



District Parent Advisory Council

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District 43: Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore and Belcarra

DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2010 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Constance Woodhall-White called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Constance Woodhall-White – Secretary, Jason Turner – Treasurer, Deanne Harris – Health & Safety Coordinator, Julie Dott – South Zone Rep, Marie McCabe – Member at Large.

Minutes taken by: Sandy Maloney

1. Approval of Agenda

Changes to the agenda:

- 2. Approval of Previous Minutes > tabled until February 24/10 meeting
- 4. Superintendent's Report > will be given by Dan Derpak on behalf of Tom Grant
- 7. Parent Ed Opportunities > will be discussed by Deanne Harris

MOTION made by Emmanuel Shamatutu, seconded by Barb Thompson, to accept the agenda as amended. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the DPAC General Meeting November 25, 2009 was tabled until the February 24, 2010 General Meeting.

3. President's Announcements - Constance Woodhall-White

- Upcoming speakers at DPAC General Meetings:
 - February 24/10 > Rick Humphreys (District Secretary-Treasurer) talking about the District budgeting process & school budgets
 - March 24/10 > Tom Grant (District Superintendent) talking about Parent Involvement
- Vacant positions on DPAC Executive
 - Vice President
 - Newsletter Editor
 - 3 Zone Reps (North, West, East)
 - Member at Large
- DPAC Constitution & Bylaws (C & B)
 - Time to review & update
 - Anyone interested on sitting on a sub-committee to work on DPAC C & B revision please let Sandy know at the office (we want to have a sub-committee in place by the end of February)
 - Ask that everyone take the time to read through our C & B (can be accessed on our website <http://www.dpac43.org/About/default.htm>) and let us know of any changes or areas you feel need to be added or deleted

4. Superintendent's Report - Dan Derpak

- New immersion program opening up at Nestor Elementary
- Registration for new mandarin bilingual class has occurred
- Full Day K and cross catchment

- Cross catchment requests can be done online (recommend done this way)
- Will be a separate process for Kindergarten as they are anticipating there might be a number of requests
- Must register at catchment school first & then apply for cross catchment transfer
- Order of placement in school (in catchment / out of catchment / out of district)
- Port Moody Middle – there will be a consultative process as to where students from Moody Middle will go during the 2 years the new Moody Middle is being built

5. Boundary Review / Snow Policies - Dan Derpak

- Snow Policies
 - Dan covered a lot of this at our October General Meeting
 - The process has been improved by:
 - Adding to our information pool
 - Making connections with all 5 cities
 - Decision will be made by 6:00am whether or not to close the schools on “snow days”
 - District is more open to closing the schools now than before
 - 1st day would close whole district or not at all
 - 2nd day would be based on conditions, could open part or all schools
 - Snow plowing
 - District is responsible for sidewalks around the schools & parking lots
 - District will try to coordinate with cities so they don't bury sidewalks when they plow the streets
- Boundary Review
 - Just completed a long range facilities plan
 - Parent reps & Principals of all schools involved where on the steering committee
 - Had public meetings at all middle schools involved
 - The committee took information in & tried to make adjustments
 - When presented at the Board Meeting the recommendations made by the steering committee were not contested
 - Aspenwood: closed to anyone outside catchment area for Montessori. Will still run Montessori for those in the catchment area
 - Process accomplished what the committee set out to do
 - Boundary for Heritage Mountain Middle & Moody Middle will come into effect when Heritage Mountain Middle opens (about 2012)

6. Treasurer's Report - Jason Turner

- Income Statement to 31Dec09 vs 2008/09 Budget
 - Some errors on the report. Jason will correct and present revised report at next General Meeting

7. Parent Ed Opportunities - Deanne Harris

- Full Day Kindergarten Parent Info Session
 - **DATE:** Thursday, January 28/10
 - **TIME:** 7:00pm – 8:30pm
 - **LOCATION:** Riverside Secondary (2215 Reeve Street, Port Coq.)
 - **REGISTRATION:** Is required. Phone 604-939-3690 or email dpac43@telus.net
 - **COST:** No cost.
 - **CHILDMINDING:** Available by prior registration.
- Social Responsibility
 - **DATE:** Wednesday, March 4/10
 - **TIME:** 7:00pm – 8:30pm
 - **LOCATION:** Gallery Room – Winslow Centre
 - **REGISTRATION:** Is required. Phone 604-939-3690 or email dpac43@telus.net
 - **COST:** No cost.
 - **CHILDMINDING:** Not available.
 - **DETAILS:** Still being finalized. Please watch our website for more information.
- What To Do When Your Child is Being Bullied: Strategies for Parents
 - **DATE:** Wednesday, April 14/10
 - **TIME:** 7:00pm – 8:30pm

- **LOCATION:** Gallery Room – Winslow Centre
- **REGISTRATION:** Is required. Phone 604-939-3690 or email dpac43@telus.net
- **COST:** No cost.
- **CHILDMINDING:** Not available.
- **DETAILS:** Speaker – Cindi Seddon (Principal Como Lake Middle). April 14th is also Pink Shirt Day so show your support and wear pink!

8. Health & Safety

- Deanne Harris

- "In the Driver's Seat" – workshop for parents of teens & new young drivers
 - **DATE:** Thursday, March 4/10
 - **TIME:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 - **LOCATION:** Gallery Room – Winslow Centre
 - **REGISTRATION:** Is required. Phone 604-939-3690 or email dpac43@telus.net
 - **COST:** No cost.
 - **CHILDMINDING:** Not available.
 - **DETAILS:** Join us for a practical workshop providing you with Knowledge & Resources to manage your child's learning experience – to help them become a competent & safe driver. Find out how you can make a difference.

9. Networking

- Rachele from Pitt River Middle:
 - Letter to School District regarding their disappointment over the re-assignment of the principal and the fact that they've had 4 principals in four years
 - When those in attendance were asked some other schools spoke up as well saying they have had what they felt were a number of administrative changes in a fairly short time
 - DPAC will check with the District as to policies and philosophies, and maybe ask Tom to elaborate on contracts/placements as part of his Superintendent's Report at the next meeting
- PAC Survey
 - Marie has received permission to conduct the survey, still a few changes to be made before it goes online (hopefully by mid February)
 - Survey covers such areas as:
 - What you see as your PAC's role
 - Funding
- Letters to Ministry regarding funding cut concerns
 - Check out the BCCPAC website for sample PAC letters to the Ministry regarding funding problems
 - Ask that all PACs write their own letter to the ministry

10. Adjournment

MOTION made by Jennie Boulanger, seconded by Sidney Chambers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm.

CARRIED