



District Parent Advisory Council

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

DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, February 27, 2008 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Richard Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:07 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.

Richard welcomed Trustee Gerri Wallis to the meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Maria Romero, seconded by Darren Rosenthal, to accept the minutes of the January 30, 2008 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

Richard Stewart handed over the chairing of the meeting to Heidi Gable as he had to leave.

3. The Advocacy Project & Parent/student appeals legislation

- Cathy Bedard & Janet Philips

- Toll Free: 1-888-351-9834
- The Advocacy Project started in 1994 in Qualicum as a pilot project and has grown from there
- Advocacy Components
 - Rights
 - Information
 - Voice
 - Inclusion
- Speaking Up! > the newly revised copies will be available in May
- Copies of Self-Help Guide (Meeting Survival & Problem-Solving) were distributed
- Appeals Process
 - Decision making and fairness in schools
 - Handouts were available that contained information on the:
 - Appeals regulation
 - Student appeal process
 - Grounds for appeal
 - Appeal process
 - Mediation & adjudication
 - Appeal scenarios
 - Superintendents of achievement

- Student appeals branch
- Parents have the right to have what the decision was & why it was made in writing

4. President's Announcements

- Heidi Gable

- Parenting the Net Generation Workshop
 - Gave overview of the workshop
 - It is available to PACs if they wish to put their own workshop on – contact the DPAC office for the link and additional information
- Bullying Survey
 - Is up and running on the DPAC website (www.dpac43.org)
 - Please encourage all parents to participate. We welcome students in middle and secondary schools to participate in the survey as well.
 - Survey will remain open until at least March 20, preliminary results will be shared at the March 26th DPAC General Meeting

5. Superintendent's Comments

- Superintendent or alternate not in attendance so no comments at this time

6. Treasurer's Report

-Darren Rosenthal

- Income Statement to 31Jan08 vs 2007/08 Budget; Assets
 - Financial statements received and will be filed into records as presented for review at the end of the year.

MOTION made by Darren Rosenthal, seconded by Dina Rodriguez, to authorize Jason Turner (Parent Ed Coordinator) to be the third person to have signing authority, Richard Stewart & Darren Rosenthal being the other two, on District 43 Parent Advisory Council accounts.

CARRIED

7. Funding Sound Field Systems Resolution

- Jennie Boulanger

- Jennie Boulanger of Como Lake Middle read out their Resolution to DPAC 43 – Funding Sound Field Systems in SD43 Schools.

MOTION made by Jennie Boulanger, seconded by Cathy Clelland to have the District 43 Parent Advisory Council move forward with this resolution.

CARRIED

8. Parent Ed

- Jason Turner

- topics to watch for at upcoming DPAC General Meetings
 - Bullying
 - MADD
- Jason is starting to plan now for next year. Everyone asked to get their requests in. Looking at having a different topic each month.
- A couple of PACs have tried booking available parent ed presentations with the BCTF but they are not getting any feedback. Heidi Gable will follow-up with the BCTF as to how the process/time line works when a request comes in from a PAC

9. Adjournment

MOTION made by Cathy Clelland seconded by Dina Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

CARRIED