



District Parent Advisory Council

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

DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, February 25, 2009 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Heidi Gable called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Heidi Gable - President, Darren Rosenthal – Vice President, Jason Turner – Treasurer, Tracy Crawford – Newsletter Editor, Dina Rodriguez – East Zone Rep., Marie McCabe – Member at Large, Richard Stewart – Past President

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Dina Rodriguez, seconded by Ray deVries, to accept the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Darren Rosenthal, seconded by Marie MacCabe, to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2009 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

3. President's Report

- Heidi Gable

- o Snow Process Review:
 - o District is currently in discussions with the cities. Once complete, results will be brought back to a partner group committee for consultation and further discussion.
 - o Expected to be complete by end of school year
- o Budget Consultations:
 - o All School Planning Councils should have had consultations & submitted (via Principal) the District budget survey
 - o DPAC resolution re: sound field systems will be presented to School Trustees at March 10th Board Meeting
 - o Parent discussions & survey will be going out shortly, asking for feedback
 - o Partner Group meetings coming in second week of March
- o Bursaries, Scholarships & Grants Available:
 - o The Coquitlam Foundation has an open call for applications (closing March 6/09 @ 4pm)
 - o More information @ <http://www.coquitlamfoundation.com>
- o Student Assessment Discussions:
 - o Planning to have District staff do a panel-style presentation on student assessment (assessment research, District wide assessment, classroom assessment, reporting, etc...) to help parents understand how their children are doing
- o Encompass Conference:
 - o Coming April 16, 17, 18
 - o Watch for email info on speakers, babysitting & subsidies
 - Babysitting will be offered on the Saturday (April 18) to enable parents to attend the parent workshops
 - DPAC will use funding from it's parent ed budget to offer subsidies to parents
 - Maximum total amount allocated for these subsidies is \$1500
 - Subsidy to cover ½ cost of the conference fees
 - o Full conference: fee is \$50 > subsidy of \$25

- Sat. only: fee is \$10 > subsidy of \$5
- Subsidy is on a 1st come 1st served basis
- Parents must register themselves online via the CTA website paying the full conference fee upfront & then request the subsidy by sending us confirmation of their registration.
- Approved subsidies will be paid out after the conference & attendance at conference confirmed
- For more conference info: <http://www.cta43.org/pd-encompass-09.htm?IDTD=3807785&RF=3909154&mode=0>

4. Superintendent's Comments - Dan Derpak (Asst. Superintendent)

- Tom Grant currently in China on International Education business
- Snow:
 - January was incredibly challenging due to snow
 - Bus driver drives the routes early in the morning checking condition of them
 - Decision is made by Board Office by 6:00-6:15a.m. as to whether or not schools will be open
 - Typically if buses are running & main roads clear the schools would be open
 - District has met with all the cities and discussed the issue of snow removal
 - Draft plan for "snow" will go out to the partner groups for feedback
- Seismic work:
 - Currently there has been approval for 6 projects totaling about \$100 million, hoping for and additional 2
 - 6 currently approved are:
 - Replacement of: James Park Elementary / Pitt River Middle / Centennial Secondary
 - Upgrade of: Ranch Park Elementary / Miller Park Elementary / Maillard Middle
 - Approximately 50 schools that were found to be needing seismic work
 - 6 schools/projects have been completed
- Spring Break 2010:
 - District has posted a survey on their website (open until 4:00pm March 2) asking for feedback from parents as to what their choice is
 - District is proposing 3 different options for Spring Break 2010:
 - March 8 – 12 > MOE has currently established this week
 - March 22-26
 - March 26 – April 1
 - Dates of Winter Olympics > Feb. 12-18, Paralympics > Mar. 12-21
 - Results & decision will be made at the March 10 Public Board Meeting

5. Introduction of Energy Programs - Mark Clay

- Energy Management & Environmental Sustainability
- BC Hydro is funding the Energy Management position in District 43
- 3 imperatives
 - Economic
 - Legal
 - moral

6. Student Leadership Council - Justine Yiu (SLC President)

- For the first time ever the SLC is hosting a "Festival of the Arts" addressing environmental issues in our local and global community. District 43 schools along with local environmental organizations will showcase their green initiatives. Work from their "GO GREEN" competition will be displayed. There will also be numerous fun activities for attendees to participate in.
 - **Date:** Saturday, April 18/09
 - **Time:** 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 - **Place:** Inlet Theatre – Port Moody
 - **Cost:** by donation

- o **More info:** <http://slc43.wordpress.com/>
- o Go Green Challenge
 - o Consists of 2 categories > Film & Visual Arts
 - o 3 different levels in each category:
 - Elementary (K – grade 5)
 - Middle (grade 6 - 8)
 - Secondary (grade 9 – 12)
 - o Top submissions for each of the two categories will be showcased
 - o Judging will be done at the Festival by guest judges
 - o Will be a People's Choice Award > attendees can vote for their favorite
 - o Submissions for the challenge are due March 27/09
 - o Further information & rules > see <http://slc43.wordpress.com/>

7. Treasurer's Report

- Jason Turner

- o Income Statement to 31Dec08 vs 2008/09 Budget
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- o Financial statements received and will be filed into records as presented for review at the end of the year.
- o Bank has agreed to wave bank fees
- o Subsidies available for upcoming conferences:
 - o BCCPAC Conference/AGM:
 - Up to maximum of \$3500 budgeted amount, \$150/person on a 1st come 1st serve basis (must attend to receive subsidy)
 - o Encompass Conference:
 - Up to maximum of \$1500 budgeted amount, subsidy to cover ½ the cost/person (this would be \$25 if registered for whole conference, or \$5 is registered for Saturday only) on a 1st come 1st serve basis (must attend to receive subsidy)
 - o For both conferences parents are required to do their own registration, pay the required registration fee & then submit proof of registration and a request for subsidy to the DPAC office.
 - o Subsidies will only be paid out after the event and we have confirmation that they attended

8. Group Discussion: District Budget Recommendations - Heidi Gable

- o Items discussed:
 - o International education money
 - Some information provided by trustees in attendance:
 - \$15 million brought into the District from this
 - 200 teachers employed
 - Additional CUPE people employed
 - o Music programs
 - o Action BC
 - o Fees for athletics
 - o Textbooks
 - o technology

9. Group Discussion: Planned DPAC projects (including parent ed)

- o Was postponed until another meeting due to insufficient time

10. Adjournment

MOTION made by Ray deVries, seconded by Heather Fowlie, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm.
CARRIED