

Campbell River District Parent Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting

Held:

Wednesday, January 17th, 2018

Present: Violet Shade (Chair), Mike Savoie (Vice-Chair), Shantall McFee (Secretary), Suzy Roberts (Timberline), Sue De Bruin (Willow Point),

By Invitation: Nevenka Fair (Assistant Superintendent), Joyce McMann (School Board Trustee)

Regrets: Shauna Schmitke (Treasurer)

Mike Savoie called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

1. Introductions
2. Chairs Opening Remarks
 - i. Violet Shade will be a little late
3. Guests:
 - a. No guests present.
4. Minutes for November Meeting:
 - a. Minutes not submitted due to computer trouble
 - i. Shantall will make a better effort to share electronically once they are written up ☺
 - ii. Minutes will be submitted next month for approval.
5. Additions to the agenda:
 - a. Agenda for tonight's meeting was circulated and approved with no additions or deletions.
6. Correspondence:
 - a. Mike submitted DPACs correspondence. BCTF magazine.
 - b. SD72 Christmas Card. Thank you!
7. School news and reports from PACs
 - a. Mike Savoie- Carihi
 - i. It is approaching Semester End
 - ii. Grad Photos are going on (Timberline as well)
 - b. Shantall McFee – Georgia Park Elementary
 - i. PAC Meeting January 22
 - ii. Fundraisers: Successful Santa Photos in December
 1. School plans to advertise more to the public next year
 - iii. Raffle Ticket Sales also very successful
 - iv. School Christmas Concert took place as well
 - c. Sue DeBruin – Willow Point Elementary

- i. Book Fair taking place Friday January 26th. Open to the Public 230-6pm. \$1.00/book.
- ii. School uses Hotlunch.net (Georgia Park uses as well)
 - 1. Very useful for organizing and collecting money
 - 2. Email reminders are sent out for the week to remind parents of what they ordered
- iii. Kindergarten registration January 29-February 2, 2018
 - 1. There are rumbling of a lot of interest in French Immersion

d. Suzy Roberts- Timberline

- i. School organized Campbell River Cares before Christmas - very successful!
 - 1. A LOCAL shoe box program
 - 2. Over 90 boxes were made, only 60 were needed so the other 30 were donated to shelters
 - 3. Georgia Park Elementary had some classrooms participate

8. Treasurer Report– Violet Shade

- a. Report submitted but some typos were noted. Violet will provide Shantall with corrected copy for next month's submission and approval.
- b. In short: Gaming: check written for \$1275 for BCCPAC fees for all schools. And general: check written for \$78.75 for DPAC website fees
- c. DPAC received \$2500 gaming grant and discussions made that DPAC needs to spend these funds yearly or risk losing the grant in the future. Unlike school PACs who have different/more options for spending, DPAC typically spends these funds in three areas: BCCPAC fees for all the schools in the District, attending the BCCPAC Conference and AGM as well as for hosting workshops. General Funds can be spent as DPAC sees fit.
- d. Meeting with the Scotia Bank Manager was scheduled to obtain "Read Only" cards but the Manager was sick. The bank will call Mike and Violet once paperwork is ready to do signatures. Update to follow.

9. District Diary - Nevenka Fair

a. Important Dates:

- i. Tuesday January 23rd, French Immersion K meetings
 - 1. Parents and kids attend – hear from kids in the program and a K teacher from the district
 - 2. School District wants to keep the two French schools balanced in numbers. Students may be placed at either school and not necessarily the school of choice.
- ii. Thursday January 25th 6:30-8:00 pm Shelley Moore Presentation at Timberline Theatre – Transformation in Education with a focus on inclusion and BC's Redesigned Curriculum
 - 1. Brochure circulated, share with schools

b. Assessment Week

i. Mock Exams

- 1. *The exams are marked but where the mistakes are made are not always shared with students*
 - a. Sharing might be useful to start conversations on where strengths and weakness are
 - b. These same issues also occur with regular "everyday" tests too. How do we learn from our mistakes if we don't know where they are?

- c. Timberline has generally been quite good in the process sharing results, but of course there is always the odd teacher who doesn't
- 2. There are less Provincial Exams
- 3. Graduation Numeracy Assessment – Information for Parents leaflet shared
 - a. There are components for everyone
 - i. Facts and memorization section
 - ii. Reasoning and Application section
 - iii. A choice section where the student chooses what question they want to do
 - b. The Assessment looks good and matches how the curriculum is supposed to be taught
 - c. Admins do think it is bit text heavy
 - d. This assessment must be written to pass but is can be offered up to post-secondary institutions as “value added information when determining admission requirements.
 - e. This raised a discussion by DPAC parents on what post-secondary applications and requirements will look like to students applying in and outside our province. Will they recognize BC's New Curriculum?
ANSWER: We are on the cusp of transformation being done all over the world. Some students will be caught in the process.

10. Board of Trustees – Joyce McMann

- a. Superintendent Report on Graduation
 - i. Info on how students are doing
 - 1. Successes and improvements
 - 2. Campbell River First Nations students are at or above average on graduation rates
 - ii. Information will be broken up into categories
 - 1. Male/female, First-Nations/Non-First Nations
- b. Rural Schools
 - i. Sayward, Surge Narrows, Quadra, etc.
 - ii. No talking what-so-ever about school closures
 - iii. How to make schools work within the communities
 - iv. Parent/community expectations
- c. Ministry of Education
 - i. Previous relationship with the government was strained
 - ii. A questionnaire was circulated asking what school trustees are expecting from the current government
 - 1. Trustees would like stability e.g. 3 year funding as opposed to 1 year
 - 2. There were reservations in some of the wording as there is a likely loopholes
 - a. e.g. any major changes in funding the government would try to notify the School District in a reasonable time frame.
 - b. Ideas included that schools could be funded based off of need – very subjective and can look very different in each school
 - iii. Playground funds will hopefully be addressed with the February budget announcements
 - 1. Mike Savoie Tidbit: mentioned that BCCPAC had discussions at the Summit with Ministry to have playground funds be designated so as not to get absorbed into regular SD funds
- d. School Board Trustee Elections

- i. New Board to be elected in October/November
- ii. Current board made the decision to do all the all the preliminary work for concerning the SD72 Facility Plan and allow the new board to work out the finer details
- iii. Mike Savoie Tidbit: Past DPAC members hosted an info night with Trustee candidates for interested parents and public. DPAC will look into this once candidates are announced.

11. New Business

- a. Communication
 - i. Minutes to be submitted in a more timely fashion and website will be updated and used.
 - ii. Shantall to get updated PAC contact information from schools to facilitate communication directly to the schools.
- b. Vancouver Island Parent Conference
 - i. DAPC would like to gage interest of PAC Parents and to assist in ticket purchases and/or accommodation, travel, etc. Members will disseminate the offer to PACs.
 - 1. Mike motioned to purchase 4 early bird tickets at \$75.00 each to send four DPAC members to the conference. Seconded by Suzy. All in favor.
- c. DPAC Math Nights with Rhona Soutar (SD72 Director of Instruction) at the School District 72 office 425 Pinecrest Road
 - i. Session 1: K-grade 8 - February 21st at 6:30pm
 - ii. Session 2: High School – March 21st at 6:30pm

Adjournment: 8:50 pm.

Next Meeting: February 21st, 2018 at 6:00 pm