



# District Parent Advisory Council

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## DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, April 28, 2010 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Heidi Gable called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Heidi Gable – President, Deanne Harris – Health & Safety Coordinator, Marie McCabe – Member at Large, Julie Dott – South Zone Rep.

Minutes taken by: Sandy Maloney

### 1. Introductions

- Tom Grant – District 43 Superintendent
- Rick Humphreys – District 43 Secretary-Treasurer
- Claude Hrycaiko – Honorary DPAC Member

### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION** made by Teri Towner, seconded by Mitra Salimi, to accept the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

**MOTION** made by Nedra Post, seconded by Carl Melnyk, to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2010 General Meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 4. President's Announcements - Heidi Gable

- Items of interest covered elsewhere in the agenda

### 5. Superintendent's Report - Tom Grant

- Tom has been talking to Heidi as to what the next step will be for moving forward with effective parent involvement
  - Haven't heard what the grand plan on the part of the ministry is going to be yet regarding parent involvement (anticipating some sort of framework based on what was said as part of the throne speech)
  - District is not going to wait on the government, will start working on it ourselves by looking at what a few of the impediments are when looking at parent involvement
- Budget/Funding
  - Met with the Board of Education/Mayors/MLAs/MPs & looked at funding for the Tri-Cities
  - Looking at possibly meeting with the Minister of Education, request has been made but there has been no response so far
- Interesting visits lately around work safety – making sure schools are safe for students/staff/& visitors
- This past weekend the CPVPA (Coquitlam Principals & Vice Principals Association) in Motion for Cancer raised around \$15,000-\$20,000; students from local schools volunteered and were there to help run it
- The Board instructed the District to set up a meeting between the Board/District/Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was very interesting and covered areas such as mentorship, apprenticeship programs, roster of people

- Middle school gifted pilot project:
  - Very good response
  - 4 classes will open in September: 2 classes each at Hillcrest Middle & Citadel Middle
  - There will be approximately 25 students/class
- Lots of facilities announcements coming soon
- in June there will be some sessions with staff/students/parents from Centennial Secondary to start looking at the vision for the new building – building something now but that will also be functional for 50 years. These sessions will be coordinated by Maureen Dockendorf.
- Some great websites to help students in middle & secondary school when planning their career path
  - [www.bccat.ca](http://www.bccat.ca) – down at the bottom there are a couple of other links
    - Education planner – <http://educationplanner.ca>
      - What area do you think you have an interest in
      - Gives you where the courses are available
      - Shows you what courses you need & what marks you need
    - Transfer guide – <http://bctransferguide.ca>
      - Can check any course taken at one post secondary facility & how/if it will transfer to at another

#### **6. District Budget - Rick Humphreys**

- The District was anticipating getting additional grants but it didn't happen
- Looking at an approximately \$4 million deficit
- District is continuing to lobby for additional funds
  - Will need partner group support
  - Wanting scientific evidence for the reasons for the money allocation
  - District has been arguing for a while that the funding formula is broken

#### **7. Treasurer's Report - Jason Turner**

- Income Statement to 31Mar10 vs 2009/10 Budget
- Tabled until next meeting as Jason was absent & information not submitted

#### **8. Constitution & Bylaws - Deanne Harris**

- DPAC Special Resolution
  - Executive proposed a special resolution to change the "Terms of Office" so that people can run for positions for 2 consecutive terms, and then longer than that if the membership takes a vote & agrees that they can
  - All positions are voted on by secret ballot so what this means is that even if only 1 person is letting their name stand – a vote is taken, and if people do not want to vote that person in, they don't & the position would remain vacant

**MOTION** made by Jennie Boulanger, seconded by Mitra Salimi, to approve the special resolution to change the "Terms of Office" in the DPAC Constitution & Bylaws as presented, with the amendment that the last sentence, "There is no limit to the consecutive or nonconsecutive terms held in any one position", be removed from item 6, Section 2.

**CARRIED**

#### **9. DPAC Nominations Committee & Elections - Claude Hrycaiko**

- Claude will be heading up this committee, Linda Reimer (another honorary DPAC member) will assist him
- Nomination packages will be emailed out next week. The packages will contain:
  - Personal letter from Claude
  - Information on Election of Executive Officers:
    - Eligibility
    - Nominations
    - Procedure of elections
    - Positions
    - Duties of executive officers
    - Terms of office including any limitations
    - DPAC Policy #106 – includes DPAC disclosure form & DPAC nomination form

- If parents want additional information they can contact email Claude directly at [claudenh@shaw.ca](mailto:claudenh@shaw.ca)
- If you know of someone that is interested or feel would do a good job please pass their name & email on to Claude so that he can contact them directly
- Nomination forms due to the office by May 19, nominations can be made from the floor but supporting documentation must also be provided

#### 10. BCCPAC Conference & AGM

- Heidi Gable

- Just some highlights from the conference & AGM
  - President of B.C. Superintendents Association (Dr. Keven Elder) wants as much information from parents as to what they see parent involvement is [kelder@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:kelder@sd63.bc.ca)
  - Minister of Education: in the Throne speech mention was made for more parent involvement. There isn't any secret plan, if you have any ideas they are interested in hearing from you.
  - Vote on BCCPAC Constitution & Bylaws changes has been tabled until the BCCPAC Fall Conference. This gives everyone another chance to read through the proposed C & B and submit their feedback to BCCPAC

#### 11. Building Design Committee Update

- Heidi Gable

- Heidi is sitting on the Conceptual Design Committee
- Some items being looked at:
  - flexible spaces in new school designs
  - common area – counselor offices around outside of the common area but yet part of it

#### 12. Parent Ed Opportunities

- Deanne Harris

- Understanding Today's Teens – Educational Workshops for Parents of Teens
  - All workshops run from 7:00pm – 8:30pm & are being held at The Gathering Place in PoCo
  - Pre-registration is required by email: [blewiscounselling@gmail.com](mailto:blewiscounselling@gmail.com)
  - More information: contact Brooke @ [blewiscounselling@gmail.com](mailto:blewiscounselling@gmail.com) or visit [www.blewiscounselling.com](http://www.blewiscounselling.com).
  - Sessions being offered are:
    - May 10 – Drug Awareness
    - June 14 – Eating Disorders

#### 13. Networking

- Nothing to report

#### 14. Adjournment

**MOTION** made by Rose Shaw, seconded by Emmanuel Shamatutu, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

**CARRIED**