

District Parent Advisory Council
Meeting: Oct 27, 2016 Chatelech Library

Attendance: Allyson Fawcus, Patrick Bocking, Udo Rosenburg, Sharon MacKenzie, David Barnum, Marilyn Baines, Jo Thomson, Barry Janyk, Catherine Cooper, Rachel Watson, Aspen Wing, Susan Budgell, Vic Weswick, Mark Sauer, Carolyn Spence, Sue Lamb

Meeting began -7:05pm

-Greetings and intro

Approvals:

Sept 22nd meeting minutes

- First: Jo Thomson

-Second: Catherine Cooper

Oct 27th Agenda

-First: Catherine Cooper

-Second: Rachel Watson

Positive Discipline Parenting – Sue Lamb

Sue spoke to us about her new program designed for parents looking to gain new parenting skills. It started at the Early Years Council and they worked together with schools to develop the program. The goal is to improve connection with kids and relationships in school and improve the vulnerable rate in our schools. The agencies involved are Early Years Council & Centre, Vancouver Coastal Health, School Dist 46, Mem7iman Aboriginal Child Development Centre, Sunshine Coast Community Services, Ministry of Children and Family, Community Schools. They can teach to 12-15 parents in a 7 week program. They have trained about 20 teachers in positive discipline. This program focuses on a child's sense of belonging and is very effective on a long term. It focuses on a child's ability to solve problems. Sue described a key factor behind positive discipline, it's a balance between firm and kind. Maria spoke to her experience with this course and credited this course with the increase of her child's grades. She also mentioned how she felt it was very important that parents and teachers are on the same page.

Chair's Report

Allyson gave a shout out to the Teachers in the District. They have put in extra hours to learn Fresh Grade and have done an amazing job communicating learning to parents.

Mentioned some of the spending requests. Cedar Grove asked that DPAC pay for a food safe course available for PAC's.

Chatelech DPAC Rep asked if each PAC should be buying their own BCCPAC membership. DPAC does recommend that each school renew their own membership as it gives them each their own vote on resolutions.

Treasurer's Report

Grant come through, Savings - \$788.55 and Gaming account - \$2677.31

Motion to accept Treasures report 1st, Aspen Wing, 2nd Barry Janyk

Board's report –Dave Mewhort

Not present. Superintendent reported on his behalf. The board is very excited to have a Student Trustee in place again this year. Maribeth Haines from Pender Harbour was elected Student Trustee and is doing a great job.

Superintendent's report –Patrick Bocking

Some principals in our district, Kate Kerr (West Sechelt), Jeff Marshal (Kinnikinnick), Duncan Knight (Langdale) and Christa Rive (Roberts Creek) worked together to organize a Fresh Grade training day for teachers. About 55 elementary school teachers showed up to participate.

There are some regulations posted for review and open for feedback until Dec 2nd.

School principals and Vice principals are working with their school growth plan. Encouraged parents to give feedback through their PAC's. They will be handed into Patrick at the end of November and then reviewed by the board.

Nic and Patrick will be going to each PAC and mentioning how important PAC's and DPAC is for parent engagement and involvement. Nic will be talking about the budget and transportation.

Parent Engagement Committee – David Barnum

David mentioned there is an online survey open for parents. Engage.gov.bc.ca

Health Promoting Schools Committee – Marilyn Baines

Marilyn spoke about how successful the panel presentation went. Thank you Marilyn, for organizing that. She has slides from the presentation and if anyone would like a copy she can send it to you. The recording of the presentation will be available soon and distributed as soon as possible. She also has a great resource list that can be available to anyone interested. Email Marilyn for more info.

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There is also a new program called the grocery box that can help provide fruits and vegetables for families in need. Attachment will be sent out.

Mental Health first aid, Vanessa White will be holding a program for child and youth. Vancouver mental Health and Vanessa White are applying for a grant that will bring kids and families together after school with exercise and food and parenting classes and homework clubs. <http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=8f20338f534f505d1c91f9166&id=703fffe955&e=9af648105c>

Marilyn asked about the condom machines regulation from 1996 is it out of date. The principals present confirmed that the machines in the schools are out of date and not used. Free condoms are available at the council's office. Patrick confirmed this regulation is on the list of ones that need reviewing and will be revised to suit current conditions.

Spending Approvals:

Sue Lamb asked for up to \$1500 for the Positive Discipline program. No motion was presented at this time. We will keep this in mind and re visit this request for the Spring session.

Cedar Grove PAC requested that DPAC fund a Food Safe Course open to PAC's serving food to the district children. No motion was presented at this time. More information was requested. We will look into cost and timing and re visit this request.

Chatelech PAC Presentation – Catherine Cooper

Catherine Cooper spoke to us regarding the Chatelech PAC. She told us about many of the things the PAC does to make things run smoothly, what works and doesn't work. Attendance is about 10 -12 people in attendance. Some of their goals are to be a more efficient and effective PAC in terms of record keeping so they have updated their Constitution and Bylaws and use an excel spreadsheet for record keeping as opposed to pen and paper. They have a new cq request template that they have put in place so if a cq needs to be written the form needs to be filled out. They are inviting staff to put forward any spending requests so they can plan ahead. They have set up a new PAC email account so it can go to the new chair from year to year. Also they have a cloud storage for all PAC documents at sync.com. They are continuing to discuss and review the sustainability of the Hot lunch program, always in need of volunteer. They enjoy the SWAAG report that goes to the parents from the principals. Some initiatives: They want to have a school or staff presentation at each meeting with information about any clubs or events going on at the school or for the students. They're trying to increase the parent advisory rolls and focus on being in line with school district priorities especially school spirit and culture.

Elections

Nomination for Treasurer – Barry Janyk, accepted, passed

No nominations for Secretary – Vacant

Nomination for Vice Chair – Jo Thomson, accepted, passed

Nomination for Chair – Allyson Fawcus, accepted, passed

It was noted that the signing authority needs to be changed for the Chequing and Savings account with the Bank of Montreal. Allyson will send a copy of minutes and advise when changes are complete. It was agreed that we will have 3 signing members: Allyson Fawcus - Chair, Jo Thomson – Vice Chair and Barry Janyk – Treasurer will have signing authority.

Next meeting Nov 24th 7pm at Pender Harbour Foods Room

Meeting adjourned – 8.38pm