



District Parent Advisory Council

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

DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, March 26, 2008 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Richard Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:13 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

MOTION made by Kristina Harvey, seconded by Jennie Boulanger, to accept the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Dina Rodriguez, seconded by Janine Corrado, to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2008 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

3. Take Action Against Bullying

- Cindi Seddon

Here are a few highlights from Cindi's presentation:

- Is a huge issue in our schools & we need the help of parents on this issue
- Bullying hurts everyone
- How to determine if it is an incident of bullying:
 - A difference in power or status (physical or social, real or perceived)
 - A negative intent, on the part of the bully, to inflict physical, social, or emotional trauma
 - Repeated aggressive or anti-social behaviour
- Types of bullying:
 - Physical / Verbal / Relational or relationship bullying / Sexual harassment/bullying / Cyber bullying
- Average length of a bullying episode is only 37 seconds long
- Biggest myth > if you ignore bullying it will go away

4. President's Announcements

- Richard Stewart

- Traffic Safety Follow-Up Meeting – Wed. April 9/08
 - Invitation has been sent out to PAC Chairs & DPAC Reps inviting each PAC to send at least 1 person to represent their school
 - Meeting starts at 7:00p.m. in the Gallery Room at Winslow Centre
 - Schools are asked to register by phoning (604-939-3690) or emailing (dpac43@telus.net) the office leaving your contact info & the school(s) you'll be representing
 - representatives from the Tri-Cities (engineering department / bylaw officers / RCMP or Police / Speed Watch) & from the District will be on hand to help answer any questions
 - The executive is working hard on compiling the individual school summary results & getting them out to the schools
- Bullying Survey

- Some preliminary results were shared - Survey will stay open for approximately 1 more month

5. Superintendent's Comments

- Tom Grant

- Expressed his thanks to DPAC for tackling the bullying issue and looks forward to working with DPAC on this
- Applauds DPAC for the route it's gone regarding the traffic safety issue. Tom feels the meeting with all parties should be much more productive in dealing with a lot of issues that are similar across the district.
- Distributed Learning Audit > our District will be going through this audit in April and it will be reported out on the results in May or June
- District Administrative Policy on Volunteer Drivers (AP253) – the new regulations on booster seat requirements go into effect July 1/08
 - The part of the policy in regards to booster seats that comes into effect July 1/08 states: "Child passengers who weigh 18 kg. (40 lbs.) or more must be restrained in a booster seat until they are at least nine (9) years old or reach 145 cm. (4'9") tall. The provision of a booster seat is the responsibility of the child's parent or guardian."

6. Treasurer's Report

-Darren Rosenthal

- Income Statement to 29Feb08 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. Parent Education

- Claude Hrycaiko

- Advocacy Skill Building for Parent Leaders Workshop
 - This workshop is being delivered by the BCCPAC Advocacy Project Provincial Advocates
 - Involves 2 sessions
 - 1st session > Tuesday, April 22/08 (5:00-9:00p.m. @ DPAC Office)
 - 2nd session > fall of 2008 (only those attending 1st session are invited to attend the 2nd session)
 - See our website for further information
 - Anyone interested in taking this workshop need to contact the DPAC Office & leave your name, phone number & email address
- BCCPAC AGM Resolutions & Proxy Instructions
 - All PACs in District 43 are members of BCCPAC > every PAC in our District has a vote, let's make sure every District 43 school exercises that vote
 - Each PAC should have already received their package (large white envelope) from BCCPAC that contains information on the conference (which is open to all parents & this year there are a number of workshop sessions geared to running of PACs) along with the Resolution booklet which includes voting instruction sheet, the proxy form, and instructions on how to fill out the proxy form
 - The proxy form **must have the signatures of 2 PAC Executive members** on it for it to be valid
 - If PACs are sending a rep that persons name would go on the proxy form & then put Richard Stewart as the alternate
 - If your PAC is not sending a rep but you're sending your vote with DPAC, put Richard Stewart down as your delegate & Claude Hrycaiko as your alternate
 - The DPAC Office will send out an email to all PAC Chairs & DPAC Reps with detailed instructions on how to properly complete the necessary forms
 - We ask that PACs get their paperwork into the DPAC Office by April 28th so it gives us time to compile all the papers before the conference on May 1

8. Adjournment

MOTION made by Darren Rosenthal seconded by Kristina Harvey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm.

CARRIED