

School District #67 DPAC Meeting,

November 25, 2008

School Board Office 7p.m.

Attendance: Laura Willson – DPAC Chair/McNicoll

: Lynn Gibb – Queens Park Elementary

: Joanne Smiley – Home Learners Program

: Daryl Clarke – KVR

: Subrina Monteith – DPAC Vice Chair/Kaleden

: France Monro – DPAC Treasurer/Pen High

: Elizabeth Van Os – DPAC Secretary /McNicoll

Meeting called to order.

Adopted Agenda. Motioned by - Frances Monro, 2nd by Subrina Monteith

Adoption of Minutes - No minutes from October as the meeting was cancelled so everyone could attend the school trustee's all candidates forum for the Nov 15th elections. September and November will be submitted for approval at January's meeting.

Old Business - Discussed

: BCCPAC Memberships

: DPAC to PAC visits

: PAC Executive lists

: Fall BCCPAC Conference (see Subrina Monteith's report)

New Business – What is our focus? Discussed

- Presentations? Ideas for speakers and topics to be presented to the school parent population discussed. i.e.) Technology, bullying, nutrition. When to hold the presentations this year, funding for and at what venue style. On going discussion.
- Summer Leadership Conference 2009 held by SD #67 at the T&CC. For invited and school personnel in B.C and Canada. All PAC's are given one ticket but can purchase more if needed. If there are financial issues but there is a parent who would like to attend, please let DPAC know. There is possible help available. **This pertains to BCCPAC conferences as well**. Guest speakers are highly interesting and informative on numerous subjects. In the past there has been an extra performance which is held as a fundraiser for the DPAC. Gary Doi has offered this option again and we are interested in doing it.

Reports –

Trustees Report – no trustee in attendance. (Misunderstanding between Mr. Huebert and Mrs. Clarke.)

Treasurers Report – Balance sheet distributed by Frances Monro. On File.

BCCPAC – Subrina

: Unfolding the Mystery : PAC/DPAC Finances Workshop Reference Material distributed. On File. Copies given to school reps.

Very helpful in answering questions on where/what/when gaming funds can be spent. The issue was raised at the conference of BCCPAC giving up their charitable status. This is a major decision and our council wants to seriously investigate it further

Past Chair report – Brenda Wall – Has been attending School Board Meetings while Laura was not able to. - not in attendance.

Correspondence – discussed and filed:

: SD#67 Memos on - Student Fees Policy # 203 from SD/ F.Regehr

- New Field trips Policy # 330

- Managing A Student with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Policy# 325

: SD#67 News Release - Signing of P.I.B. and Board of Ed. Education Agreement.

From the Floor –

Food in schools – Ed. Ministry Approved Brand Name Food List for Hot lunches.

- School PACS have been finding not all food is available to purchase in Penticton. Are the schools going to be provided with a list of approved local suppliers and products?

No concrete answers are available so far to PAC's. The School Board/Nutritionist needs to provide a district wide statement on this issue. Individual schools are adapting in individual ways. Some that are really trying to follow the guidelines stringently are finding it very frustrating. Laura will talk to our district nutritionist about possible help.

Technology - bullying, cheating, invasion of privacy, legalities. Questions that parents want answers on. Waiting to see the what the new SD#67 policy on technology entails.

Good idea for a guest speaker to speak on to the parent community.

Adjourned – 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting – January 27, 2009 7p.m. - School Board Office.

