



District Parent Advisory Council

**DPAC General Meeting  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Gallery Room, Winslow Centre**

Marvin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.  
32 schools represented – quorum met.

Schools with a representative in attendance:

**Elementary:** Anmore, Castle Park, Cedar Drive, Glenayre, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, James Park, Kilmer, Miller Park, Moody, Mountain Meadows, Mundy Road, Panorama Heights, Porter Street, R.C. MacDonald, Ranch Park, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Seaview, Smiling Creek

**Middle:** Eagle Mountain, Hillcrest, Kwayhquitlum, Moody, Pitt River

**Secondary:** Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Pinetree, Riverside, Terry Fox

DPAC Executive in attendance: Marvin Klassen – President, Maria Ledezma – Newsletter, Corrie Noble – Member at Large, Judi Zaklan – Vice President, Charlie Loo – Secretary, Edward Ram – Treasurer, Rayne Johnson – Member at Large, Laura Code – DPAC Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Superintendent Patricia Gartland, Shari O'Neill - Parent Ed, Will Davis – Member at Large, Ally Wang – Member at Large, Hui Wang – Health & Safety, Teri Towner – PAC Communications Liaison

Special Guests: Assistant Superintendent Carey Chute, Trustee Craig Woods, Trustee Lisa Park, Doug MacLean, Murray Peters, Mike McGlenen, Ken Christensen – Coquitlam Teacher's Association

Minutes taken by Charlie Loo

- **Please send in contact info from your school** to Laura [office@dpac43.ca](mailto:office@dpac43.ca)

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** made by *Pinetree*, seconded by *Rochester*, to accept the Agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

**MOTION** made by *Irvine* seconded by *Eagle Mountain*, to accept the Minutes of the January 29, 2020 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

**- Edward Ram**

- Report included in Minutes
- If Fundraising by KEV or through cheque to school, that money is at the discretion of the PAC and should not be used by the school. For questions or concerns on this, contact the DPAC for more information.
- Messaging from the District is that schools must collect money and deposit to the school PAC account.

**4. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

**- Carey Chute**

- Introduce programs that are available in the district:

- Trades Overview - Doug MacLean
- Summer Learning Update - Murray Peters
- Continuing Ed Update – Continuing Ed for Adults - Mike McGlenen

#### **Trades and Transitions (Doug MacLean):**

- Gave brief summary of the presentation that he normally delivers to grade 10 students
- Work Experience: in Area of interest, professional or trades
- Work in Trades: Can earn school credits for working in the trades
- Explore the Trades: Explore trades or trades Sampler (9 credits)
- TRAIN in Trades: 1 – 2 semesters, earn level 1 cert., district pay tuition
  - Most have the ability to earn high school and post-secondary credits
- More information available at 43careers.com
- Students entering the program meet with Doug, gets interview and is placed in an appropriate program.
- Videos available on the SD43 website, also Doug's contact info if questions

#### **Summer Learning (Murray Peters):**

- Anticipate enrolling 7000 students this summer
- K – 12
- Operate in 14 different school sites
- Secondary offers 3 week non-credit and 6 weeks for credit courses
- This summer is 5<sup>th</sup> year that they offer support for special needs
- Registration starts between April 21 (elementary) to May 5 (advanced credit).
  - Registration opens at 6:00 a.m. on each day
  - See Website
- Counsellors will be available for the first time
- Tuition free (funded by the Ministry of Education)
- 30 volunteers last year, adult and high school aged
- Coding classes fill up quickly, but never fill up at any given site (individual programs might fill up)
- Open to international students (they would pay a tuition as they do through the year)
- Summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

#### **Continuing Education - Learning Innovations Network Coquitlam (LINC) (Mike McGlenen)**

- Offer different programs: High school credit, Business Careers/Job Skills, Literacy Foundations
  - Biggest barrier to graduation is English Proficiency
- CE43.com for more information
- Mainly funded by the Ministry of Education
  - Not funded for business Careers/Job skills
  - Funded: English language learning opportunities and High school credit
  - Current Grad (just out of high school) can take high school courses through CE program.
- Continuing Education Celebrates 50 this year
- 55% provincial average goes to post-secondary directly after high school (includes Trade schools, colleges, University etc.)

#### **5. Funding Model**

**- Ken Christensen**

- This is supported by various stakeholder groups, like DPAC, CTA, Principals etc.
- Prevalence model - bad for elective courses etc.

- Common letter with partner stakeholder groups to BC Govt
- Many other groups took up the call
- Govt is not going to pursue a Prevalence funding model
- Success!

## 6. Multicultural Issues for New Parents Coming into the District - Rayne Johnson

- Shared the experience of coming from another country and transitioning to BC Ed System
- Rayne grew up in US, spent 18 years in Taiwan and then came to Coquitlam. 1 Child graduated, 1 in high school.
- "Language is everything"
- Very difficult when you have not mastered the language of the country

## 7. Executive Members Reports

DPAC Needs (Marvin):

- Will definitely be needing a Treasurer and Parent Ed (and Secretary) for the next year.
- Invitation to others who might be interested in joining the executive, DPAC needs good people.

Executive Reports (Whole Executive):

- School District hosted a budget night early on
- DPAC executive met with School Board in late January to raise concerns and suggestions
- BCCPAC AGM in May
  - DPAC will be sending reps
  - Encourage member schools to send reps
  - If any PACs wish to bring up anything or make resolutions can contact DPAC office
  - Member PACs can vote on any resolutions. PACs can give proxy vote to DPAC and DPAC will vote as per instructions given to the DPAC by the PACs
  - Possible Online Discussion group to allow PACs to bounce ideas
- April 1<sup>st</sup>: Open Forum
  - Looking for presentations that are about 5 min long

## 8. PAC Voice:

- Constitution and Bylaws: Contact DPAC office if help is required

## 9. Adjournment

**MOTION** made by *Pinetree*, seconded by *Rochester* to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

**CARRIED**