

Campbell River District Parent Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting Held: Wednesday, October 18th , 2017

Present: Violet Shade (Chair), Mike Savoie (Vice-Chair), Shauna Schmitke (Treasurer), Shantall McFee (Secretary), Suzy Roberts (Timberline), Alana Caldwell (Ocean Grove), Tiffany Watson (Pinecrest)

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

Regrets: Sue De Bruin (Willow Point)

1. Violet Shade called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Introductions
3. Chairs Opening Remarks
 - i. Welcome to the new faces at DPAC.
4. Guests:
 - a. No guests present.
5. Minutes for September Meeting:
 - a. Minutes approved by Violet and seconded by Shantall with minor corrections.
6. Additions to the agenda:
 - a. Agenda for tonight's meeting was circulated and approved with no additions or deletions.
7. Correspondence:
 - a. Bank Statements submitted.
8. School news and reports from PACs
 - a. Violet Shade – Carihi
 - i. Submitted school minutes
 - b. Alana Caldwell – Ocean Grove Elementary
 - i. Questions arose regarding a particular school activity and if gaming grants can be used for such an event. Gaming funds need to be used and PACs are unclear on how use gaming funds correctly. DPAC to look into this further. A question for at the BCCPAC Summit?
 - ii. Mike's Caveat #1: The "P" in PAC stands for" Parent" not "Principal" ☺

- c. Suzy Roberts – Timberline
 - i. Grad is in motion: Grad format has changed
 - ii. Clubs and sporting events are underway.

- d. Tiffany Watson – Pinecrest
 - i. Swapped Principal with Ocean Grove and have a new Vice principal
 - ii. DFS fundraising for magazines
 - iii. Gift wrap fundraising program

- e. Shantall McFee – Georgia Park
 - i. Actively fundraising for a playground
 - 1. PAC group to assemble a Playground Committee
 - ii. Fundraisers: Movie nights, Santa Photos, Fun Fair, and looking into other options.
 - iii. 304 children and 14 classrooms at the school now, approximately 8+ new staff members
 - iv. There is one collaborative learning classroom – two classes share one classroom. So far there is positive feedback, more info to follow as the year progresses

- f. Shauna Schmitke – Pheonix and EDM
 - i. Wasn't able to attend the PAC meetings

- 9. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer (Shauna Schmitke):
 - i. Motion to submit bank statements and monthly report as is for approval. Seconded by Mike. All in favor. Motion accepted.
 - ii. Shauna is taking a leave from the treasurer's position to travel the world with her family. Bon Voyage! She will return in March. A temporary replacement is needed.

 - b. District Diary – Nevenka Fair
 - i. Susan Moore, an educator specializing in Inclusive Education came to talk to the district on October 28th and 29th, and was very well received. Discussions took place on having information sessions with Susan and parents on a Wednesday night in December. Numerous sessions may be best to capture a larger audience and allow parents to ask questions.
 - ii. Rona – Will give talks to parents on numeracy sometime after Christmas. Dates to be discussed.
 - iii. Implementation of the Redesigned Curriculum for secondary is happening in Sept 2018. Collaboration is happening to figure out exactly what this will look like. The language used to describe the curriculum is creating some apprehension as it is open to interpretation. Student voice is taken

into consideration: Content is not as important as what you do with that content.

- iv. Pro- D days are open to parents. They are invited to join.
 - v. Keynote speaker, Jan Middleton-Moz to talk to the district.
 - vi. FSAs are happening this month. The ministry had it created by teachers. It's an assessment for learning to see where the strengths in the class are. Changes in how they are given, there is more collaboration and should follow the same format as how teaching is done in class. Letters when home to explain the FASs and allowing parents to opt out. For parents that opt out, the principal will call to discuss their decision, some students can .
 - vii. Late Immersion "How is it Going" – questionnaire from students was eye opening and very reflective. They love their teacher and are learning a lot.
 - viii. Kindergarten Transition Budget –The board gave some extra funds to support the transition. The school district is to do a presentation to the board giving feedback on the transition and how the money was spent. Children come from different backgrounds (home, daycare of 8:1 student:teacher ratio, in the care of mom/grandma) therefore the transition covers the whole year. The feedback was very favorable.
 - ix. If you are concerned about your child or something at school, the process usually incorporates the following steps:
 - 1. Contact the teacher.
 - 2. Contact the School Administrator.
 - 3. Phone Nevenka. (Thank you! ☺)
- c. Board of Trustees – Joyce McMann
- i. Had an opportunity to attend workshops hosted by Jan Middleton-Moz about trauma with children. All meaning and powerful learning takes place in a healthy relationship. For students who are misbehaving and having trouble self-regulating, understanding and figuring out the whys are more important than sending the child home. Working on your own personal health so that you can help others.
 - ii. Talked about the circle of security – Allowing your child to feel secure to grow, so that children can connect with their parents.
 - iii. Rural Schools Review – Preceding with the next phase. Difficult decisions were made to close the two schools a couple of years ago. Now looking at the schools that are further out. Sayward, Surge Narrows, Cortez, and Quadra. Visited all the schools in the spring to get a feel of each school. Going back now to the communities to see if a vision can be created on how to best survive and have the best use in the community. Unrealistic to thinking about closing any of the schools as ferry and bussing would be too tough for the students. Need to look at how to maximize the resources in those communities.
 - iv. Superintendent's Assessment, Tom Longridge – coming to an end.

- v. All services are waiting to see where our new government is going to go with the budget in February.
- vi. Tom Longridge- participated in an panel with other community leaders at the Thunderbird Hall to open up conversations regarding Reconciliation in our community. The overall feeling was of emotional reassurance in where the community is at now and moving forward.
- vii. A small grant was received from the Canada 150 Federal Foundation. It was used to explore the history of Canada over the last 150 years and more importantly what the next 150 years will look like. Used the funds to spearhead The Walk For Reconciliation held on September 29th.
- d. Chair & Vice Chair Report
 - i. BCCPAC Summit
 - 1. Violet and Mike are attending the summit on November 24-25 in Richmond.
 - 2. Mike's Caveat #2: BCCPAC has paid sponsors advertised in their magazines to help fund the publications and their Annual Spring AGM and Conference. These are all great companies but they are including in the publications due to sponsorship.
 - 3. Summit is held with the Ministry of Education. This is a great opportunity to have discussion and ask question with the ministry. It is a great opportunity to hear concerns of other DPACs. Our DPAC is one of the few DPACs that invite other organizations to their meetings. We are very fortunate to have the involvement of the District and the Board.

10. New Business

- a. Updating the DPAC website
 - i. New pictures and updating information to look like the site is being used and has current info. Hope is to have the website be the source of information to PAC groups. Would love to increase attendance at meetings and communication.
- b. Rural School PAC Groups (Quadra and Sayward)
 - i. Offering funds to our rural PACs to attend meetings and conferences. Mike to look at what Courtenay does with Hornby Island. Mike put forward a motion to offer funds to rural PAC groups to pay for ferry, travel and/or accommodations so that members can attend meetings and guest speaker events. Seconded by Shantall. All in favor. Motion accepted.
- c. Viewing Only for Online Bank Statements
 - i. Our mailed bank statements have generic school district address and the letters have been opened occasionally.
 - ii. Motion to have Viewing only access to bank statements. Seconded by Mike. All in favor. Motion accepted.

Adjournment: 8:45 pm.

Next Meeting: November 15th, 2017