

MINUTES

Coast Mountains School District #82 Parent Advisory Council

*Date | time 10/26/2015 6:30 AM | Meeting called to order by Rebecca Georges
Minutes taken by Krystal Miller*

In Attendance

DPAC Members: Present - Krystal Miller, Jacquie Strachan, Linda Campbell, Rebecca Georges, Krystal Jesson, Fiona Broome (via phone); Regrets - Karen Young, Crystal Muldoe

CMUSD82 Representative: Katherine McIntosh, Superintendent of Schools

Presenter: Agnes Casgrain, District Principal, Aboriginal Education

Special Presentation

- Presentation by Agnes Casgrain on the new First Nations curriculum (Indian Residential Schools & Reconciliations Curriculum) which is based on the Truth & Reconciliation document.
- Joint project with FNECS and FNSEA.
- Developed in response to recommendations by the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada to develop education material about residential schools.
- Until now, there has not been a lot of information about residential schools in books in the schools.
- 3 different curriculums – grade 5, grade 10, grade 11&12.
- Grade 5 in draft stage – in the hands of teachers now, mandatory implementation next year.
- Grade 10 will be in draft and given to teachers next year.
- For the purpose of the document, reconciliation means building a relationship – want parents to know we value their children and their history.
- Teachers and support workers will work together.
- First Nations Resource Centre has lots to offer in ways of support materials.
- Agnes suggest a parent session to give parents the opportunity to look at the curriculum and ask questions – maybe at a PAC meeting.

Meeting officially called to order at 7:15pm after presentation.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Sept 28, 2015 approved with changes.

Communications/Correspondence

Celebration of Life:

- DPAC will send special condolence cards to acknowledge the loss of teacher Lisa MacBean, Sept 24th and Thornhill trustee Gary Turner, Oct 2nd.

Unfinished Business

DPAC Website

- Set over to next meeting.

Facebook Page

- Krystal M. has page created but it's not live.
- Work in progress.

Constitution & Bylaws and Internal Policy Review

- Set over.

Lending Library

- DPAC books are available for loan to any interested parent or PAC.
- Will investigate the use of house mail for out of town borrowers.

New Business

Roberts Rules of Order

- Rebecca made the motion that DPAC purchase 5 copies of Roberts Rules of Order for the key executive and loan library. Motion seconded by Jacquie. – *Approved by all*

Designated Signer:

- Motion by Rebecca to add the Vice Chairperson as a third signer on DPAC financial documentation. Seconded by Jacquie. – *Approved by all*

Mini-Workshop

- Motion by Rebecca that Sasa Loggin be invited to provide a mini-workshop on online surveys. Seconded by Krystal M. – *Approved by all*

Workshops

- Set over to next meeting.

Parent Volunteer Representative

- Need to get more PAC representatives – need to engage PACs more.
- Have a member on a committee that is not attending DPAC meetings to give reports as is a mandatory requirement of the role.
 - To represent DPAC in meetings and on committees the parent must be willing to attend DPAC meetings to report on what was discussed. If that isn't possible the role needs to be handed to another volunteer.
- Can have more than one parent rep from each school but only one of them can be a voting member. The voting member is responsible for ensuring the information from DPAC gets passed along to the PAC.

DPAC Record Keeping

- Rebecca has been asking Laurie (past secretary) for past minutes and DPAC documentation. So far she has not received them. Jacquie will try to talk to Laurie about this.
- Rebecca will email Laurie again to request the DPAC documentation she has.
- In-depth conversation on this topic held over for another meeting.

Budget Committee Volunteers

- Set over to next meeting.

Spring Conference

- Linda moved that DPAC budgets to send delegates to the Spring Conference. Motion was seconded by Jacquie. – *Approved by all*
- Other conversations regarding the conference were set over.

Grant Writer & Transportation by Volunteers

- Set over.

Executive Code of Conduct

- Forms have been created and sent out to the Executive.

BCCPAC Conference Payment (Added item)

- BCCPAC offered \$500 per school District in attendance.
- Payment was based on kilometers at \$0.52 per km.
 - DPAC decided to pay a flat rate based on receipts provided to a maximum of \$550.
 - To make it easier, Rebecca will claim the BCCPAC money and will submit receipts to DPAC for the remaining \$50.

Chair Report

- PG conference was very successful – parents had no idea that we did so much.
 - Maybe we'll get new DPAC members.

Vice-Chair Report

- PG conference was fabulous – would do it again.
- Will provide information on the workshops she attended at a later date.
 - One workshop was on the BC Friends Program a free program available to schools and districts.
 - Information available at www.mc.gov.bc.ca/mental_health/friends.html.
 - Krystal will investigate this further and update DPAC later.

Treasurer Report

- Has not seen the statement from the bank so the numbers are based on the information she has.
- Regular Account: \$2981.36.
- Gaming Account: \$6780.53 – conference fees and memberships still to come out.

Secretary Report

- No report given.

External Committee Report

Education Committee

- Sandy Watson was unable to attend the last meeting.
 - Questions were asked in regards to whether Sandy is able to provide what DPAC needs regarding this committee. If she is unable to attend DPAC meetings due to scheduling conflicts then we need to find another representative.
- Education Committee needs another member. Currently Rebecca is attending the meetings but would like to have a second person who would take the lead role. Ideally we would have two people attending with Rebecca as the backup should one of them be unable to attend one of the meetings.
- Meeting is 2nd Wednesday of each month but dates have not been confirmed by DPAC at the time of the meeting.

Next Meeting

11/23/2015 6:30 PM, School Board Office board room

Meeting Adjourned 8:30