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DPAC Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2019
Elphinstone Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / call to order: 7:02pm
Jo Thomson, Sharon McKenzie, Maria Hampvent, Udo Rosenberg, Marilyn Baines, Patrick Bocking, Miyuki Shinkai, Jill Shatford, Paula Howie, Amy Robinson, Mathew Rockall, Jeffrey Key, Chris Morrison, Cathy Gordon

2. Approval of minutes from last DPAC meeting: Motion to approve as presented; Marilyn 1st Miyuki 2nd

3. Agenda for tonight's meeting: Approved by all.

4. **Presentations:**
Cathy Gordon – “Transition from Schools Career Programs”

1st step Electives for high school. They can explore different choices. Sometimes the electives not their choices, but it is good for them to explore options.
Cathy Gordon also responsible for PROD sessions. Most recent used a woodworking lesson idea for teachers.
The school district purchased My Blueprint; a tool to store evidence of learning in and out of school events. It is a very good tool. Students can still use it when they graduate. Students can Search for new schools and can look where there is jobs. Can apply online. Can apply for funding here as well. Parents can use it as well.

Gr9 – Careers teacher will see the students for one term. During that term they can go out for a half-day of work experience.

CanTire donated safety glasses. Students that participated in wood working lesson made a wooden man. Note: Video on wooden Electrician. Wooden pieces that students can build with and connect careers in many ways. Built builder buddies and decorated them and then made movies on them.

Reflection from new teacher about the Elementary Wood Working Kits “letter submitted by new teacher who participated in the Builder Buddies Project...” “Great review”

Each school went to Lehigh Mine. Tours offered for all 4 high schools.

41 students and 4 elective teachers went to skills Canada provincials

Gr10 – November ‘Take your kid to work day’ Elphinstone Secondary careers teacher Peter Beyser

Students meet with Cathy and they can get 4 credits with 100 hr or volunteer work. Work experience in any work area Courses for students to explore and find their passion. 3 Courses: Work in Trades (apprentice)

Train in Trades Auto service, Pro Cook and carpentry work in Trades ITA Trade Apprentice

Young apprentices encouraged to work in field and can enter as level 1.

Every 120hr work is 4 credits toward graduation.

Safety in workplace is covered at many ages. Careers 10 had speakers from WorkSafe BC

The foods program has food safe program.

End results: work in trades scholarship \$100

Students completed 4 work trades plus completed 1000 hr of work and graduated with c+ average 12 courses to earn this.

Interview from student. "Work experience video" Its opened a lot of doors for him.

Mathew Rockall proposes to Cathy to partner with BCIT to offer opportunity for students to learn more about the programs.

B) Presentation

Chris Morrison & Jeffrey Key -**Children's Independent Mobility**

Spreading and Strengthening -The impact of the Gibsons Active School Travel Project on the Sunshine Coast
Presentation on what that means

Why it matters: increased vulnerability social emotional development (data shows increased anxiety)

Survey-Overall physical activity D+
91% not getting recommended activity
18% 12-17yr olds getting correct amount

Children's independent mobility on the decline kids having the freedom and ability to move around from place to place on their own.

The area where kids are allowed to range unsupervised around their home has decreased 90% since 1970s
D- mark on active transportation travel to and from places by walking vs. car

21% active modes of transportation of 5-19 year olds

Focus:

A higher level of physical activity

Increased sociability

Improved spatial skills

Alertness

Independence

Mental health well being

Reduced parent stress

Higher sense of community belonging

Safer streets
Reduced vehicle emissions.

Active school travel project

Funded by town of Gibsons Grant
Hired consultant to conduct a project to gain a better understanding of active travel for kids.
Cross sector advisory committee created
Data gathered multiple methods and created report for Gibsons Council

Snapshot of Data

Driving – half of student population being driven to school
GES

A little less for ESS 41% more bus ridership with high school

75% live within 15 min walk to school and still driven
Why driven? Questionnaire: (distance, convenience, on the way to somewhere else, traffic weather)
GES parents answered ESS students answered
The point made not walking is safety concerns, but survey shows parents feel the area around GES is safe.

I would allow child to walk (survey results)
If child was older, closer, notified upon arrival, reduction in traffic, not going alone, and safer routes.

Some safety issues brought up concerns centered in Gibsons.

ESS Student survey results (lack of walking to school) Lack of or poor sidewalks, cars speeding, too much traffic, Bad drivers, Lack of or poor bike lanes, lack of traffic lights/crosswalks

It used to be the norm to walk to school and how can we work to encourage more of the community changing back.

Articulating school commitment aspirations plan and policies:

Goal to ride independently before high school (potential goal)
Infrastructure (improvements)
Driver behavior
Route planning and design
Student awareness and capacity
Student recognition
Events throughout the year (local events)

What is VCH doing?

Convening local officials and stakeholders to share the Gibsons AT to School report and move forward on recommendations

Creating relationships on the Provincial Level
Collecting accurate regional data on indicators and behaviors relevant to population health (MHMC)

What can DPAC do:

Recognize children's independent mobility as an indicator we would like to improve together strategically in the long term.

Encourage involvement in CIM at school level and discuss with individual PAC share ideas and initiatives.

Weave CIM into existing student transportation considerations

Consider having a DPAC rep with project. Contact: chris.morse@vch.ca

Discussion

Q) Community standard around the concerns of children walking alone. What authorities think of young children going on their own?

Q) Parent paranoia, what will others think, or of dangers lurking.

Statement, some teens may need rides, because they sleep late or wont go if they don't get a ride.

There will be a table moving forward for the consultations with Stakeholders. They welcome a DPAC rep at their table with this initiative.

Matt Rockall asks for them to let us know when the process is more defined to let us know and update us with when a REP can be selected to participate in this process.

5. Regular Reports

- **Chairs Report: Jo Thomson**

No communication email or otherwise to report.

This is our last meeting. We will be thinking of the Elections for the representatives and what speakers recommended

- **Treasurer's Report: Aspen Wing**

- – Gaming Account Balance: \$579.44

- – Savings Account Balance: \$994.60

- Cheques to be from the Board office for the Parent Transition Night. (Back payment)

6. **Superintendent's and Board Report: Patrick Bocking**

a. SD46 Got Talent, great work lead by student leadership program.

b. Blast Gr6/7 come together at Chatelech each play an individual piece and then all schools come together to play a song.

c. Student forum. Trustees met with 7 students. Can hear directly from students how things are going with their schooling.

d. June is indigenous month. There will be special activities taking place at all our schools. Different at each school.

e. Teachers are working comfortably with new curriculum. Emphasis on core competencies. Teachers are

embracing it. TLC fund available for teachers to dive in more to curriculum.

- f. Community schools doing a great job of providing food, afterschool programs. Kirsten Deasey working with Grant to focus on sports and mental health.
- g. Great turnout for scholarship bursary team. Lots of great support from our community.
- h. Strategic plan coming closer to completion. Board approved draft form. Edits and changes coming to board next week and if approved will be printed in the summer.

7. Boards Report – Maria Hampvent

- Attended as a team the AGM the BC vote elections.
- The way we get funding will be changing.
- Speakers and motions very informative for our admin team.

8. Marilyn Baines

(Healthy Schools – no update)

Coast Reporter last Friday. Sechelt Mayor addressing traffic complaint of students leaving school and skipping classes. Student council re addressed issue in regard to world environmental issues and student life and protests. Student council leader Nick Davis did very well at responding as a strong student voice.

9. Parent Engagement – Jo Thomson, no update

10. BCCPAC Conference – Miyuki Shinkai

Had three PAC members attend conference. GES and Cedar Grove

Recommends each PAC to send a rep for the Friday Conference.

200 delegates, was very exciting. There were lots of great speakers.

Proposes: Once or twice a year a more fun engaging PAC meeting inviting community culture. Sharing family trees for example. Potlatch?

Recommends DPAC to send someone every year.

11. Review

Discussed Briefly McDevfinancial.com, Do we recommend he speak to offer information on financial planning.

Committee stikes down interest. Many companies try to offer service thru community schools. As a school district we would have to go thru a whole purchasing procedure and we already have done that with the credit union. We are not interested in his services.

DPAC Meeting Adjourned 8:52pm

**Next Meeting: September 26, 2019 Elphinstone
Topic: Statagic plan and new website**