



District Parent Advisory Council

DPAC General Meeting
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Marvin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
39 schools represented – quorum met.

Schools with a representative in attendance:

Elementary: Alderson, Anmore, Aspenwood, Blakeburn, Bramblewood, Cape Horn, Castle Park, Cedar Drive, Central, Eagle Ridge, Hampton Park, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, James Park, Miller Park, Moody, Mountain Meadows, Mountain View, Mundy Road, Panorama Heights, Parkland, Porter Street, Ranch Park, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek, Westwood

Middle: Citadel, Como Lake, Hillcrest, Kwayhquitlum, Maple Creek, Moody, Scott Creek

Secondary: Centennial, Gleneagle, Pinetree, Riverside, Terry Fox

DPAC Executive in attendance: Marvin Klassen – President, Edward Ram – Treasurer, Judi Zaklan – Vice President, Corrie Noble – Member at Large, Rayne Johnson – Member at Large, Maria Ledezma – Newsletter Editor, Teri Towner – PAC Communications Liaison, Laura Code – DPAC Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Superintendent Patricia Gartland, Charlie Loo – Secretary, Shari O’Neill - Parent Ed, Will Davis – Member at Large, Ally Wang – Member at Large, Hui Wang – Health & Safety

Special Guests: Trustee Craig Woods, Chris Nicolls, Secretary Treasurer/CFO SD43

Minutes taken by: Rayne Johnson

- *Please send in contact info from your school* to Laura office@dpac43.ca

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Mountain View, seconded by Rochester, to accept the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by Scott Creek seconded by Maple Creek, to accept the Minutes of the November 27, 2019 General Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. Treasurer’s Report

- Edward Ram

- New vendor for our DPAC website
- \$25,797.44 current balance

Marvin spoke about the flooding of the DPAC Office and how there are hopes to have our DPAC Office up and running soon. In the meantime, Laura is still available office@dpac43.ca and the DPAC Executives are also available.

4. Superintendent’s Report

- Patricia Gartland sends her regrets

5. SD43 2020/2021 Budget Process

-Chris Nicolls

- Brief school district update
 - Rolled out partnership with Finger Foods. Five school will get robots. One is now at Scott Creek. This is a great partnership. Kids will get to program the robots, learning coding as well as creative/critical thinking.
- Budget Process
 - Key budget dates
 - Modification to the budget process with the inclusion of a Stakeholder Budget Input Meeting on February 11th in Winslow Gym at 6:30 pm in addition to individual meetings with each of the stakeholder groups.
 - February 19 Provincial Budget Announcement
 - March 15 Ministry Budget Announcement
 - Table the budget April 7th
 - April 14 feedback from stakeholder groups about the budget
 - April 21 Approval of budget
 - School Districts are required to file a balanced budget with the Ministry by June 30
 - SD43 has put out the Budget Process Consultation Guide. School district receives no funds to address inflation costs other than contractual salary increases. Therefore, SD43 is trying to be more efficient.
 - The new funding model is a big concern. Next year, there will probably be layoffs as this is a difficult budget year because no one knows what the ministry will give SD43.
 - International Education is used to fund 10-12% of the budget for SD43.

6. Executive Reports

- DPAC Executive

- Corrie: Emergency Preparedness is it PAC funded or school funded? What do we need for Emergency Prep?
- Edward: Mr. Fleming is known as the Playground King and he likes to build playgrounds in schools. Coquitlam is getting 3. Talk to your administrator to find out if your school is going to be eligible for something before the PAC starts fundraising. Playground costs are doubled because of installation costs.
- Grants – Spirit of Coquitlam Grant, Canada Post Community Development Grant, Vancity does a matching grant. Perhaps DPAC can have a grant presentation.
- Maria: Website Editor, if anyone wants something posted, please contact her
- Marvin: Childcare Task Force, spoke about how there was a presentation from parents at the last school board meeting about this issue and gave a brief overview. Student Advisory Committee will have a meeting soon and Marvin will report on it.

7. PAC Successes

- Q & A on Budget Discussion

- Stakeholder Meeting is open to any parent in the school district February 11 in the gym at 6:30. If you have something you want to present, you need to ask the school district first. There is an email on the district website for you to contact them so the board has a certain amount of notice about what will be discussed. Stakeholder meetings have already occurred so this is a time for the general public to address their concerns, but only if they have contacted the district first as per a new policy adopted at the last school board meeting. Unclear if there will room in the meeting for questions from the public that rise from discussions.

8. PAC Voice

- Marvin Klassen

- PAC's Constitution & Bylaws: The Next Step. Several schools have started reviewing the C & B. Look for grammar errors, language changes to make the document easier to read and understand, delete sections that are no longer applicable (ex: School

Planning Councils) setting policies for the structure of how people are voted in, requirements for passing a resolution or even how to remove someone if you need to. Once PACs have read it, they need to review what needs to be changed. Track the changes in Word on your draft and then meet to review the changes. Then bring final draft to the PAC meeting where it can be vote on. The final say is with the entire PAC. Be sure to include in your minutes what was approved.

9. Looking Ahead

- Marvin Klassen

February 26th is Pink Shirt Day. We will take a picture. There will also be a multi-cultural presentation. April 1st will be a discussion forum where PACs ask questions and provide learning opportunities for all of us.

10. Any Questions?

Send Teri information about community events and she will post it on FB or Instagram.

11. Adjournment

MOTION made by Central, seconded by Rochester, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

CARRIED