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SD46 District Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

ZOOM

November 26, 2020 | Meeting called to order by Chair: Jo Thomson 7:00pm

In Attendance

Jo Thomson	Miyuki Shinkai	Maria Hampvent	Marilyn Baines	Sandy Buck
Lorena Ruth	Amy Robinson	Udo Rosenburg	Chris Lekakis	Kelsey Oxley
Patrick Bocking	Tracey McClelland	Rachael Eastman	Deborah Luporini	
Jane VanKlinken	Urzula Dragowska	Rita Koutsodimos	Jen Boulton	

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from last meeting October 22, 2020 via Zoom

Move to Motion: Kelsey Oxley, Lorena Ruth 2nd

The minutes were accepted as presented

Agenda

Opening comments and approval of Agenda.

Request for addition re: Food Safe Course Funding

Motion to add to agenda: Miyuki Shinkai, Lorena Ruth 2nd

Motion to approve agenda: all in favor

Presentation

No key speaker for this evening.

Treasurers Report

Scott Davis/Tracey McClelland Reports:

Gaming Account Balance: \$2,792.62

Savings Account Balance: \$1,200.44

The gaming grant was made, but we are awaiting on approval. Funding may be as late as February or March 2021. Signees to be changed for account.

Committee Report

Jo Thomson – DPAC Chair

Report: DPAC Summit via Zoom Conference

Speakers Jo Chrona, First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC)

Mission Statement, understanding the difference is knowing about past, understanding the past, being part of the way to move forward. Very powerful speech. Will post speech.

Ministry of Education included speakers – people who are interested in the framework of Education of Students.

Will send out all info from summit conference to DPAC reps

Miyuki Shinkai, BCCPAC Representative

Truth and Reconciliation and Anti-Racism topic – 2 days of speeches

How to engage parents and invite parents with Indigenous background to PAC and DPAC a top priority.

There is an anti-racism committee on the Sunshine Coast, including an inclusion service hand book in our district is available.

- This year will be online, Zoom and would like to invite DPAC executive.

Each school in the whole of British Columbia. DPAC gets information from BCCPAC.

Superintendent and Board Report

Maria Hampvent, Vice Chair - Board of Trustees

Annual Elections new positions:

- Amanda Amaral, Chair
- Maria Hampvent, Vice Chair
- Tonya Ste. Marie, BCSTA rep
- Pammila Ruth, BCPSEA

Main Discussions :

1. Board wrote 3 letters to ministry of transportation and govt to advocate for safety (adding walk routes during road updates) and expanded public transportation.
2. Formed an anti-racism adhoc committee to write policy that better addresses equity. Forth meeting to take place December 16, 7 p.m. on youtube.
3. Three-year equity scan commenced November 2, 2020.
4. Transportation review being conducted, **looking for parent feedback, survey to be sent out.**
5. Wage freeze for senior executives recommended by ministry, trustees understanding what our response is.

Parents are always welcome to attend the public board meetings. Also available 46 website and youtube.

Next public board meeting: December 9, 2020 7p.m. / Next committee meeting: December 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

<https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/board-of-education-and-governance/board-meeting-schedule/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

Patrick Bocking, Superintendent

Report:

- Meeting with PACs across the district Ongoing.
- Incident Weather Notice, suspended SD46 services will be updated continuously:
 - The district website
 - Twitter & Facebook
- The Board of Education of SD46 acknowledges that racism exists and that it has profound social consequences.

Policy has been created with the Board of Education.

This includes developing cross-cultural interactions to create understanding, show respect for, and to celebrate racial, ethnic cultural identity.

The Board has a few meetings ahead to adopt and approve this Anti-Racism Policy.

- Abby Grunenberg appointed as School Student Trustee.

Review - Health/Safety:

Three circles of care, Students, Staff, Community

1. Students - Elementary Counselors have started the year focusing on EASE curriculum Everyday anxiety strategies

Sports in a guiding way

2. Staff support

Kate Kerr came to meeting to support mental health and wellbeing of staff.

3. Community

Health and safety signs in our schools. Show expectations of visitors to school buildings.

Health and Safety report on Covid19

Vancouver Coastal Health reports – very little exposure or transmission in schools in Greater Vancouver.

Schools are safe places and the protocols we are using are effective.

SD46 Sunshine Coast, has no exposures. We are aware there is some presence on the Sunshine Coast.

If it does happen in our district schools, we will communicate, and follow the contact tracing protocol.

Fifteen minutes or more in contact is considered for contact tracing.

Research is showing it is not the classroom setting where transmission is occurring. But rather more intimate settings, such as closer proximity of gatherings.

Discussion/Questions with Patrick Bocking, Superintendent

Rachael Eastman Q: Regarding group numbers in Elementary - Cohorts 60 Students.

Does it have to be 2 groups or can we have 4 smaller groups?

PB response: Possibly can be done, a principle could organize that with the total cohort being 60 students.

Lorena Ruth Q: What is the protocol for teachers to discuss it with students if an exposure occurs.

PB response: Yes, absolutely. Conversation will happen in classrooms. Teachers have not been trained yet on how the conversations will go for each age group, grade level. It will be different to each. We have steps at district level that we will follow. We have time during the contact tracing period to plan this out.

Jo Thomson Q: When high school student stays home unwell, has friends visit with mask. Are staff communicating with students to encourage waiting and keeping distance from youth with flu symptoms? If someone is away sick, and it causes fear in other students. Are the staff educating kids on how to treat other children?

Deb Luporini, response: Anxiety is determined often by the response of the staff or parents. If they are showing compassion and understanding.

Chris Lekakis, response: Parents are doing an excellent job of relaying information. There is a particular protocol we follow. Staff is keeping a healthy response.

Sandra Buck, response: There is a certain sense of bullying that can take place around bullying children if they have cold symptoms. For example; children getting up and moving and not wanting to sit near other students. This can cause anxiety in students. The question is what the parents, staff and students can do in these scenarios.

Patrick Bocking, response: We have zero tolerance for bullying. It is important to teach children on how to respond in these situations and educate them.

Muyuki Q: Secondary School Travel Clubs still not receiving refunds. Wondering if our district can write a letter again to our insurance company or travel company to request settlement?

Patrick Bocking, response: we did communicate 3 weeks ago with Explorica. They confirmed that one of their underwriting insurance companies, (Old Republic) has offered our families the student insurance accident program. SD46 has declined to continue a business relationship with them.

Healthy Schools Committee

Marilyn Baines Report: Committee has not met since last DPAC meeting. Next meeting is 01Dec2020

Parent Engagement Committee

Webinar -Kirsten Burer - amazing informative speaker on Anxiety.

Can watch it on the District Website.

Suggestions Welcome

sd46dpac@gmail.com

Miyuki Shinkai

- **Review on: Reverse the trend of Backseat Generation**

October 29, 2020 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Link in chat function.

Thirty-five parents attended webinar.

Coast Reporter newspaper link:

https://www.coastreporter.net/community/features/active-travel-webinar-well-attended-1.24242108?fbclid=IwAR1ANpjgFUjrldxfEl8kZtbQ0r6hOWxKUleX_a2P9UWcoJnlV8blnkAFhJ0

- Received letter back from Ministry of Transportation.

No cross walk granted at this time for YMCA road.

Agreed to signage.

Around 2000 students live in YMCA sub division.

Communicated with SCRD rep for area F regarding this letter.

Recommended infrastructure grant.

Gibsons Counselors in favor of this project.

West Howe Sound community in favor.

- BC Healthy Active schools pilot grant

Apply for funding

Active school bus program, and parents as crossing guard if funds approved.

DASH certificate

Communication new letter. We applied for this one as well.

VCH coordinators will be advised.

Connected with GES for signage.

Active Transportation proposals from Rita:

Parent and Board member of transportation services Sunshine Coast.

Active Transportation is a big component of work portfolio

Active travel to school is the easiest way to keep kids active.

Ministry of Transportation responsible for Highways that our schools may be located.

- Lobby of North Road intersection all ages bike way for active travel to school.
- Safe separation from cars.
- Marciel, at GES PAC to write letter to lobby for safe lane for active travel.
- And pressure from parents also very helpful.

Would like support of DPAC and to send letter to Town of Gibsons for importance of this lobby.

Miyuki makes motion for DPAC to support MOTI letter:

- PAC Active Travel Letter
- Gibsons Elementary PAC (Rita) Letter to MOTI for safe active travel
- Communal walk to school route be improved.

Rachael 2nds motion

All in favor – support of MOTI letter on behalf of DPAC

Sandy Buck offers SPIDER Program parents support for MOTI letter as well.

Welcome discussion with each PAC for recommendations from all schools of what improvements.

End of fiscal soon. Need these letters soon. Email to Jo or Miyuki.

DPAC has a seat on the Active Travel Committee.

If there are any concerns from any school, please send to:

Jo Thomson: jothomson1204@gmail.com

or Miyuki Shinkai: mellonglass@dccnet.com

Discussion on Food Safe in Schools:

Lorena Ruth

One of our GES volunteers completed food safe and would like to have DPAC

Fund food safe course for each Elementary Schools.

Tracey requests to defer this motion to our next meeting to give us time to assess funding available.

This gives time to invite and inquire for interest of each school.

Meeting adjourned 8:36 p.m.

Next Meeting

January 28, 2021 7:00 p.m. Zoom

Guest Speaker: Shannon Whittal – Budget Consultation