



# District Parent Advisory Council

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## DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, May 27, 2009 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Heidi Gable called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Heidi Gable – President, Darren Rosenthal – Vice President, Jason Turner – Treasurer, Deanne Harris – Health & Safety Coordinator (arrived during elections), Marie McCabe – Member at Large.

### 1. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION** made by Susan Mueckel, seconded by Selina Robinson, to accept the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

**MOTION** made by Ray de Vries, seconded by Darren Rosenthal, to accept the minutes of the April 29, 2009 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

### 3. Annual President's Report - Heidi Gable

- Heidi welcomed & introduced Trustees in attendance: Diane Sowden, Gail Alty, Gerri Wallis
- Heidi welcomed & introduced Coquitlam City Council Members in attendance: Selina Robinson, Linda Reimer
- Annual Report/Presentation:
  - Sense of Direction
  - Parent Involvement is Changing
  - Being Patiently Urgent
  - What have we done?
    - Building relationships, laying foundations
    - Listening & learning
    - Community tables & advisory committees
  - What do we do next?
    - Inspire
      - Answer "the question" X 2!
      - Multi-touch communications
      - "Dog & Pony" shows
      - Caring communities
      - Appreciation & gratefulness
    - Empower
      - Community tables & advisory committees
      - Relationship building
      - Learning community sessions (3-4)
        - Understanding District Funding
        - Collaborative school goals & planning
    - Equip
      - Orientation / PAC Training – October 1/09 evening
      - Mini conferences (2-3)
      - Parent education sessions (as topics & volunteers come forward)
      - Building shared resources

- How you can help
  - Getting involved

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

- Jason Turner

- Income Statement to 30Apr09 vs 2008/09 Budget
- Financial Statements received and will be filed into records as presented for review at the end of the year
- Still in the process of finding someone to review the books at our fiscal year end (June 30/09)

#### 5. Superintendent's Comments

- Tom Grant

- Tom thanked Heidi & the DPAC Executive for the leadership they've shown this past year
- Sept. 29/09 there will be over 20,000 youth filling GM Place for "Me to We" program – Kielburger
- Possible presentation for the 2009/2010 school year might be the McQuery report
- Issues that will need to be dealt with:
  - Minor realignment of boundaries for new Heritage Mountain Middle school
  - New/replacement schools (Heritage Mtn. Middle / Moody Middle / Centennial Secondary) need to be designed to fit with today's students
- Number of Principals & Vice Principals moving around in the District
- 4 new Vice Principal positions that need to be filled
- Are in the process of selecting new District Secretary-Treasurer as Lorcan O'Melinn is leaving to take on a position at BCIT
- 9 secondary schools in our District received \$25,000 collected in donation cans situated in Liquor Stores to be used towards their Dry Grad events
- Possible presentation that DPAC might want to look at bringing in next year is the one put on by the group of students from Centennial that designed a secondary school as they would like to see it
- Summer Learning:
  - 1863 secondary (Gr. 10-12) students have already registered for a course
  - 656 elementary online accounts have been set up
  - Registration for middle school courses starts next week
- District is looking more at the concept of choice in schools – new next year:
  - Hockey Academy @ Riverside Secondary & Centennial Secondary
  - EPIC (Elite Performers/Athletes in Coquitlam) for middle & secondary schools students. Registration for this program is done at the district level – not unique to a specific school.
- Working with Andy Hargreaves – as a district we need to figure out what our dream is

#### 6. Honorary Member Appointment

**MOTION** made by Marie McCabe, seconded by Susan Mueckel to nominate Claude Hrycaiko as an Honorary Member of DPAC. **CARRIED**

Claude was successfully appointed by the membership as an Honorary Member by secret ballot.

#### 7. Elections

- Chaired by Darren Rosenthal

- 15 schools represented (quorum)
- Darren outlined the procedure for the elections. All voting was done by secret ballot even if only one candidate.
- The following were elected to the 2009/2010 DPAC Executive:
  - ❖ Constance Woodhall-White – Secretary
  - ❖ Jason Turner – Treasurer
  - ❖ Tammy McCurry – Parent Education Coordinator
  - ❖ Deanne Harris – Health & Safety Coordinator
  - ❖ Julie Dott – South Zone Rep.
  - ❖ Rodica Neag – East Zone Rep.
  - ❖ Minoo Mehrayin – BCCPAC Associate
- July 1<sup>st</sup> the new executive members officially assume their duties

- DPAC retreat for all outgoing & incoming executive will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-2:30pm in the DPAC Office to plan for next year. Lunch will be provided.

**MOTION** made by Susan Mueckel, seconded by Selina Robinson to destroy all voting ballots.  
**CARRIED**

- Heidi as ongoing 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. BCCPAC AGM Report**

- Minutes from the BCCPAC 2009 AGM can be viewed on the BCCPAC website (<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/>).
- Discussion as to why BCCPAC members must pay to attend the Annual General Meeting
  - This question was also asked & discussed at the BCCPAC AGM.

#### **9. Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Selina Robinson, seconded by Carmela Piluso, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.  
**CARRIED**