

District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) School District No.46 (Sunshine Coast) at PENDER HARBOUR SECONDARY
DPAC Minutes
Wednesday, November 25th 2015

Call to order: 7:15 pm

Introductions around the room

Regrets: Allen Stevenson

APPROVALS

Motion to adopt amended Agenda for Nov 25th 2015 DPAC meeting, added regular open dialogue for PAC's: Patty Shields (first motion), Lorena Ruth (second motion). Passed.

Motion to adopt Minutes from October 22nd 2015 with wording amendment under funding ideas: Patty Shields (first motion), Lorena Ruth (second motion), Passed.

After discussion a motion to support a Mental Health workshop for parents in the district up to \$2000: Patty Shields (first motion), Marilyn Baines (second motion), Passed. Allyson and Marilyn will contact Vanessa White to discuss options further.

REGULAR REPORTS

PAC REPORTS - open for discussion

Marilyn Baines from LES discussed BCCPAC memberships. She has suggested to her PAC that they let DPAC pay for the membership and PAC's can access their voting rights through DPAC. We agreed that DPAC would be paying for a membership and many PAC's on the coast don't pay for memberships anyway as they don't have a lot of money. We may have a BCCPAC rep willing to take that position.

Paula Stewart from PHSS wanted to suggest we support Mind the Gap Strengthening Families program. We accepted the brochure and will consider that for funding in the future.

CHAIR'S REPORT - Allyson Fawcus

A reminder for all the PAC's to get their Constitution & Bylaws updated and sent in. Please send updated PAC chair info to Diane Wagner please.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Allen Stevenson

\$4079.81 in Gaming & \$1066.01 in Savings, no major spending to report on. Patty Shields moved to approve report as presented, passed.

BOARD'S REPORT – Dave Mewhort

Please see attached

HEATH PROMOTING SCHOOLS COMMITTEE – Marilyn Baines

At their last meeting they discussed the Middle Years Development testing that's going on in the district right now. Grades 4 & 7 are asked many questions regarding daily events for them. Do they get enough food each day, do you eat as a family etc. Vanessa White spoke more about the testing. Carol McGuire spoke about the next steps regarding the McCreary Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Patrick Bocking

Patrick spoke on Early Years Centers and reported that they are being put into place and developed more thoroughly which reflects the goals in the Strategic Plan.

DSLT (District Student Leadership Team) is very keen on mental health and will be working with Vanessa White as well.

School growth plans – changes in there regarding parents as the school planning councils are no longer but the parents are a very important part of planning. Feb 3rd he will be meeting to discuss this opportunity further.

Welcomed Paul Bishop to his new position.

Touched on the Fresh Grade and mentioned that many teachers are taking advantage of this new way to communicate and we will be seeing more as teachers learn more.

PRIMLIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION – Nicholas Weswick

Nicholas handed out a feedback form for members to take back to PAC's and return in Jan or Feb. This will be a more efficient way to gain feedback regarding the budgetary process.

His presentation can be found at - http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/Budget/2016-17_Preliminary_Budget_Presentation.pdf

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Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm