

## DPAC Minutes General Meeting

**May 17, 2018.**

1. Call to order @ 6:31 p.m. by Vice-President Carmen M. who presides over this meeting.
2. Attendants: Carl Cooper, Victoria Derby, Angela Ferguson, Nadine Golz, Heather Hamlin Gravells, Erna Jacobs, Peter Jory, Carmen Massey, Kari Wilkinson.
3. Motion was made by Heather H-G. to adopt the minutes of the general meeting April 11th, 2018, seconded by Erna J. and all attendants were in favour.
4. **Report Mr. Carl Cooper, Director of Instruction:**
  - May 16<sup>th</sup>, the School District has received approval from the Agricultural Land Commission for South Canoe to be opened as a school site for September 2018. All parents of registered children have been notified and are directed to the school's website to look for updates. The student capacity is capped at 110. There are more students on the waiting list which will be accommodated. There will be 5 classrooms in this school which will take pressure off of Bastion, Ranchero and Hillcrest elementary schools. After the next Board meeting, when the budget will be up for approval, staff hiring for the school will start. The school will be fully staffed with Isabel Gervais as the principal of South Canoe elementary and the Outdoor Learning Program. On June 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be an orientation day at South Canoe for Kindergarten students. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a parent open house for parents/guardians of all registered South Canoe -Outdoor Learning students. Trevor Bettcher, operations manager at the School District, has had meetings with BC Transportation and Highways to look at some highway concerns and how to address them i.e. speed limit reduction, flashing light at the intersection as well as an education piece for parents for drop off and pick up purposes.
  - Inaugural SD83 Math Olympics was a huge success. May 16<sup>th</sup>, we had 180 students participate in the first SD83 Math Olympics at Shuswap Middle School with teams from almost every school. Events included creative math problem solving, architectural builds, Sudoku 3-Dimensional challenges, bungee cord tensile strength problem and many more mathematical thinking challenges.
  - There will be training sessions involving K-12 level math with district staff numeracy curricular leaders for CEAs and AEWs.

- Principal/Vice-Principal changes for the upcoming school year have been announced.

Isabelle Gervais	Bastion P.	S. Canoe
Joel Menzies	Ranchero	Bastion
Doug Cumming	MV Beattie	Ranchero
Gene Doray	AL Fortune	MV Beattie
Scott Anderson	LWM	AL Fortune
Denise Brown	AES	LWM
Corinne Langston	Carlin Vp	AES
David Wellingham	Chilliwack	Carlin
Chris Matheson	Squamish	SMS (second vp)

5. **Mr. Peter Jory, Superintendent:**

- Presentation about completion rate: The Sea-to-Sky School District has a high completion rate for non-indigenous students, as well as indigenous students. Their separate completion rates are in fact on par.

In our School District, the completion rates between non-indigenous and indigenous students are further apart. The district is gearing its efforts towards indigenous and struggling students to close this gap. The curriculum is designed in such a way that it is inclusive, culturally strategic, geared towards their interest and project –based. Tracking of students is very important to be able to connect with students who have trouble passing courses.

6. **Treasurer’s Report:**

- ✓ Gaming account balance \$1,201.28 as of April 30th, 2018.
  - Expenses: Carol Fullerton Math Workshop \$24.00 for babysitting.
  - Income: Interest \$0.08.
- ✓ General account balance \$3,176.08 as of April 30th, 2018.
  - Expenses: None.
  - Income: Interest \$0.22

An FTE cheque was received from Sorrento Elementary PAC for \$148.00 which will be deposited after this meeting. Thank you!!

Motion was made by Kari W. to accept the treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Heather H-G. and all in favour.

7. **Discussion items:**

- **Budget Committee:**  
The upcoming Board meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup> when the proposed budget for 2018-2019 will be voted upon. Funding for Indigenous Learning will now come out of the core operating fund instead of targeted funds which was requested by DPAC.
- **Communications Committee:**  
A communications strategy is being developed for effective communication within the School District. What works to capture most people and works consistently.

➤ Equity Committee:

- Terms of Reference have been reviewed and revised with several suggestions for final copy.

It contains what the District believes is right in terms of equity and what the Equity Committee will do to make that happen and which stakeholders are involved.

- Equity Scan review helps identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. Ministry is currently developing an equity scanning tool and data is being collected. Seven School Districts in the province are working on this and are in different stages. For example:  
Statement: "I see the school environment as welcoming and reflective of the diversity of our student body".  
Indicator: "The entrance of the school displays diversity in a variety of forms" or "Parents and community members are welcomed in a timely fashion."  
Strategy: "Allocating funds to enhance the environment to support visual displays and diversity" or "At the beginning of the school year, a school scan is completed."

The involvement of every stakeholder is important and through surveys and feedback (we need to think about designing and construction of questions) we can make reports that help us develop this equity scan.

Challenges we face in the district in regards to equity:

- SD83 is a large district
- Mental health & safety
- Transportation
- Communication
- HR difficult to access

- Policy review included also comparing policies with other districts.

Our umbrella policy will be "Inclusion and Equity". From there we branch out into other policies i.e. student access to schools, district code of conduct, education of indigenous students, student needs, wellness in schools etc.

Several resources can help to guide in our equity scanning and policy development i.e. bias-training, TED Talk, DESC staff meetings, PVP meetings and offering of training, resources, toolkits for teachers etc.

➤ Transportation update:

After the public meeting in April, the policy has been reviewed and the official policy will be read at the upcoming Board meeting. The students that will see the biggest change are the Middle School students.

➤ High-School-Specific PAC talk: Tammie K. has made a presentation at Rancho elementary and will address more elementary schools to ensure that parents will continue to volunteer for a PAC once their children go into high school.

➤ "Resonate Program" and "Angst, the Movie" will be discussed with other partnering groups.

- Playground Grant: When a new school is built, playground equipment will automatically be part of the building budget. Existing schools are not included in this automatic funding. The provincial government made a statement that up to \$5 million in funding will be available annually for investments in playgrounds at existing schools. The fund will apply to older schools that need maintenance and replacements, as well as overcrowded schools that need a second playground; Twenty-five schools are now receiving \$105,000 for accessible equipment, while 26 schools are receiving \$90,000 for standard play. The money is meant to relieve parent advisory councils that often attempt to pay for new equipment through bake sales, bottle drives and other fundraising efforts. In our School District, Trevor Bettcher went around the District to inspect the playgrounds.
- BCCPAC: Carmen M. and Erna J. went to the BCCPAC conference and AGM May 4-6. Next to listening to inspirational speakers Ivan Coyote and Rick Hansen, there were workshops to attend to as well. New Board of Directors was installed and resolutions were voted on.
- 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.

8. Events:

**“Substance Use & Your Youth”** Parent Night, Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @6:30 p.m. at SD83 District Education Support Centre in Salmon Arm.

9. Round Table:

Skype Call or Public Teleconference might be considered for people to listen in.

10. Next DPAC meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Thursday June 21<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. at the DESC in Salmon Arm.

11. Adjournment 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erna Jacobs  
DPAC Secretary

