB. Conference on assessment for learning. Every country presented where they are with this work. There are workshops for parents as to how to review and interpret this information (rubrics). Very positive feedback received to how Campbell River has implemented new program for assessment for learning. Currently there is a leadership team, mostly teachers, but wants to include some parents before the end of this school year to get started working together in the fall – right now it is too early for feedback, but wants parents to be part of it (what works and what else they would like to see).

E. CUPE – Christine Szaflik

- Not present.

F. BCCPAC (www.bccpac.bc.ca) – Michael Savoie

See New Business below.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. BCCPAC Convention and AGM (Mike Savoie)

- Mike can't make it this year due to other commitments. This year it will be held May 31st – June 1st in Richmond. Traditionally DPAC has sent 2-4 members – upon MOTION made, seconded and carried, it was APPROVED that expenses (gaming account) will be covered for up to 3 individuals (if for 3 individuals, drive over): 2 rooms @ \$120/night, \$250 for conference fees, snacks/meals provided. Up to 3 members can go (leave Thursday afternoon, starts Friday morning, there for Saturday and Sunday – back late Sunday night. Note – individual PACs can send their own members on their dime.
- Violet Shade mentioned she would like to go on behalf of DPAC. Anyone else interested please see Mike Savoie.

2. DPAC Website (Kate Morgan)

Name: **dpacsd72.ca** – wants PACs to check it out and provide feedback to Kate with ideas and resources that they would like accessible. One suggestion from meeting, what about politicians that we can write letters to – who does what?

OTHER MATTERS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2014 at 7 pm in Robron Library.