

DPAC Meeting Minutes November 8th, 2021 held via Zoom

Meeting Commenced: 7:01pm

Meeting Facilitator: Cheryl Blondin

Attendees Present: (See Bottom)

Acknowledgment by the chair that the meeting takes place within the traditional, ancestral, unceded Sto:lo territory. There are four first nations band within the boundaries of the Mission School District: the Leq'a:mel, Matheqwi, Qwo:ltl'el and Sq'ewlets peoples.

Adoption of October/AGM minutes:

Motion to accept October meeting minutes by Kate, Candace seconds.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to accept agenda as presented by Jacquelyn, Kate seconds.

Correspondence: Cheryl Blondin

BCCPAC DPAC Leadership Summit - Sign up by November 12th - Summit Nov 19-20: free for all DPAC execs.

BCCPAC November Membership Newsletter-

Trades Training Committee Report - received and forwarded on

October month end enrollment report

CYC - job Posting for an Aboriginal Supported Child Development Consultant

Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

- 1) COTW – board working on policy – visit website where you can provide feedback on draft policy (engagempsd.ca)
- 2) School District is working on anti-oppression. Also, in pilot with Equitas alongside 10 other districts working on anti-racism.
- 3) 2wks ago at annual meeting (prov, first nations and school districts) – discussed racism of low expectations – put kids on easy path and call it a day. Was called an Evergreen at one point – finish without graduating – now shift to Adult Dogwood – bonafide dog wood – 3 courses (lacks breadth of traditional dogwood). Our SD not as bad as many but over 13% of Indigenous students grad with adult dogwood. Non-I tend to be ~25yrs old, Ab students tend to be 18/19yrs old.
- 4) Meeting with students on student safety – one school: lot of attention on hallways and washrooms (safety and vandalism); interested to see focus in other schools.

- 5) Sent letter to parents re: challenge with bussing. Good news – have had 6 applications since Friday. Saw similar surge in interest when desperately seeking to fill shortages in noon hour supervisors – still looking in Hatzic; shortfalls filled elsewhere.
- 6) Commenced bargaining with MTU – went reasonably well.
- 7) COVID – continues to work way through system - #s down but notable cases in Deroche and peppered throughout district. Few staff home with covid as well. Will discuss vaccine mandate soon – survey given to staff – appears vaccination rate of staff is over 90%.

Chair's Report: Cheryl Blondin

- Confirmed filing of society annual report. – registered society so non-profit benefits - \$40 annually.
- Working on website – everchanging.
- Noticed engagement with PACs increasing – nearly all schools in attendance at this meeting.
- Rest to be discussed later

Treasurer's Report: Jacquelyn Wickham

No change.

- Gaming Account Balance: 688.41 (all cheques cleared)
- Chequing Account Balance: 2412.20

Old Business

- a. Trades Training Committee Report – forwarded through. Open for discussion. Any questions? Feedback? Request for letter of support from DPAC.

New Business

a. Parent Education Plan

- Mandate as DPAC – parent education – doing lots of focused education nights (online safety, mental health, Monique Grey Smith) – great stuff but attendance was meagre.
- Interest in forums re: governance and PAC resources – DPAC put together committee and develop PAC summit?

b. Committees

Parent Education Event Committee:

- Alicia
- Angela Manno
- Pascale
- Bunny
- Kate

- Lexie

Inclusion Committee

- Chair – Lexi
- Alicia
- Jacquelyn

Safety Committee – emergency kits; street safety plans

- Chair – Kate
- Angela

c. Parent Engagement Portal

- Already spoken about twice – share survey re: policy (www.engagempsd.ca) far and wide.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jacquelyn, Kate seconds

Meeting adjourned at 7:51

Next meeting is November 8, 7pm via Zoom

Attendees:

District: Angus Wilson`; Board: Tracy Loffler and Shelley Carter; MTU: Channon Bowsfield; Albert McMahon: Ashley MacLean, Lana; Christine Morrison: Raegan Heidt; ESR: Sheneal Anthony, Veronica; Hillside: Angela Manno, Kate Pankratz; HMS: Cheryl Blondin, Candace Koch, Alicia Hurd; Windebank: Ed McAfee, Pascale-Sara Frenette; West Heights: Jacquelyn Wickham, Alyssa Dunkley; Cherry Hill: Bunny Cocar; Dewdney: Lexie; MSS: Sheneal Anthony; School unknown: Carolann van de ligt