

## DPAC Minutes General Meeting

**April 11, 2018.**

1. Call to order @ 7:10 p.m.  
Mr. Ryan Brennan, Director of Instruction-Human Resources is welcomed by Kari W.
2. Attendants: Suzy Beckner, Ryan Brennan, Marta Bukmeier, Carl Cooper, Sheri Hamilton, Heather Hamlin Gravells, Erna Jacobs, Tammy Koroluk, Carmen Massey, Nikki van der Meer, Melissa Parmenter, Julie Pleadwell, Kyla Sherman, Kari Wilkinson, Christy Wright, Amie Yates.
3. Additions were made to the agenda by Kari W.: Following the Treasurer's Report, addition to the discussion items about Student Learning Grant and survey questions. For the Round Table, free swim opportunity and education about sex talks was added.
4. Motion was made by Kari W. to adopt the minutes of the general meeting February 19th, 2018, seconded by Christy W. and all attendants were in favour. The newsletter about TTOCs, which should have been sent out by all principals to all parents was not received by everyone. This will be looked into by Mr. Carl Cooper. A few more teachers, certified and non-certified teachers, have been hired and with former teachers coming in as well, coverage of absent teachers is much better now.
5. Treasurer's Report:
  - ✓ Gaming account balance \$1,249.14 as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
    - Expenses: Snacks for Carol Fullerton Math Workshop \$33.33. Two cheques of \$24.00 were issued for babysitting, but not cashed during the month of February.
    - Income: Interest \$0.06.
  - ✓ Gaming account balance \$1,225.20 as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
    - Expenses: Carol Fullerton Math Workshop \$24.00 for babysitting.
    - Income: Interest \$0.06.
  - ✓ General account balance \$2,838.74 as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
    - Expenses: None.
    - Income: Interest \$0.11 and \$968.00 FTE received from PACs as follows:

Silver Creek	\$129.00	North Canoe	\$131.00
MV Beattie	\$168.00	Shuswap Middle School	\$227.00
Ranchero	\$140.00	A.L. Fortune Secondary	\$173.00

A cheque was received from BCCPAC for \$499.00 to reimburse Erna J. for travel expenses to the November conference. A cheque was issued to Erna J. for the same amount to reimburse her for these travel expenses.

- ✓ General account balance \$3,175.86 as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
  - Expenses: None.
  - Income: Interest \$0.12 and \$337.00 FTE received from PACs as follows:  
Len Wood Middle School \$165.00  
Hillcrest \$172.00

Motion was made by Kari W. to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Carmen M. and all in favour.

#### 6. Discussion items:

##### ➤ Budget Matters

The Student Learning Grant is a one-time funding which is a Special Grant to be reported in the School District's operating fund and was rolled out Mid-March of 2017. Funds are intended to be spent on learning resources, supplies and equipment to support the implementation of the new curriculum and other learning innovations in the K-12 public education system. Any unspent funds for the 2016/2017 school year could be carried over to the 2017/2018 school year but with a deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A school can lose the money if there is still money left after April 30<sup>th</sup>. Some schools in our district have still significant amounts to be spent before April 30<sup>th</sup>. The spending of the SLG should be discussed between school PACs, principal and school staff.

There will be a Public Budget Consultation for the 2018-19 Preliminary Budget April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The official Trustee will be voting on the budget, which will be send to the Ministry, in the Board Meeting in May. DPAC has identified the following 2018-2019 budget priorities (which are based on SD83 budget requests by department):

- **Funding Indigenous Education Departments and Workers** from core operating funds instead of targeted funds.
- **Special Needs Students:** Bolster resources to perform timely assessments and that the IEP process is meaningful to parents and students, as well as meaningful involvement of EAs in the process i.e. providing bell-to-bell support.
- **Sexual Health Education:** A comprehensive and long-term commitment to teaching sexual health in the district by empowering teachers.
- **Clean Schools:** Extra support for a crucial role the custodial department is playing, which assists in less absenteeism for students and staff, reducing the need for replacement staff.
- **Maintenance:** Fields and grounds required for outdoor learning and physical education need proper maintenance in which community partners could play a significant role. Snow removal budget has been consistently under-funded resulting in funds being used from other areas.

Funding priorities are literacy, numeracy, sexual health/SOGI, ISP, Indigenous Education, and Maintenance. The estimated overall increase in funding is \$2.9 million. After budget pressures and staffing due to increased enrolment are accounted for, only \$500,000 of this amount can be spent.

Surplus, if there is any, will be discussed this fall.

➤ Parent Connect

As communication is taking one of the priority positions for improvement in the School District, a Communications Committee has been established to investigate what the most effective routes are to communicate between schools and parents. Carmen M. is DPACs representative for this committee and a few of the questions in her survey are:

- How do you communicate with your school?
- How does your school communicate with you?
- What is the most effective way of communication in each direction for you?

Parent Connect, which is a component of the CIMS package (a Student Management Software System), is one way to connect parents to schools. This is a communication tool for students and parents to access real-time information about the student's demographic records, attendance records, assignments and marks. This is a lookup program only. Parents and students will have access to assignment information and real-time marks. With this communication tool, there is no need to print or mail report cards as one is able to view online either through Parent or Student Connect. Permission forms can also be accessed through Parent Connect. Some schools are looking into an alternative called "Permission Click" to determine which one might be more user- friendly.

The Bulletin Board on Parent Connect can be used to communicate with the school, but no school seems to communicate this way. At the district level, CIMS works well for student registration purposes. CIMS costs the District \$80,000 a year.

➤ Drugs Presentation hosted by DPAC

Marta B. and Erna J. had a meeting with Laura Paiement to discuss about a parent information event about drugs and alcohol. The evening will be an opportunity for parents to come together and talk about issues of concern regarding our kids and drugs and alcohol. Laura connected with experts from the community (Mental Health and Substance Use Clinician from Interior Health, team members of the Wellness Centre and RCMP) who can provide context and information about e.g. what is situation in our communities in SD83, what are the drugs teens are using, what will happen when pot is legalized, what can parents do, and community services/supports. There will also be an opportunity to break into groups to talk about issues of concern with other parents. The evening, which will be held the end of May at the DESC, is for both parents and children. Laura will moderate the talks. More info will follow, once everything is finalized.

➤ 2018 BCCPAC AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held May 5&6 in Richmond. When your PAC is a paying member of BCCPAC, you have the right to bring out your vote for nominees and new resolutions at the AGM. You can find the Nominations and Resolutions booklet here:

[https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Documents/BCCPAC\\_2018-Nomination-Resolution-Book\\_April.pdf](https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Documents/BCCPAC_2018-Nomination-Resolution-Book_April.pdf)

When your PAC is not able to send a delegate, you can ask DPAC to vote for you as Carmen M. and Erna J. will be attending and are able to vote for your PAC. Do send in the Authorized Proxy Vote Form to [info@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:info@bccpac.bc.ca) note the deadline April 27<sup>th</sup> @4:30 p.m., so they can obtain a voting card for your PAC at the AGM and vote on behalf of your PAC. The Proxy Form will trigger a voting card, but without this voting card they won't be able to vote for you.

➤ Call for nominations for DPAC Executive:

Executive positions are one year terms with no more than three consecutive years. If no one has been nominated for an executive position, the current person can hold the position for an extension of one year by unanimous consent of quorum. The current executive consists of:

- President - Kari Wilkinson, outgoing and not up for re-election
- Vice-President – Carmen Massey
- Treasurer – Marta Bukmeier, outgoing and not up for re-election
- Secretary – Erna Jacobs
- Director – Sheri Hamilton
- Director – Julie Pleadwell

For those interested to join the Executive, please send in some information about the nominee and the position the nominee would like to apply for. Vote will take place at the DPAC Annual General Meeting in June.

**7. Info & events:**

- Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. at the DESC – **Public Budget Consultation** for the 2018-19 Preliminary Budget which will be presented and public input sought on district funding priorities.
- May 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 **BCCPAC Conference & AGM**: Carmen & Erna will attend.
- Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 **Trustee Information Session**: A look at the roles and responsibilities of being a School Board Trustee.
- Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the DESC - **Raising Digitally Responsible Youth**.
- Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00 a.m. at Prestige Inn, Salmon Arm **Team Spelling Bee Fundraiser**. DPAC Exec/One-to-One Readers will be one of the teams.

**8. Round Table:**

- ✓ Tammie K. is the SD83 Unit Chair of CUPE 523. With bargaining their collective agreement for short and long term disability, they received a rebate which all employees pooled into one fund. With this money they were able to support the community e.g. food bank, Syrian family, trail alliance, host a movie and this time they are able to offer a free swim at the pool in Salmon Arm April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- ✓ At the BC Government website, a satisfaction survey for grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 students, their parents and staff about their education experience (reading & math program, safety, bullying etc.) is available until the end of April. Schools, districts, government ministries and other external organizations such as the Representative for Children and Youth use the survey data for planning, research and advocacy work for youth. Feedback from participants provides valuable insight for addressing current needs and trends.

- ✓ PVSS PAC provided some information about “Resonate”, a free community-based education program based in Vernon that provides up-to-date, accurate information on healthy relationships and sexual choices. The program offers workshops to different audiences, student workshops, parent workshops and youth worker/educator workshops. DPAC can look into hosting such a presentation. The parent workshop equips and empowers parents to converse more naturally with their kids about healthy sexuality.

9. Next DPAC meeting will be Thursday May 17th, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. Location TBA.

10. Adjournment 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erna Jacobs  
DPAC Secretary