



District Parent Advisory Council

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DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, October 24, 2007 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Richard Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Richard Stewart - President, Claude Hrycaiko – Past President, Darren Rosenthal – South Zone Rep., Dina Rodriguez – East Zone Rep.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Kathy Anderson, seconded by Corey Bollman, to accept the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Marie McCabe, seconded by Ali Tootian, to accept the minutes of the May 30, 2007 Annual General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

3. President's Announcements - Richard Stewart

- At the recent School Board Meeting the CTA presented to the Board on the ongoing matter with the Terry Fox Theatre. A decision was made to seek a third party mediator.

4. Elections

- 33 schools represented (quorum)
- Still a number of vacant spots to fill on the executive:
 - Vice President / Treasurer / Newsletter Editor / Parent Ed Coord / Health & Safety Coord / BCCPAC DA / North Zone Rep / West Zone Rep / 2 Member at Large
- Richard outlined the procedure for the elections. All voting was done by secret ballot even if only one candidate.
- The following were elected to the 2007/2008 DPAC Executive:
 - ❖ Darren Rosenthal - Treasurer
 - ❖ Heidi Gable – Member at Large
 - ❖ Jason Turner – Parent Ed Coordinator

MOTION made by Kathy Anderson, seconded by Janine Corrado, to destroy the ballots. **CARRIED**

5. Treasurer's Report -Cindy Macie

- Income Statement 01Jul2006 to 30June2007
 - Financial statements received and will be filed into records as presented
 - Bonnie SooChan reviewed the books and found everything to be in order.
- Income Statement to 01Jul07-30Sept07; Assets
 - Financial statements received and will be filed into records as presented for review at the end of the year.

- Approval of the 2007-08 DPAC Budget
 - Proposed 2007-2008 budget was presented
 - Question was asked if the budgeted amount for Parent Education could be increased – discussion followed

MOTION made by Jason Turner, seconded by Marie McCabe, that the Parent Education line amount be raised from \$5,300 to \$9,000. **CARRIED**

MOTION made by Regina Tyers, seconded by Heather Rossi, to accept the “2007-2008 Proposed Budget” as amended. **CARRIED**

MOTION made by Corey Bollman, seconded by Kathleen Norris to adopt the signatories of Richard Stewart (DPAC President, Darren Rosenthal (Treasurer), Karmin Patak (Secretary) on the DPAC Accounts – which is in accordance with DPAC’s Constitution & Bylaws. **CARRIED**

6. Safety Survey Results - Richard Stewart

- Handouts:
 - Responses to the question – Specific examples of locations where student safety was a concern. Responses summarized into 2 tables:
 - Traffic or Street Safety Concerns – as identified by survey participants
 - Concerns Specific to Schools – as identified by survey participants
 - 1 page overall summary of other concerns regarding safety issues
- Richard displayed the more detailed survey summary results on the big screen and walked through a number of the questions. Once he has filtered out any responses where there is private & confidential information the link for the survey summary will be posted on the DPAC website and sent out to the District, PACs, and media.

7. Networking

- Question was asked: Are contractors working in the schools required to have a PRC (Police Record Check) done as well?
 - Julie Pearce will check into what the policy is.
 - Lots of discussion around the PRC and who needs it, how often it must be done, is whether or not it is transferable to other schools.
- What might be some topics for other possible surveys?
 - What type of parent education opportunities/workshops would parents like to see offered?
 - New Food & Nutrition Policy
 - Fitness programs in the schools
 - Internet safety
 - Technology (how it’s used at middle & secondary schools)
 - multiculturalism
- Julie Pearce will be having a short meeting on Nov. 23 from 1-2p.m. in the Gallery Room at Winslow Centre for all Elementary Principals plus 1 parent rep from their school to discuss the newly modified AP 191 – “Guidelines for Food & Beverage Sales to Students”. An information package and invite to the meeting was sent to all Principals of District 43 Elementary schools. Julie will forward that information on to the DPAC office as well.
- Question was asked: Who enforces the School District Policies/Procedures around Emergency Preparedness, Fire Drills, etc.?

Adjournment

MOTION made by Marie McCabe seconded by Jason Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. **CARRIED**