

DPAC Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2017
Chatelech Secondary Library

In attendance: Rachel Terry, Sharon MacKenzie, Jeff Marshall, Matthew Rockall, Aspen Wing, Rachel Watson, Patty Shields, Jo Thomson, Udo Rosenberg, Patrick Bocking, Allyson Fawcus

Regrets: Susan Goddard, Andy Bloemhard

Late: Miyuki Shinkai, Mark Lebbell

7:08 meeting commenced

Approvals:

Sept 28th meeting minutes – 1st Udo Rosenburg, 2nd Rachel Watson

Oct 26th agenda – 1st Patty Shields, 2nd Sharon MacKenzie

Presentation:

Your Child's Outdoor Educational Experiences in SD46 with Barry Krangle.

Barry talked about what an exciting time we're in and having the abilities to take classes outside and field trips. We chatted as a group about our own childhood experiences and Barry recalled a time with his own class and canoeing.

He talked about creating opportunities for the students to expend their learning. Such positive effects for mental health for our students.

Some stories were shared, and questions raised about furthering the outdoor experiences for highschool students.

If you have further questions Barry would be happy to answer them for you.

bkrangle@sd46.bc.ca

Regular Reports:

Chair's Report –

Gaming funds: at the time of this meeting funds had not been approved as we were missing a spending report from 2014. Since then we have been approved and will receive \$2500 for this year.

Constitution and Bylaws: Some clarification may be needed under Membership and Voting.

Currently reads as:

Section IV Membership

1. Voting membership of the DPAC is comprised of delegates appointed by individual school PAC's and parents of students enrolled in SD No.46

Section VI Voting

1. PAC's will vote through their elected representatives, one vote per PAC.

We'd like to make it clear that all parents in the district have the right to vote. However, only one vote per school will be counted. There should be an order of succession in which a vote can be placed.

A suggested change as follows:

Section IV Membership

1. DPAC membership is comprised of delegates appointed by individual school PAC's and parents of students enrolled in SD No.46
2. Voting membership is comprised of delegates appointed by individual school PAC's or alternatively, a representative sent in place of said delegate.

Section VI Voting

1. PAC's will vote through their appointed representative, one vote per PAC

This suggestion will be presented at the November meeting. If all in favor, an amendment can be recorded in the minutes at that meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Savings account - \$725.76

Chequing account - \$1431.81

Oct 27th Gaming grant approved, Chequing account balance now \$3931.81

Board Report:

Attached. Patrick also touched on some of the key points.

Superintendent's Report:

Patrick filled us in on ways the schools communicate with families. Fresh grade is a great real-time communication tool. As well as social media presence, sending out

information that parents want to know. Family expo for May, a conference for parents to discover new ways to get engaged and stay engaged.

The secondary schools each have an app so you can receive notifications.

The Role of PAC and DPAC policy (Policy Committee Notes attached) was read and welcomed any feedback/questions. No feedback has been received by Patrick or DPAC so far. The draft will go to the board for approval next week. If you have a suggestion or feedback please contact Patrick at pbocking@sd46.bc.ca

Patrick also mentioned that we have a new Student trustee, Pearl Deasey, we're the only board in BC that has one. Here's a link to read more about that

<http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/news-releases/711-message-from-the-chair-october-2017>

Solar panels are now up at the Langdale school, Davis Bay is next.

Provincial exams are happening in our district. Assessment results won't be made public by the ministry but parents will receive their child's results. Our district will also receive the results to be used within the district as discussion points with principals etc.

A parent asked Patrick what the process is for a parent group to install certain items on school grounds. Patrick made it clear that while that is welcomed it needs to go through the proper channels to make sure it approved by the facilities manager before going ahead. Starting with your principal would be best, they can start you in the right direction.

Elections:

Chair – Jo Thomson

Vice Chair – Matthew Rockall

Treasurer – Aspen Wing

Secretary – No nominations. We will implement a rotation between DPAC Reps

New signing authority will be: Jo Thomson, Matthew Rockall & Aspen Wing. Removing Allyson Fawcus & Barry Janyk.

Meeting adjourned 8:40

Next meeting Nov 23rd Pender Harbour Secondary Library

Agenda highlight – Communication the Supports your Child's Learning

With Kate Kerr – Principal, West Sechelt Elementary

& Chris Lekakis – Principal, Pender Harbour Secondary

Preliminary Budget Review with Nicholas Weswick has been moved to the January meeting