



District Parent Advisory Council

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

DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, November 28, 2007 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Richard Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Richard Stewart - President, Claude Hrycaiko – Past President, Darren Rosenthal – Treasurer, Dina Rodriguez – East Zone Rep, Heidi Gable – Member at Large.

1. Approval of Agenda

- As Laureen Doerksen unable to attend tonight, for item #4 replace Superintendent's Comments with BCCPAC Highlights.
- Add Expanded Traffic Safety Survey in after the Treasurer's Report as item #7, and move the rest of the items down one

MOTION made by Kristina Harvey, seconded by Mariella Ruty, to accept the agenda as amended. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Preet Pall, seconded by Dina Rodriguez, to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2007 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

3. President's Announcements - Richard Stewart

- A number of DPAC Executive members attended the BCCPAC Fall Conference
- School Board:
 - Gave a brief update on the busing issue
 - Nutrition Policy:
 - DPAC Executive is looking at bringing the provincial government people out to talk about nutrition to the PACs at one of our DPAC meetings.
 - Do you need help implementing the Guidelines for Food & Beverage Sales in BC Schools?
 - Call Dial-A-Dietitian 604-732-9191 (Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) or visit www.dialadietitian.org
 - For a list of foods & beverages that meet the BC Guidelines visit www.brandnamefoodlist.ca
 - Superintendent Search Update:
 - Laureen Doerksen is retiring in January
 - District is in the process of interviewing & hiring a replacement
 - A couple of DPAC Executives have attended the meetings and participated in the interviewing process

4. BCCPAC Highlights - Claude Hrycaiko

- Total of 8 people from District 43 attended
- Keynote speaker was Barbara Coloroso

- ESL Research with Dr. Lee Gunderson
- Working Together to Make BCCPAC Strong – Understanding How It's Structured & Operates, & How Member PACs & DPACs Can Contribute to Its Success
- Supporting Parent Leadership Seminar Series – Update
 - 4 parents in our District participating in this are:
 - Anne Lee; Scott Young; Nina Hanson; Christine McKinnon
- Some of the workshops offered:
 - Bullying
 - Internet Safety
 - Nutrition
 - Creating a Vision for Your PAC/DPAC
 - Youth Drug Abuse Trends

5. Elections

- 28 schools represented (quorum)
- Still a number of vacant spots to fill on the executive:
 - Vice President / Newsletter Editor / Health & Safety Coord / BCCPAC DA / North Zone Rep / South Zone Rep / West Zone Rep / 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:
 - ❖ Tracy Crawford – Newsletter Editor

MOTION made by Kathy Anderson, seconded by Jennie Boulanger, to destroy the ballots.
CARRIED

6. Treasurer's Report

-Darren Rosenthal

- Income Statement to 31Oct07 vs 2007/08 Budget; Assets
 - Financial statements received and will be filed into records as presented for review at the end of the year.

7. Expanded Traffic Safety Survey - Richard Stewart

- Richard briefly went through the questions and asked for feedback or any clarification needed, or any further questions that should be included prior to the survey going online
 - Enforcement question > maybe differentiate between levels of enforcement
 - Add snow/weather related questions
 - Question was asked - Can neighbors of schools (that don't have a child attending that school) take the survey? Richard will look to see if this option can be added in.
- The survey will be closed in middle/late January so that results can be shared at the Jan. 30/08 DPAC General Meeting
- Link will be emailed out to PAC Chairs & DPAC Reps > please post information at your school and share with parents
- Link for survey will be posted on our website under the "What's New" column
- Would like to see as many parents as possible participate in the survey
- Once the survey closes and the results are tabulated each school will receive a printout of the results pertaining to their school

8. Internet Safety – A Parents' Guide - David Sands & Brian Kuhn

- Jay Brown – parent at Citadel Middle School, serves as 1 of 2 DPAC Reps on the District Technology Advisory Committee
- Recent concerns/questions brought to the attention of this committee shows the need for more understanding between parents/teachers/technology people in this District
- Acceptable Use Policy was discussed & it was noted that a number of parents present said they haven't even heard about it
- The Learning Intentions for tonight's presentation are:
 - To examine our children's use of technology

- To increase our awareness of the potential issues around technology
- To challenge your paradigms with respect to these issues
- To explore proactive strategies to convey values & facilitate the development of “Digital Citizenship” with our children

9. Networking

- Tabled due to insufficient time

10. Adjournment

MOTION made by Heidi Gable seconded by Dina Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. **CARRIED**