



# District Parent Advisory Council

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## DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, May 28, 2008 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Richard Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Richard Stewart - President, Darren Rosenthal – Treasurer, Jason Turner – Parent Education, Dina Rodriguez – East Zone Rep, Tracy Crawford – Newsletter Editor, Heidi Gable – Member at Large, Claude Hrycaiko – Past President

### 1. Approval of Agenda

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

### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

**MOTION** made by Kathy Anderson, seconded by Cathy Clelland, to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2008 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

### 3. President's Report

**- Richard Stewart**

- Richard thanked Claude (Past President) for stepping in and carrying out his duties when he was unable to do so due to other commitments, as well as taking on the task of getting meeting agendas put together
- Richard also thanked each individual executive member for all their work this past year
- School District Budget:
  - For the first time DPAC got together with the other Partner groups (CUPE / CTA / SLC / CPVPA) and put together joint recommendations for the District budget
  - District Budget was adopted
  - Joint recommendations will be emailed out to the DPAC Reps.
- Richard acknowledged and welcomed Linda Reimer
- DPAC Executive is a TEAM effort
- Parent voice at the District level is very important & DPAC is working with the District to make sure we have a voice
- Numerous door prizes to give away tonight

### 4. Treasurer's Report

**-Darren Rosenthal**

- Income Statement to 30Apr08 vs 2007/08 Budget; Assets
  - Financial statements received and will be filed into records as presented for review at the end of the year.

### 5. Superintendent's Comments

**- Tom Grant**

- Thanked DPAC as a whole for our warm reception to him being new to the District, and for DPAC's involvement in the District
- Thanked Richard for his leadership, guidance & counsel in helping him understand parent's need to be involved
- The distributed learning audit has just been completed by the Ministry
  - Looks at numbers for: enrolment, ESL students, special needs students, aboriginal students, summer learning students
  - This is to balance out money received & actual numbers. Most years after this audit the amount paid back to the Ministry is about \$100,000 – this year the amount will

only be approximately \$20,000. Each year there is always money set aside for this in the budget.

- Summer Learning (formerly Summer School)
  - Ministry has decreed that there should be no cost to the student
- Student Services Director
  - Dave Taylor (currently Principal @ CAFE) will take over this position from Liz Thompson who is retiring
  - Tom thanked Heidi for being a part of the interviewing process as the DPAC Rep on this committee
- Celebration held for the Roots of Empathy program that runs in our District
- Learning Team Celebration was held May 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Tom will make sure DPAC gets an invitation to these future celebrations
- Early Learning
  - Tom has had numerous inquiries as to where the province is going with this.
    - Currently we have 2 early learning programs in District 43, and the District has applied for 10 more
  - There has been a rumor, and it is still a rumor – nothing definite yet, about having all day Kindergarten, and then Junior K for 4 year olds for ½ days
- Administrative moves were announced this morning – numerous changes

## 6. BCCPAC AGM Report

- 4 DPAC Executive attended this event (6 parents total from this District)
- Some feedback from the executive that attended:
  - Claude:
    - New Speaking Up! Released (is also available as a PDF file on the BCCPAC website)
    - Unfolding the Mystery of PAC/DPAC Finances – great workshop
    - BCCPAC website:
      - Parent Education > check out PAC Ed
      - Member Area > you can login & get access to additional information
    - BCCPAC list serve > call BCCPAC Office to get added
    - 1 of the resolutions at the AGM > to have School Districts exempt from carbon tax
  - Darren > very educational & valuable
  - Dina > conference was fantastic, lots of knowledge

## 7. Elections

- Chaired by Claude Hrycaiko

- Claude outlined the procedure for the elections. All voting done by secret ballot even if only one candidate.
- Quorum has been met.
- The following were elected to the 2008-2009 DPAC Executive:
  - Heidi Gable – President
  - Darren Rosenthal – Vice President
  - Jason Turner – Treasurer
  - Tracy Crawford – Newsletter Editor
  - Kristina Harvey – Parent Ed Coordinator
  - Deanne Harris – Health & Safety Coordinator
  - Ross McKenzie – South Zone Rep.
  - Kim Nelson – West Zone Rep.
  - Dina Rodriguez – East Zone Rep.
  - Nathan Falkenholt – Member at Large
  - Marie McCabe – Member at Large
- July 1<sup>st</sup> the new executive members officially assume their duties
- DPAC retreat for all outgoing & incoming executive will be held in June (date TBA) to plan for next year with a luncheon afterwards.

**MOTION** made by Heather Rossi seconded by Cathy Clelland, to destroy all secret ballots.

**CARRIED**

- Claude, as Past President, officiated over the oath of office to newly elected executive members. Oath of Office read out and new executive members signed Code of Ethics.

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Darren Rosenthal seconded by Heidi Gable, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. **CARRIED**