

MINUTES

Coast Mountains School District #82 Parent Advisory Council

Date | time 9/28/2015 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Rebecca Georges
Minutes taken by Krystal Miller

In Attendance

Krystal Jesson, Jacquie Strachan, Krystal Miller, Fiona Broome, Rebecca Georges, Lisa Medynski

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June 15, 2015 approved as submitted.

Communications/Correspondence

Handout on Tutoring:

- Set over to next meeting.

Online Survey:

- Board of Education initiated a strategic planning process to determine their goals for the next three school years.
- The public was asked for feedback via an online survey. It is not known how many participated.
- Information collected will be compiled, reviewed by the Board and utilized in the development of the school district's Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement in partnership with district Aboriginal communities.

Student Data Loss:

- Hard drive containing data from thousands of students has gone missing.
- Missing data raises many confidentiality questions – BCCPAC is looking into some of those questions.

Workshops:

- SD#82 are providing two opportunities for parents to attend free workshops.
- First workshop is by Dr. Williams on Principles of Learning on Monday Oct 5 at 6:30 pm.
- Second workshop is on Response to Intervention by Mr. Weber on Oct 21 in the evening (TBA by School District).
- Workshops are open to anyone, but registration is required.
- DPAC reps please send out an invite to the PAC's. Carol Gagnon will send out to her PAC chairs and district contact list (where there may not be a DPAC rep) requesting RSVP.
- Need 10-20 people minimum to have the workshops happen so please reply if you are interested.

Unfinished Business

DPAC Welcome Package:

- Welcome packages was sent to all PACs/schools for electronic and hard copy distribution.
- Welcome package contained information on DPAC, the upcoming BCCPAC Regional Conference in Prince George, BCCPAC, and other pertinent information.

- Believe this is the first time DPAC has sent out an information package. Next time we can try to condense the information so the package isn't so big.
- DPAC will pay the BCCPAC joining fee for districts PACs – application was included in the package. Fiona will keep of the applications submitted by the PACs and send in the payments.

Conference in PG:

- DPAC can't afford to send too many people but we can cover the cost of some of it, up to \$550 per person (receipts required). Money can come out of gaming.
- There is money available to DPAC to help with attendee travel costs, up to \$350 per district.
- Registration is due soon; Council members Rebecca, Krystal J, and Jacquie will be attending. Krystal J noted there is one parent from Thornhill who is not DPAC rep but who has already expressed strong interest and potentially a second person interested from the Terrace Thornhill area. It was agreed that both people would be included, bringing the number to five. Rebecca to check with Linda Campbell who is away Kitimat DPAC to make 6 people and leaving 4 positions left.
- Rebecca feels it would be ideal to have at least one representative from each community as well as a First Nations representative. She will send a letter to the principals requesting names of people who may be interested in attending.
- Council decided to focus on other outlying communities since we had enough representation from Terrace.
- Rebecca will call Stewart personally to see if there are names who want to go.
- Lisa will pass the information to Kitimat schools to see if there is anyone who would like to attend.

DPAC Website with the School District:

- Website is going ahead, just waiting for it to be put up.

DPAC Facebook Page:

- Council agreed that a FB page would be a good idea.
- Fiona, Krystal J. and Krystal M. have agreed to set up and administrate the page.

BCCPAC Membership:

- Council agreed to set money aside to have DPAC membership with BCCPAC and pay for all district PACs to pay for their memberships.
- Fiona will send in the DPAC form and payment.

Date for DPAC Meetings for Next Year:

Schedule for DPAC for 2015-2016 year:

Executive Meetings (School Board Office, 7:00 pm)

- Sept 21
- Oct 19
- Nov 16
- Dec 14 (combined meeting)
- Jan 18
- Feb 22
- March 14 (Spring Break, location TBD)
- April 18
- May 16 (stat)
- June 20

Executive meetings may need to be changed because of issues with Mondays including conflict of PAC times. DPAC executive meeting work better for most executive working on Wednesdays. Rebecca explained the date was simply one week in advance of the regular meeting in order to facilitate time enough to do whatever actions were needed for the meeting. Proposed to have it on a Wednesday 1½ weeks in advance (i.e. Oct 14 instead of Oct 19.)

Rebecca will verify with the board office to see if this will be ok with them against their school board activities in the evening.

Next meeting (Oct 14) to be confirmed.

Regular Meetings (School Board Office, 7:00 pm)

- Sept 28
- Oct 26
- Nov 23
- Dec 14 (combined meeting)
- Jan 25
- Feb 29
- March (no meeting – Spring break)
- April 25
- May 30
- June 27

DPAC discussion re dates, generally accepted the regular meetings.

New Business

Due to time constraints, all new business was tabled.

Chair Report

Due to time constraints, the Chair report was not provided. It will be emailed to the board prior to the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Report

Due to time constraints, the Vice-Chair report was not provided. It will be emailed to the board prior to the next meeting.

Treasurer Report

Fiona Broome presented her report:

- Gaming account balance is \$7,229.23.
- PAC account is \$3,462.44.
- Mileage was paid out of the gaming account and there is more to come out.

Secretary Report

- No report was provided as Laurie Mutsschke was absent.
- Rebecca received a letter from Laurie in which she resigned as Secretary of DPAC.
- The board voted to have Krystal M. take over the role of secretary for the remainder of the term.

Next Meeting

10/26/2015 7:00 PM, School Board Office board room

Meeting Adjourned 8:45