

DPAC Meeting
October 27, 2009

Meeting brought to order at 7:16 pm

Daryl welcomed everyone and we all introduced ourselves.

Trustee's Report - Ginny Manning
see attached

Discussed class size and composition results in our district. The class sizes in our district are not bad, there are 45 classes over the legislated size, but the composition is a larger issue. There are many classes with more than three students with designated problems. It is a huge problem in many of our classrooms. The administrators and teachers are doing their best to make every classroom the best it can be but the government needs to be made accountable to fund the composition issues.

Daryl mentioned the very real possibility of losing a school next year. Ginny mentioned that 58 out of 60 districts in BC are declining in enrollment.

Daryl discussed Mr. Reghr's retirement. He mentioned that this district will miss Mr. Reghr's expertise and dedication to the job of secretary treasurer. The funding regulations are very convoluted and hard to understand and Mr. Reghr was able to decipher them for us. It will be hard to replace him.

Discussed the BCESIS program which is mandated by the government. It is a good idea in theory because students can be followed throughout the province but it has caused horrendous problems for the schools. It is confusing for parents as well, because the reporting is hard to understand.

Treasurer's Report -

We have a volunteer for the treasurer but she could not be here tonight. We will vote her in next meeting. We did not review finances either. We should have an update by November's meeting.

Old Business -

BCCPAC Fall Conference

Daryl mentioned that he is going to go to the BCTF conference. He has been invited by Kevin Epp the BCTF conference so he is going to hear what they have to say. He is also going to the BCCPAC conference on the same weekend. He will report back to us next month.

Class size report discussed during trustee's report.

Funding cuts. Daryl discussed the gaming grants. He advised us that the Pen-Hi PAC has just been told that they have misspent their gaming funds and must pay back \$45,000. He told us all to be careful with the gaming rules.

Daryl discussed the last school board meeting that he attended. He was very upset to note that there was much time spent reviewing things like the leadership conference and not discussing important issues like class size and

composition. It was a certain trustee who seems to have problems with the school board which are brought up whenever he can. A parent mentioned that she was at a PAC meeting with the same trustee who seemed to have issues of his own.

Discussed the Shatford building. The city promised to save the building but they do not have the money at this time so it is doubtful that they will fulfill their commitment. The school board said from the beginning of the restructuring of Pen Hi that they would not do the Shatford. The arts community is trying to get grants to use the facility for different events.

Discussed possible school closure. We know it is a real possibility for the next year as the budget is looking worse all the time. Daryl said he is sure our trustees will do their best to make a good decision.

Laura advises that the BCCPAC registration forms must be in to her before the end of November. All PAC's wishing to be members of BCCPAC must fill out the form and return it ASAP. If anyone has questions please call Laura at 250-490-9589.

New Business -

Parent brought up a concern. She said a school board truck was on school property just before the bell went putting the children at risk. She asked if it was proper procedure. Daryl suggested that they discuss it with their principal.

Daryl discussed the @summer.com e-mails for PAC's. He is working on some confidentiality issues with the school board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12

Next meeting date November 24, 2009