

DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DPAC)

School District #22

Thursday, Sept 20, 2018 - 7 to 9 pm

VSS Library

Minutes

1. Attendance
 - a. Jessica Machinski (BX), Christie Tujik (Beirsto), Gladys Fraser (Seaton), Kelly Smith (Board of Trustees), Kelli Sullivan (DPAC Member-at-Large), Paige McDicken and Nicole LeBlanc (Coldstream Elem), Joseph Rogers (Superintendent), Lisa LaBoucane (VTA), Nicole Makohoniuk (VSS), Carla Glessing (KAL), Gray Boisvert (CUPE), Nigel Maccagno (VPVPA)
 - b. Meeting call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Reading and approval of agenda
 - a. Moved by Christie
3. Reading and approval of May 17th minutes
 - a. Change VPA to state name, continues along the same lines as other Partner groups **DEBBIE CALLUM ADDED**
 - b. Moved by Carla, second by Kelli
4. Reports
 - a. School groups
 - i. Beirsto
 1. AGM will be held Sept 24th, so a new DPAC rep will be elected.
 2. Goal of the PAC executives are to have less fundraising discussion at meetings due to less parents attending monthly for same
 - ii. BX
 1. Welcome back BBQ was a success. Was used as a community builder.
 2. First PAC meeting was the 19th, and Secretary has resigned. Working on finding a new member to fill the position.
 3. Hoping to arrange a demonstration of the Osmos system for the iPads during the Nov Meeting, allowing parents to understand the technology students use.
 - iii. KAL
 1. First meeting will be Monday the 24th, so no report.
 - iv. VSS
 1. DPAC rep is currently taking a leave due to election, will report if not elected.
 2. Meeting on Monday the 24th will be an AGM
 3. Facebook page started (VSS PAC), along with a PAC email address: vsspacsd22@gmail.com
 4. Looking for 3 topics for PAC speakers to up the attendance of parents at meetings
 - v. Coldstream Elementary
 1. Sharing DPAC rep position between Paige and Nicole
 2. Have elected a full exec, with most positions held by 2 people (co positions)
 - vi. Seaton
 1. AGM is due, but with the Ivan Coyote presentation, meeting was postponed from the 17th to the 24th.
 - b. Partner groups
 - i. Board of Trustees
 1. Received a lot of info, in regards to kindergarten orientation. Kindergarten has 25 hours less a year as per school act, and the purpose is to help transition time. If parents have a

concern, they can address the trustees to pressure the ministry for more or less transition time.

2. Just like smoking and drinking, no cannabis on school grounds will be tolerated.
3. Dr. Williams projected budget for AbEd for enrichment activities
4. Olson provided a transportation update, **will attach**
5. Board approved some national and international field trips for this coming school year.
6. Budgets balanced and looking good for this year.
7. Oct 17th meeting was cancelled due to elections on the 20th
8. Important dates:
 - a. Oct 11 – All Candidates Forum
 - b. Oct 20 – Civil Election
 - c. Nov 7 – Inauguration of New Board of Trustees
 - d. Nov 21 – First board meeting with the new trustees

ii. Superintendent

1. Ivan Coyote spoke with teachers and support staff on pro-d day (Sept 17th). Standing ovation by staff. Then Ivan went to all 5 secondary schools – every school was quite different in the fact of different approach and different questions. There has been some push back though, staff goal is to reassure parents that it is acceptance of every child and that every kid deserves a safe place to go.
2. Staffing: up almost 100 teachers from 2 years ago. 34 elementary TOCs and 20 secondary TOCs. 13 retired teachers have returned. EAs: adding 10 more to the list, with all EAs having a position.
3. A mentoring program was created with the VTA. It invites teachers to mentor other teachers, and provide support within first 5 years, or if there is a major change in teaching structure.

iii. VTA

1. Parent presentation with BCTF in regard to SOGI123 and gender inclusion
2. Working hard with Silka because of the new curriculum being implemented as well as the new reporting system.

iv. CUPE

1. Approx. 460 members this year including casuals
2. 23 jobs at the EA meeting, hoping those numbers change and members get current positions
3. There is over 16k in trust for field trips, and isn't being used up by the end of the year. Schools need to reach out to access these funds for **LOCAL** fieldtrips. (money funds the bussing or the salary for staff)
4. Sept 9, district wellness day at Kekuli park, not a big turnout, but great event anyways.
5. Bargaining continues, hoping for a successful contract

v. VPVPA

1. Class size and composition was a main theme across all schools.
2. Focus of the first week was code of conduct
3. Orange shirt day coming up, on Sept 28. The focus is on anti racism and anti bullying, and educating children about Truth and Reconciliation.
4. Oct – interviews and risk reports across all schools
5. PD day on Oct 19.

5. Break

6. New Business

- a. AGM

- i. Jessica with motion to defer to October meeting due to lack of notice and some schools deferring PAC meetings and their own AGMs. Motion to move AGM to Oct 18th meeting. Second by Kelli. All in favor.
 - b. BCCPAC forms
 - i. There is a new process around payment of registration, the website requests a code if DPAC chooses to pay. DPAC is to provide school name, contact name, and an email address from each school, then BCCPAC will provide the contact email with the code. There is a time sensitivity of Dec 31 in order to vote at the BCCPAC AGM, so we will need to address this ASAP.
 - ii. **Spreadsheet by me for Gladys**
 - iii. **Kelli to clarify on our FB page that the requirements are: name, email, and school name**
 - c. Trustee Candidate Forum
 - i. Candidates are aware of upcoming forum, but formal invites have not been sent yet.
 - ii. DPAC in charge of refreshments. Bottled water, cookies, coffee, tea and table cloths suggested. Kelli made a motion to value refreshments up to \$200, Jessica 2nd that motion.
 - iii. Kelli will do a press release on behalf of parents once the candidates have confirmed their attendance.
 - d. Ivan
 - i. Very good reception. Happy with the number of parents that turned out.
 - e. CORRESPONDANCE
 - i. Agricultural, literacy and cultural center
 - f. **Exec dinner**
 - i. **November 1st – works for district executives**
 - ii. **Kelli moved that the dinner to be Nov 1st since Nov 15th is DPAC regular meeting. Carla second.**
 - iii. **Kelli to look into the use of KAL**
 - iv. **Gladys to reach out to Sandra at VSS in regard to catering**
 - v. **Max for letter to email out**
- 7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. No report
 - b. Ingrid has resigned, a new treasurer will be required
- 8. President's Report (10 min)
 - a. Pac presentation:
 - i. Explains what DPAC is and how PACs and DPACs intermingle.
- 9. Adjourned at 9:43 pm