



District Parent Advisory Council

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

DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2009 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

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

DPAC Executive in attendance: Heidi Gable – President, Jason Turner – Treasurer, Deanne Harris – Health & Safety Coordinator, Minoo Mehrayin – BCCPAC DA, Julie Dott – South Zone Rep.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Teri Towner, seconded by Carol Miller, to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2009 Annual General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

3. President's Announcements - Heidi Gable

- Our DPAC Office has been relocated to a room on the main floor in the other wing (if you enter via the main door you proceed to your right down the hallway, take the next left & it will be the 2nd door on your right)
- New DPAC website should be up and running in the next few weeks
- Orientation:
 - Links for power point presentations to be sent out next week
 - The taped sessions will be broken down into smaller segments/topics (i.e. Donations, signing authority, etc) & put on the new website as an ongoing resource
- District budget process:
 - Heidi has worked with the Partner Groups on the budget process & how to make it easier for the parents to be meaningfully involved in the process
 - There will be more sessions in the District so parents can better understand the process & how the budget is determined and the parts of it
 - Session (to be held in the gym @ Winslow Centre) to include Principal/some teachers/some parents from each school
 - Question was asked if there is any documented comparisons/history from previous years as to affects of cutbacks
 - Heidi will check with Kathleen (CTA), maybe something available that they could post on their website for all parents to access

4. Superintendents Report - Dan Derpak

- Boundary review for North West portion of District is in progress
- Working on how to implement all day kindergarten in some schools for Sept./10
 - Currently we have the capacity to do about ½ schools
 - Will find out near the end of November what the Province will grant our District that will determine how many schools can start offering this come Sept.
- Massive seismic upgrades – 5 new buildings.
- At the November DPAC GM Gary Chute will talk about the new buildings & their designs

5. Snow Policy Discussion - Dan Derpak

- District has met/linked up with each of the cities as well as the RCMP & Port Moody Police to work on finding solutions so that problems experienced last year during the big snowfall are not repeated
- Will close District more readily than they have in the past
 - If there is question about safety due to volume of snow, all schools will be closed the 1st day – this day will be used to better evaluate the situation, based on findings then some schools may remain closed the next day while others open, etc.
- Worked with the cities to elevate the clearing of roads around the schools up on their priority list

6. Parent Involvement - Heidi Gable

- All in attendance asked to complete “Capturing the Dreams of SD43: The Best of Who We Are” questionnaire

7. Bank Account Signing Officers - Heidi Gable

MOTION made by Ray de Vries, seconded by Rose Shaw to appoint Heidi Gable, Jason Turner, and Constance Woodhall-White as signing officers on the District 43 Parent Advisory Council's (DPAC) bank accounts.
CARRIED

8. Treasurer's Report - Jason Turner

- 2008-2009 Year End financial statement
- Income Statement to 30Sept09 vs 2008/09 Budget
- Financial Statements received and will be filed into records as presented for review at the end of the year

9. Volunteer Opportunities - Heidi Gable

- Tabled until next DPAC General Meeting

10. BCCPAC - Heidi Gable

- Reminder to schools that they are responsible for completing their own BCCPAC Membership registration form and mailing it directly to the BCCPAC office along with a cheque made payable to “BCCPAC” in the amount of \$65.00
- BCCPAC Fall Conference is taking place in Burnaby November 12-15/09. Full conference information & registration form available on the BCCPAC website (www.bccpac.bc.ca)

11. Traffic Safety Projects – updates & concerns

- Heidi will set a date with Richard Stewart to have something set up with the City of Coquitlam for schools in Coquitlam can meet and receive information and have questions/concerns answered
- Sourcing of “Slow Down” signs to be put out at schools (check with ICBC to see if there is any funding through them to help with this)
- Would like to see it a #1 priority that pedestrian controlled lights are put in near elementary schools with 4 way stops
- Felt there might be a benefit to have a meeting for all schools along Como Lake Avenue (even the ones that don't front Como Lake but whose students must cross Como Lake to get to their school) to work together on forming a plan of action to improve student safety
- Question raised again about crossing guards – can there be parent volunteers or students?

12. Networking

- Consensus was that the general membership would like to have more parent education sessions in our district over using funds for sending only a few PAC members to BCCPAC conferences
- Have Nancy Karl (District Co-Coordinator) come to one of our DPAC GM and talk about the curriculum for all day kindergarten

13. Adjournment

MOTION made by Teri Towner, seconded by Charlene Gee, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm.
CARRIED