

MINUTES
DPAC MEETING SEPT 25, 2007

Gary Doi – Class Size and Composition Report, etc.

- district has put 50% more money towards funding classes with over 3 special needs students
- the process of preparing these reports is a good way for principal and teachers to quickly see the make up of the class

Grade	SD67 Class Ave	Required to be
Kind	17.5	less than 19
1-3, 3/4	20.5	less than 21.0
4 – 5	25	less than 28.0

all grade 6-8, and 9 – 12 numbers were reported and available for viewing

- Anxiety BC presentation November 1/07 at the Cleland Theatre – Free Admission
- 2007 Summer Conference held in August very well received – 530 in attendance
- 2008 Summer Conference ‘Lessons Learned’ being planned – Dylan Williams, Silken Laumann, Romeo Dallaire booked so far, there will also be a Sunday Pre Conference evening again
David Francy will be performing at the conference and is offered to DPAC for an evening performance, \$10 per ticket suggested, DPAC to do advertising and would retain approx 500 of 700 tickets to sell
Summer Conference is a conference that caters to all partner groups

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance

Cathy Ontkean	DPAC Treasurer	Laura Willson	District Associate
Shannon Bull	Uplands	Denise Parrott	Princess Margaret
Nancy Telford	Home Learners	Brenda Wall	DPAC Chair
Larry Little	Trustee		

Brian Celli – Smoking Policy Changes

- Policy #740 Sections 2.2 and 2.3
- Policy received 3rd reading in March/ 07
- Includes policy of no use any day 24 hours a day
- Meeting held with high school smokers regarding issues around the coming changes looking for input, there have been no issues so far with students
- District had looked the other way previously with smoke pits
- Schools have lost the ability to monitor students when they have to go off campus
- CUPE and OSTU have cooperated with having to leave property (including the work yard)
- Obligation is met if the district can show due diligence
- All public use of school property is included such as baseball tournaments
- District will be providing support for staff and students who wish to quit smoking

Adoption of Agenda - Cathy/ Laura

Adoption of Minutes – Laura/ Nancy

New Business

Open Executive Positions

The Secretary and Vice Chair elections to be held at the October meeting

DPAC October 19 Event

A notice has and invitations will go out to all PAC's to send 5 Executive members or other involved parents to attend a Social/ Networking evening hosted by DPAC

Constitution and Bylaws Review

Over the year the DPAC Constitution and Bylaws need to be updated. A reminder that PAC's should always have their Constitution available as a reminder of what they are and why they exist

Barbara Coloroso Presentation

The DPAC Presentation was sold out, many thanks to the School District for providing her for us. We have not yet received the proceeds from the Community Centre's sale of tickets - will contact them regarding this.

Playground Funds Application

Applications for funding through BCCPAC are available and due by November 30/ 07. Successful schools will be chosen by a lottery and will be for a maximum of \$20 000 per school. Larry will look into the districts plans regarding needs for replacement and e mail the information to us.

BCCPAC Fall Conference

Conference is being held in Victoria from November 15 to 18/ 07. Brenda will attend, Laura considering. DPAC will be providing one registration fee to someone interested at the DPAC event on Oct 19th. Schools are encouraged to consider sending someone. All schools have received the conference information from BCCPAC in a recent mail out (those large white envelopes!).

Updating of DPAC Site

Besides updating the contact information for DPAC and the individual PAC Chairs we need to update the information for the advocacy line as we no longer have local advocates. Check out the DPAC link and let us know any suggestions you may have.

Old Business

SPLSS Representation

Currently School District 67 has no representatives taking the SPLSS training. Brenda Wall (as a provincial parent rep) and Connie Denesiuk (as a provincial trustee rep) are part of the planning group for this program and therefore are also taking the training itself.

Pen Hi Reconstruction

June 2008 completion date at this time!

BCCPAC PAC Registration

A reminder to PAC's to fill out and sign their membership forms and submit to DPAC at the School Board office through interschool mail. DPAC will continue to pay the membership fees. Currently 6 schools have been received.

SD67 Summer Conference

Another successful conference for our district. A big thank you to the district for the one free registration provided to each PAC and to DPAC. Many schools had a parent attend with these.

Reports

Trustee Report

Larry Little reminds us that he is available anytime at work (Penticton Public Library) or at home if anyone has any questions or concerns. Parents may contact any trustee they wish to not just the one assigned to their school. Shelly Clarke will be sworn in as our new trustee on September 26/07.\

Treasurer Report

We are still waiting for our gaming money to be deposited in our account. We will wait for the final income from the Community Centre for the Barbara Coloroso ticket sales to find out how much we made on the presentation. We have not yet received a bill for the Advocacy Presentation held in April /07. Cathy will inquire again on this.

District Associate Report

Working on collecting the BCCPAC registration forms and the new executive lists from each school. Laura reminds the PAC's to open their BCCPAC envelopes.

Correspondence

September Teachers Magazine

BCCPAC

The August package and the fall package with the conference information in will have been received at your schools.

School Achievements

Pen Hi Princess Margaret have a joint dance coming up
Lots of schools holding Terry Fox runs

Next Meeting

October 23rd at Home Learners (Annex at Parkway Elementary) 7 pm – Walter Huebert attending trustee