

DPAC Meeting Minutes
Sept 28 2017
Chatelech Secondary Library

In attendance: Miyuki Shinkai, Andy Bloemhard, Rachel Watson, Heather Ingram, Lynda Brisebois, Christine Hardt, Udo Rosenberg, Dave Mewhort, Patrick Bocking, Marilyn Baines, Allyson Fawcus

Regrets: Jo Thomson, Patty Sheilds

7:07 meeting commenced

Approvals:

May 25th meeting minutes – 1st Christine Hardt, 2nd Miyuki Shinkai
Sept 28th agenda – 1st Rachel Watson, 2nd Heather Ingram

Regular Reports:

Chair's report – Reminder that DPAC AGM will be next month Oct 26th 7pm in the Chatelech Library and all executive seats are open for nominations. No nominations were put forward at that time. Nominations can be submitted via email to sd46dpac@gmail.com or the night of the AGM.

Treasurers Report:

Savings account - \$728.26

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The Gaming grant has not yet been approved or deposited but that's not unusual, expecting funds of \$2500 to be available by mid Oct.

Board Report:

The board report information is in the Superintendent's report.

Additional Committee Reports:

See below for Marilyn's reports.

Superintendent's Report: (presentation slides are in a dropbox link here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/sbvsh718sxi7foh/DPAC%20District%20Report%20Sept%202017.pdf?dl=0>

Patrick Bocking started by mentioning the District has 5 new 'Activity Buses'. These are new 23 passenger busses with added safety features, like roll cages etc. These buses will be used for transporting students to and from events in the district and beyond. E.g. Band performance, sports match etc. The funds for these buses came from a Ministry Grant that also included training for those with a class 4 license. The training included how to do safety checks etc.

Two more schools in the District will be getting solar panels in an effort to make our schools more energy efficient. Elphinstone already has these panels. The new panels will be going on Davis Bay Elementary & Pender Harbour Elementary. In cooperation with Mark Giltrow, a professor from BCIT, the District is looking at ways these locations can become self supporting for emergency purposes.

Linda Brisebois expanded on this and pointed out that our District is wanting students to make a connection with our outdoor spaces as well. Many of our schools are enhancing the outdoor play spaces that the students already enjoy. Patrick added that the Nature Program at Davis Bay Elementary is a great example of embracing hands on learning.

Patrick had a presentation for us to show how well Canada, BC and our district is doing in terms of student success. He said our district is focused on Reading and Comprehension from K-3 as this proves to make a huge difference as students move on through the grades.

Open Q&A from the members:

Christine Hardt – asked about the timing of the release the draft calendar. She pointed out that many families have to submit their holiday requests by Oct 31 of each year and for example this year many booked the last 2 weeks of December for Winter holidays but the Winter break for the schools is the last week of December and the first week of January. Parents are now scrambling for child care for that last week and have already booked trips during a time when school is in session. Patrick explained that the school calendar is based on many factors and much of it comes from the wording in the Union Contract. He will forward this wording so it can be passed on.

Marilyn Baines – Asked if the new Draft Policy has been accepted or still available for input. She feels there could be some changes to the wording as it may be giving the wrong impression. Dave Mewhort mentioned that Policies can be changed at any time. If DPAC or a PAC would like to request a change they can submit this request directly to the Superintendent for review by the Board. **Please review this Draft Policy (attached) with your PAC members** and forward your feedback to Patrick pbocking@sd46.bc.ca or myself and I will pass it on to Patrick.

Marilyn also mentioned that Vanessa White has offered to present the findings from the MDI's. If PAC's are interested, DPAC can have her speak to the findings at one of the meetings.

A few links/handouts & reminders that Marilyn wanted to pass on:

Reminder – AIDS/HIV Regulation is coming up for review

Link/Reminder – Jyl Shatford is our Parent in Residence and is there to help any parents with information on how to navigate the system when your family is in need of guidance. Visit this link for information <http://www.familysmart.ca/programs/parents-and-youth-in-residence/>

She also hosts a monthly webinar at Roberts Creek School called 'In The Know' links and past videos can be found at www.familysmart.ca or <http://www.familysmart.ca/programs/in-the-know/>

Link – The DPAC sponsored workshop that was held in October 2016, 'What's Up with Our Kids Mental Health?' is now available to view on the SD46 website under the 'Parents' tab under 'Mental Health – Youth' or follow this link <http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/mental-health-youth>

Link/Reminder – The CYMH Collaborative is holding an Opioid Dialogues session Oct 21 from 2-4 in the Gibsons Library & Nov 7 from 7-9 in the Sechelt library. Contact Marilyn if you'd like more information on this. mbaines@dccnet.com

Meeting adjourned 8:40

Next meeting October 26th Chatelech Library, AGM – Election of new executive