



District Parent Advisory Council

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

DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, October 29, 2008 Library, Como Lake Middle

Heidi Gable called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Heidi Gable - President, Jason Turner – Treasurer, Tracy Crawford – Newsletter Editor, Kristina Harvey – Parent Education, Health & Safety – Deanne Harris, Jay Brown – North Zone Rep, Dina Rodriguez – East Zone Rep, Nathan Falkenholt – Member at Large, Marie McCabe – Member at Large

1. Approval of Agenda

- Added the following items:
 - Superintendent's Comments
 - BCCPAC Conference Report
 - Caring Community Challenge

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

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Nathan Falkenholt, seconded by Heather Rossi, to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2008 Annual General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

3. President's Report

- Heidi Gable

- Welcomed everyone and thanked people for coming
- Recap of orientation
 - Very well attended
 - Focus of evening was around building our relationships, & "What is our role as parents?"

4. Superintendent's Comments

- Dan Derpak

- Dan Derpak – Assistant Superintendent attended on behalf of Tom Grant
- Busy time at District office
- School's Action Plans (APL) for Learning have all been read
- Assistant superintendents are out visiting the schools and talking with the Principals regarding their APL (this is done in the fall, February, & late spring)
- Discussions with the Ministry as to schools with regards to seismic upgrades (about 50 schools need to be done, approximately 6 will be done in the next batch)
- Just got title on land for Burke Mountain Secondary
- Millside Elementary has been leased out temporarily to a Christian School from Burnaby
- District is undergoing quite an extensive facilities review
- Neighborhoods of Learning – partnerships to utilize facilities to their fullest

5. Elections

- 34 schools represented (quorum)
- 2 vacant spots to fill on the executive:
 - Secretary / North Zone Rep
- Heidi outlined the procedure for the elections. All voting was done by secret ballot even if only one candidate.
- The following were elected to the 2008-2009 DPAC Executive:

❖ Jay Brown – North Zone Rep

MOTION made by Kristina Harvey, seconded by Dina Rodriguez, to destroy the ballots.

CARRIED

6. BCCPAC Conference Report

- was held in Burnaby at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown October 23-26
- 4 members of the DPAC Executive attended
- Heidi gave some highlights as to who some of the guest speakers were and the topics discussed

7. Caring Community Challenge

- Each table was asked to brainstorm and write down creative ways we can help others in our District
- Some ideas from each table were shared
- All ideas will be compiled into a summary

8. Treasurer's Report

- Jason Turner

- Income Statement 01Jul2007 to 30June2008
 - Financial statements received and will be filed into records as presented
- Income Statement to 01Jul08 – 30Sept08; Assets
 - Financial statements received and will be filed into records as presented for review at the end of the year.
- Approval of the 2008-09 DPAC Budget
 - Proposed 2008-2009 budget was presented

MOTION made by Shannon Phillips, seconded by Susan Mueckel, to accept the "2008-2009 Proposed Budget".

CARRIED

9. Building Connections

- Exercise done at Orientation with about 80 people
 - The end result of the exercise was each person gave 1 word for each story, that best described the "story"
 - word cloud was produced from these words – see <http://www.learningconversations.ca> for a description of the exercise and a copy of word cloud
 - Bigger the print size – the more it was given as a response
 - To find out all about word clouds check out www.wordle.net

10. Other

- Parent Education opportunity hosted by South Side Family of Schools:
 - Topic: Children & Anxiety
 - Date: Wed. November 19/08
 - Time: 6:45pm – 8:30pm
 - Location: Citadel Middle School 1265 Citadel Drive, Port Coq.)
 - Cost: \$3.00/person or \$5.00/couple
 - Child minding: is free but you must preregister
 - Registration: is required

11. Adjournment

MOTION made by Ray de Vries, seconded by Heather Fowlie, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

CARRIED