



# District Parent Advisory Council

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## **DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, January 30, 2008 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 – Treasurer, Dina Rodriguez – East Zone Rep, Heidi Gable – Member at Large, Jason Turner – Parent Ed.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

- Agenda accepted as presented.

### **2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Minutes from General Meeting of November 28, 2007 accepted as circulated.

### **3. President's Announcements**

**- Richard Stewart**

- Richard welcomed Trustee Diane Sowden
- Richard introduced Tom Grant the new District 43 Superintendent

### **4. Superintendent's Comments**

**- Tom Grant**

- Tom talked about how the District is looking at how to transfer District goals down to the individual learner level
- District is looking at ways to cut down on disruptions with changes within administration during the year (about 15 administrator changes happening Feb. 1)
- FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment):
  - Is a very contentious issue
  - Taking place in schools next week (Feb. 4-7)
  - The District will be using teacher volunteers on a weekend to mark the FSAs
- District closure due to snow:
  - Closed all District 43 schools on Tues. Jan. 29
  - Working on getting the information out to the media by 6:30a.m.
  - 5 provincial exams must be rescheduled > Ministry has mandated these will take place on Monday & Tuesday (Feb. 4 & 5)
  - Some schools up on the plateau were still having problems today due to the snow

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

**-Darren Rosenthal**

- Income Statement to 30Nov07 vs 2007/08 Budget; Assets
  - Financial statements received and will be filed into records as presented for review at the end of the year.
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**6. Preliminary Traffic Safety Survey Results - Richard Stewart**

- Was said to close Feb. 4 but survey will be left open longer
- Reviewed results to date
- Handout > focused on some of the answers to questions for elementary schools
- Please encourage your parents and members of your school community to go online and complete the survey if they haven't already done so

**7. Funding Sound Field Systems Resolution - Jennie Boulanger**

- Jennie presented the resolution and provided some additional background information & answered any questions
  - Each system costs approximately \$1200 if bought by the District in "bulk"
  - Currently there are about 136 systems in 31 schools in our District
  - District doesn't currently fund them
  - Some PACs have been fortunate to get corporate sponsorship to purchase a number of them
  - Question asked: Who would service the systems?
- DPAC Reps were directed to take the resolution back to their PACs, take a vote as to whether or not their PAC supports the resolution & bring back the result of the vote to the February 27 DPAC GM where a vote will be taken as to whether or not the PACs wish DPAC to go forward with the resolution

**8. Parent Ed - Jason Turner**

- Parenting the Net Generation
  - Date: Tuesday, Feb. 19/08
  - Time: 6:00p.m. > registration & light supper  
6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. > workshop
  - Place: Gleneagle Secondary – multi-purpose room
  - Cost: no-cost > sponsored by District 43 DPAC
  - Register: via email ([dpac43@telus.net](mailto:dpac43@telus.net)) or phone (604)939-3690  
Space is limited so register by Feb. 11/08
  - Child Care: free child care available , upon request

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Kristina Harvey seconded by Dina Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. **CARRIED**