

DPAC Meeting Minutes – Draft

Tuesday, November 21st 2022

6:30 PM IMC Building

Business items

- Call meeting to order - 6:31
- Land Acknowledgement
- Introductions – James (Trustee)
- Pass Tonight's meeting agenda
- Approve October 2022 meeting minutes – motioned to approved by Sharon, Lara seconded all in favour

Guest - Jenny Mitchell – Partnering with DPAC for parent engagement sessions around healthy living topics (see attached). Louise Ganton has offered to do some sessions around anxiety, Jennifer Wingham, Nick Corban, both offered to do trauma informed sessions for students and families. Myron Dueck has also offered support with understanding the academic system (proficiency scale). All minimal cost as they are already in our district.

Community support offered from Tammy Semple (From Pathways) is a prevention educator, cost \$60/hr approx. \$300. Safer Schools Together BC is also \$1000/session (2hr). Would offer discounts for individual schools. Tiana Sharifi (online safety – sexual exploitation) \$450/session 1.5hrs. Still exploring other topics. Suggested to include something including SOGI.

Trustee Report – James

Brand new board has had their inaugural meeting, chair (James) and vice chair (Shelley) have been elected. Next board meeting on Monday November 28th. Today at 4pm was the first business meeting, mostly finance related stuff. Updates on capital spending. Enrollment numbers received, will be presented at the board meeting. All PACs will receive their new/same trustees after the next board meeting. DPAC will continue with rotation.

Superintendent Report - Todd Manuel

Health and Safety – Flu season, attendance trends are showing increased absences from both students and staff. Lots of shuffling of staff but schools are managing. MHO released an update “stay home when you’re sick and get vaccinated”. IH has given guidance about when to return to school. No more 5 days of isolation per Bonnie Henry – just need to be asymptomatic, all info is available on the district website.

New member supported by the city through RCMP – Joanne Rupenthal, working to do restorative justice with schools and how to support learning through this. Lesion officers from “the watch” are also supporting schools directly.

1701 update will have a full report online. Increase of 132FTE students. Seen more students arrive as a provincial trend. Distributed learning decrease of 32FTE. Schools have received additional supports based on where the increases are.

Christmas Concerts are back

Student Voice – meeting with students (currently 3 groups of 10 in the secondary schools) to give feedback directly to the board.

IMC is working on a new name – working on that in partnership with PIB and ONA for a flag raising ceremony, announcement TBA in spring.

Chair Report - Katie – Quiet month

- BCCPAC DPAC Leadership Summit Presentation

Sharon Otke attended the summit – Minister of education was there, schools in the lower mainland are beyond full.

Talked about data collection including FSA testing. What is this for and why do they collect the information. District strategic plan. Policies and reporting orders are publicly available on district websites.

Mental health in schools. A lot on anxiety, substance abuse, consent for healthy relationships. Erase website was mentioned. Pathway to hope.

Indigenous education incorporation into public education system but still a long way to go.

Update from BCCDC. Covid numbers are up a little bit, influenza and rsv are up. District website has all this information.

Minister for state for childcare – has been moved to under ministry of education. Lots of questions/options at this time. Still very new.

Mandate letter – from several DPACS who have already signed this letter – going to premier – asking for support from other DPACS – aligning housing policy with planning with school planning, restore lifecycle cost analysis for school facilities, disability, accessibility inclusion for all students. (see attached). We will need to do an online vote to decide if we want to attach our DPAC name to it.

- Treasurer 101 – was well attended (100% registrants showed up). What other topics do we want for PAC related information? We can also hold more education sessions onsite here. What do the PACs need support with? SOGI would be a great “PAC” Friday info topic.

Treasurer Report - Sharon

- Operating: \$3197.94 (small interest in)
- Gaming: all cheques motioned and voted on have been cashed, \$6393.54 remaining (small interest in)
- BCCPAC Reimbursement – DPAC will reimburse then submit to BCCPAC, then they will reimburse DPAC. They covered hotel, but travel will need to be settled. They have a 6 week window. Katie will follow up. Will need motion/approval to reimburse costs related to BCCPAC Leadership Summit.

Old Business:

Parent nights: Jenny explained a lot of great ideas. First Wednesday and Second Thursday of the month there are no PAC meetings on the central calendar. Target 6:00/6:30ish. Will send info to Jenny and see if she can suggest anything.

- Anxiety/Mind-up – January
- Safer Schools - February (Approx \$1000)
- Trauma – April
- Drug literacy – May (Approx \$60/hr)
- Assessments - June

New Business

- Director of Indigenous Education - Hiring for this position, DPAC used to come for interviews for senior staff, transitioning to asking for DPAC feedback and then taking that feedback into the interview to ask. Looking for answers to three questions before next Tuesday (see attached)
 - Can we donate to “Penticton Robotics club”? Will need to look into gaming criteria for donations from DPAC. If it is a school club then DPAC can fund it but if it is curriculum then we cannot.
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- Motion to dismiss – 8:02

Next meeting: January 24th 2023 at 6:30 pm in the IMC