

DPAC Minutes General Meeting

Thursday November 28, 2019.

1. Call to order @ 6:05 p.m.
2. Attendants: Corryn Grayston, Nikki van der Meer, Richard Morton, Cheryl Peterson, Sandy Thon, Katherine Watson, Kari Wilkinson.

Guests: Mr. Carl Cooper. Assistant Superintendent SD 83.

Change in consent agenda items:

*Everyone will see information from the minutes and finances on the website. Any further questions to ask Corryn Grayson.

Minutes - Motion was made by Sandi T. to accept the minutes of October 17, 2019 as read; seconded by Nikki van der M.; All in favor; Carried.

Financials – Read by Corryn G. and All accepted.

3. **BCCPAC Summit:**

Corryn G. and Christy W attended the summit from Nov 16-17, 2019.

- Minister of education Rob Fleming was in attendance and reported on: inclusive education and problems wherein and what is being done, looking to make improvements on treatment of special education students (students get sent home if issue or problem arises), student hunger problem in our schools in every district and how are we going to solve the hunger problem?
- SOGI presented on: sexual identity and how to make people aware of sexual identity.
- Inclusive Education was a big focus. Looking at restructuring or revising the model that is in place. The amount of money isn't changing but the allocation of the funds are changing. Question arises since the inclusive education piece is going to get funding, are the other groups going to fall? There is not enough information to come to any definite conclusions and there is concerns for funding.

4. **Parent Education Workshops:**

- There is a strong interest for a session about vaping, especially in the middle- secondary ages. The district and DPAC are looking into setting some dates. Looking into a possible session on vaping geared to grade 5 students as more of an awareness piece.

- Other sessions to be looked at are sexual health and body science. Perhaps in spring 2020?
5. **Diverse Abilities Advocacy Committee (DAAC)**
 - Have a survey ready to go out, possibly in two parts as we do not have a licence to put more than 10 questions in at a time using the free software on survey monkey. Possible use of the school districts licence to put out the survey.
 - Inclusive education – was a staffing update. Nav Chonkers moved to Prince Rupert and Rita Morkin was appointed the temporary position until the end of the school year.
 - Report from Sandi T.: DAAC is reaching out to all different professionals for support and new ideas. IEP's are always on the agenda and looking into possible new look for IEP's. Looked at Shelly Moore's ideas and methods about inclusive education and can they work with the practical aspect of things in today's classroom? Attendance is also an issue with many disruptions, bussing issues, learning is different so students are struggling, how can we help them?
 6. **SD 83 PAC 2019/2020 Funding**
 - Funding letters were sent to schools; funding is set at \$0.17/student
 7. **Long Range Facilities Plan**
 - Looking to set up the next 10 years for the district, what are things going to look like?
 - Parents are encouraged to read the long-term plan and share ideas at the meetings on what could possibly be done within our schools.
 - Link : <https://sd83.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Cascade-Report-SD-83-LRFP-2019-draft-9-to-Sec-8.4.pdf>
 - Schools in our district need repair and there are issues with capacity at our schools.
 - Parent consultations after Christmas break
 - Share any info DPAC gets on long range plan and share with school PAC's to get parents involved
 8. **Mr. Carl Cooper Report**
 - Parent night: numeracy, assessment, literacy
 - Parents question: why so many PRO-D Days and what do teachers do? Pro-D days are teacher learning and what teachers can do to become better educators. We should make information available for parents to know what teachers learned at each Pro-D day.
 - Throughout the school year, there are many things that need to be shared and dealt with regarding parents and teachers. There seems to be an information overload for parents regarding information and news coming home from teachers and the school. Is there a way that we could make the information going home more manageable for parents knowing how busy schedules are in homes.
 - Literacy plan is on board; there are multi-level supports in place and many programs in and out of the schools for support.
 9. **Round Table Discussion**
 - RBC Future Grant Shuswap Leadership; open to all students to apply - \$300 available.
 - SD Vehicles; concern for accountability for what vehicles are being used for.
 10. Motion to adjourn by Katherine W. Meeting adjourned @ 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Watson
DPAC Secretary