

MINUTES

Coast Mountains School District #82 Parent Advisory Council

*Date | time 2/29/2016 6:36 PM | Meeting called to order by Rebecca Georges
Minutes taken by Krystal Miller*

In Attendance

Present: Krystal Miller, K. McIntosh, Carol Barg, Karen Young, Rebecca Georges, Krystal Jesson, Jacquie Strachan, Terri Edmonds, Anita Peterson (via phone), Katherine McIntosh (Superintendent)

Regrets: Linda Campbell

Presenters: Dave Bartley, Director of Instruction for Learner Supports

Special Presentations

Learner Support

- The Learner Support Model (LSM) represents a shift in thinking.
- Key features include:
 - Shared responsibility for all students.
 - Resource teachers work with classroom teachers.
 - Use Non-Categorical Resource Teachers.
 - Fewer pull-out programs which allows for strong and inclusive learning.
 - Class reviews used to identify learning needs and plan instruction which is designed to meet all the needs of the kids at the school.
- The role of the Support Teacher is:
 - Co-teaching
 - Tutor training
 - Consultation
 - Work with small groups or individuals
- Role of the Classroom Teacher is:
 - Curriculum
 - Instructional strategies
 - Assessment
- The school decides how the resources are best used.
- If parents are having difficulty:
 - The first thing to do is talk to the teacher.
 - The second thing is to talk to the principal.
 - If you are still needing assessment with your child's learning, you can contact Dave Bartley.

Noted by Rebecca:

- BCCPAC has a book called 'Speaking Up' which can assist a parent in navigating the system. (Speaking Up! | BCCPAC)
- DPAC can be a support for parents who are trying to get help for their child.

Presentation ended at 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 23rd meeting were passed as submitted.

Communications/Correspondence

Budget Committee

- Looking for someone to attend the district budget committee meetings.
- The person needs to attend the meetings and report back to DPAC.
- There committee meets 4 times over the course of a few weeks.
- Rebecca will sit on the Budget Committee if there is no one else interested but is happy to step aside to make room for other parents.

BCTF Conference

- Conference is April 8-9 in Richmond.
- Invitation by BCTF for a DPAC parent rep to attend the conference.
- Topics will be varied but will include the new curriculum.
- The offer was to cover the cost of the conference, flight, and meals.
- Rebecca is willing to go if there is no other interest.

BCCPAC AGM

- April 28 – May 1 in Kelowna.
- BCCPAC will cover the transportation to attend.
- May be willing to cover up to 3 candidates (Rebecca will confirm this.)
- Rebecca is willing to go if no one else is able.
- Put it out to PAC's to see who may be interested in attending.

BCCPAC Committees

- Looking for people interested in sitting on a committee.
- Can sit on a committee even if the volunteer doesn't have a child in the school system.
- Most participation is done via the phone.

French Immersion Consultative Committee

- Andrea Vickers is the board designated parent rep for our area.
- Kids are dropping out of the program as they get older.
- Looking at alternatives to the Dual Dogwood.
 - Maybe a test that would assess the level of French the student speaks at.

Registered Sexual Health Educator

- Selena Hallet contacted Rebecca to find out what sexual health education is offered to students in our district (grades 4-10.)
- Rebecca referred her to Katherine's office and to the Youth Summit Coordinator.
- Rebecca is hoping to clarify with Katherine what is being offered to our students.

Unfinished Business

DPAC Facebook

- Would be good to have a list of all relevant PAC pages.

Transportation Survey

- May be a good idea to have a questionnaire sent out to parents prior to the upcoming presentation at the next meeting in April.
- Executive will discuss this further.

New Business

Hazelton

- Rebecca was wondering if it would help engage parents from the Hazelton area if we were to have a DPAC meeting in Hazelton.
- Anita isn't sure that's the way to go – it may be better if we bring in a speaker.
- Will discuss this and other ideas at a later time.

Executive Team

- Changes were made to the Executive team at the last Executive meeting.
 - Krystal J. resigned as Vice Chair and was appointed as the Treasurer by the Executive.
 - Karen Young was appointed to the Vice Chair position by the Executive.
 - The Member at Large position was left vacant.
- Krystal J. nominated Terri Edmonds to be the new Member at Large and she agreed to allow her name to stand. There were no other nominees. A vote was called and all present agreed with the appointment. Terri is the new Member at Large for the Executive team.

Motions

- A motion was presented that the DPAC cover the unsubsidized travel cost for two people to attend the BCCPAC Vancouver Island Regional Conference in Victoria and for up to three people to attend the BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM in Kelowna. Krystal J. moved the motion; Terri seconded it.

Passed Unanimously

- A motion was presented that overnight cost for travel from Stewart for a DPAC rep will be covered with prior approval of the executive. Jacquie moved the motion; Krystal J. seconded it.

Passed Unanimously

Chair Report

- Rebecca made a presentation to the Cassie Hall PAC.
- Explained who we are, what we do, and who BCCPAC is.
- Is open to talking to other PAC's if they are interested.
- Attended a conference on Vancouver Island with Jacquie Strachan.
 - Jacquie attended a workshop with Shelly Moore who talked a lot about inclusiveness and how it works well for most kids (www.blogsomemoor.com). She thought maybe DPAC should look at bringing her here to do a presentation.
 - Major problem province wide in getting parents more involved with their children's education.
 - How do we get them more involved? Perhaps we could have a mini conference.
 - Rebecca will provide a list of speakers from the conference – she doesn't have it available at the moment.

Vice-Chair Report

- No report was provided.

Treasurer Report

- No report was provided.

Secretary Report

- No report given.

External Committee Report

- Linda attended the February Education meeting and will provide a report at the next meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Report

Strategic Planning (Board)

- Hosted community forums in September.
 - What do parents want?
 - How do we get there?
 - How do we know if we are successful?
- Impressive amount of feedback.
- Board is working on new goals, mission, vision, and values.

Transportation

- What are we looking for in terms of a presentation?
- Survey parents to find out what the issues are.
- The presentation will not be a place for complaints but an opportunity to learn how transportation works.
- When having issues with bussing, talk to the principal first. If that doesn't get results, then go to the board office for help.
- Do not go to the bussing company (Diversified.)
- All communities have a bus housed at secondary schools.
 - If we want to utilize the bus, contact Skeena or Caledonia.
 - Must have a driver.

PAC Report

Skeena School (Terri)

- PAC is still trying to find out about the breakfast program.
- Have turned it over to the principal to look into it.
- Currently using parents to help at the last minute when the person is away.

Next Meeting

4/25/2016 6:00 PM, School Board Office board room

Meeting Adjourned 8:27 PM