

School District #67

DPAC Meeting February 24, 2009

- Attendees - School :
- Lynn Gibb - Queen's Park Elizabeth Van Os - McNicoll /DPAC Secretary
- Tera Lund - Columbia E Roberta Hormes - S.L.M.S.
- Ginny Manning - School Trustee Lisa Milligan - KVR Treasurer
- Laura Wilson - McNicoll/ Chair DPAC Helen Crowther - HLearners CoTreasurer
- Subrina Monteith – DPAC CChair/ Kal PAC Carol Bouillet – Kaleden/KVR
- Kristi Estergaard – Community Nutritionist, I.Health
- Called to Order – 7pm

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of January Minutes

1). Speaker – Kristi Estergaard – Interior Health Community Nutritionist

Ministry Approved Food lists for Healthy Eating in Schools:

Brief introduction and floor open for questions.

To access a Ministry approved Food List go to www.brandnamefoodlist.ca. This provides an approved brand name list. The guidelines are minimum standards but can be exceeded. Save on foods has a posted list but it may not be kept up to date. You can contact Kristi or her office to find out if others in the school community want to bulk purchase items – cost savings are usually found. She has recipe tips available for “scratch” cooking that some school PAC's do.

You can also contact #1-800-667-3438 or “dial a dietician” for information.

Old Business –

- 1). DPAC – Cyber Bullying – on track to take place in April. Looking for volunteer help. Contact Laura Willson – DPAC Chair.
- 2). Medic Alert Program – free to 4-14 yrs. Contact Laura to arrange the program in your school.
- 3). BCCPAC Governance Member Input Session – to be held in Kelowna this Sat. 10-3pm @ the Best Western. No cost and includes a free lunch. Pre register. All members of PAC's are members of BCCPAC and can attend. School gaming funds can be used to send PAC members to the meetings.

New Business -

- a) Selection of Superintendent of Schools - involves all partners. Mon Mar 9th, 12:30 to 6pm. 3 DPAC members to attend. Contact Laura if you wish to attend.
- b) Draft School calendar for 2009/10
- c) Circulation of draft for Policy #312 – District Discipline Committee
- d) Newsletters to schools – being distributed this week.

Reports -

Treasurer's Report – Balance sheet distributed – Frances unable to attend tonight's meeting. Money available to hold seminar and money available for a social.

Trustee's Report – Ginny.

Copy of topics distributed. (copy attached to email distribution)

BCCPAC Report – Laura

Correspondence – read aloud/discussed/shown to attendees.

- Eat Squid.com – Naramata school new program by volunteer parent Theo Theodakis.
- *Teacher* BCTF Magazine

From the Floor –

School Achievements/Offerings/Concerns

Adjourned : 8:25pm

NEXT DPAC MEETING – April 28th 7pm – SBO.

TRUSTEE REPORT - February 09

The Board received and approved the retirements of five long-serving and dedicated administrators: Garth Schafer, Craig Dunbar, Ian Graham, Ron Olsen and Ellen Woodd will be retiring this year.

There have also been a number of reassignments approved that will be effective August 1/09:

Pam Butters, District Principal & SLMS VP to Director of Student Services

Brian Celli, Director of Instruction to SLMS Vice-Principal

Miles Smitten, Principal, Wiltse to Principal, Giants Head Elementary

Cathy Bowles, Principal, Uplands to Principal, Wiltse Elementary

Susan Johnston, Principal, Carmi to Principal, Uplands Elementary

Sharon Sola, Principal, Kaleden to Principal, Carmi Elementary

As a result of these changes, the following vacancies and competitions were approved: Principal, Kaleden Elementary & Principal, Queen's Park Elementary. The interviews will begin March 5/09.

The budget development process begins in March. The announcement of the 2009/10 budget from the Ministry of Education is expected on or about March 15. The Public Budget Meeting will be held on April 1 at 7:00pm and the PAC/SPC/DPAC meeting will be held on April 20 at 7:00pm both at Queen's Park School. This coming year will be made even more difficult given the current economy and the district's student enrolment decline. The Board therefore has decided to do some restructuring. Even though the workload for administrators increases each year, we have no choice but to create cost savings by eliminating two administrative positions. Those positions are: Director of Instruction, Board Office & Vice Principal, Queen's Park.

The Distribution of Materials policy was reviewed due to some inconsistencies. There are numerous requests to have material distributed to students each month. Some requests go through the board office as per the policy and some organizations go directly to the schools creating an inconsistency. Therefore all requests are to go directly to the board office for approval, at that time the organization will be asked to identify if they would like the information to go into the school newsletter at the principal's discretion &/or have the information made available at the school office. A community link to approved organizations will be placed on the website.

The French Immersion registration period closed on February 6. At this time there are 87 students registered for grade 6 at KVR, this includes two students from out of the district. There are 29 registered for grade 6 at

Summerland Middle School. The Board approved three classes at KVR and one class at SMS for the 2009/10 school year.

Adrienne Gear is coming to Penticton, for a free information evening for parents and caregivers. The meeting will held on Tuesday April 14th/09 from 6:30 - 8pm at Parkway Elementary School. Adrienne developed and implemented Reading Power six years ago and has written a number of books on the topic. Several of the teachers in the district have taken her workshops and have found the strategies very useful. It will no doubt be a very informative evening.

Ginny Manning
Trustee