

DPAC

February 23, 2017

Approvals: to complete for next meeting

Minute approvals: Haida, Miyuki

Regrets: Barry Janyk, treasurer

Agenda accepted: Jo and Christine

GES, HBES for PAC presentations

Technology in Education

Phil Luporini: District Principal of Technology and Student Data

Chris Lekakis: Principal of Pender Harbour Elementary and Secondary School.

Technology plan – on the website: Tech.sd46.bc.ca

- Network infrastructure, storage of files, etc. Backbone of the system and enables everything else.
- Computer hardware – projectors, laptops, ipads, etc. Constant changes
 - All elementary schools have at least on laptop cart
 - All secondary have more due
- Robotics and coding is emerging and becoming more important
- Educational Software:
 - ERAC – digital bundle for students
 - Microsoft office
- Training and Support
 - Example: Teachers Educators Technology Teaching (TETT)
 - Teachers have an ipad and work with colleagues to support teachers and their students.
 - SNAP and Read: program gives a simplified version if needed in a text.
 - Co-Writer: co-habitats with snap and read: writes information, gives suggestions for words, etc.
- Communication strategies vary so this is being explored.
 - On strategy is appajur: an app on phones/ computers with information for the schools.
 - Discussed and demonstrated the app that enables much information to be shared from the school to students, parents.
 - Phil demonstrated an app for reading stories for children.
 - Discussion re using the app for SCAS. What is its applicability.
 - Lots of possibilities: will be built on the standard school template.
- Reminder to parents: re use of the internet. Urge parents to attend internet safety sessions. E.g. Screenagers was recently screened.
- MyEducation BC: parent portal will be here soon.
- **Chair's Report** – Allyson Fawcus

- Foodsafe course – 8 to 9 people wanting to go (or more). Can accommodate up to 16 on March 25th.
- \$105/seat.
- **Treasurer's report**
 - \$800 Chequing account
 - \$2800 Gaming – needs to be spent by year end
- Board Report
 - Lori Pratt, Vice Chair provided a report
 - Trustee school visits to meet students and staff and see learning in action. Very proud of our district programs.
 - ACE-IT
 - Superintendent/ S-T: visiting PAC's re budgets and transportation
 - Trustee Electoral Area (TEA) – consultations re: some small portions of the district are not clearly in some TEA's.
 - Notice of meetings are on the website
 - Corporate policy re: what kind of partnerships are reasonable.
 - No survey right now. Being discussed next week at policy committee right now.
 - Suggestion: clarity re what is being asked would be helpful.
 - A healthy debate would be good.
- Superintendent's Report
 - Summarized awesome things happening in the district.
- Other committees – no reports
- Spending Approvals
 - Food Safe
 - Some interest
 - March 25th @ Rockwood Centre near the pool
 - Discussion re costs
 - 16 seats – \$880
 - Approved! Moved: Haida. Seconded Miyuki
- GES:
 - Successes: Kim Chair
 - Hot lunch is very successful – 5 days/ week.
 - Needs 10 volunteers or more.
 - Pre-ordering system now – switching to online (until 9:00 a.m.)
 - Works and is good revenue.
 - Playground: finishing details – excited!
 - Purchasing books for reading groups. (REadathon was great for fund raising.
 - Screenagers was good.
 - Vaping is becoming an issue the PAC is discussing
- HBES
 - 208 students – brand new board so a transition year.

- Some from previous years come as well.
- About 10/ meeting
- Hot lunch is a priority
 - Pizza Wednesdays
 - Trying Saffron on Tuesdays
 - Challenging due to finding volunteers
- Fundraising goals: ipads – 30, and an outdoor classroom
 - Bought 14 last year. Going for 16 this year.
- Sponsored events: ROE, homework club. Thanks to teachers.
- Body health
- Carnival at next meeting. Apple festival in Halfmoon Bay: community events that school participates in.
- Next Meeting
April 27th at Chatelech Library
Agenda Highlight: Early Learning with Kirsten Deasey