

Sea to Sky School District 48
DPAC Minutes
January 25, 2012
Signal Hill Elementary School - Pemberton

Attendees:

Barb Leigh	HSSPAC	Trish Strudy	PSS
Danielle Arsenault	SHE	Betsy Linnell	SHE
Patricia Westerholm	SHE	Cathy Jewett	BCCPAC
Heather Prohaska	SHE	Lisa McCullough	SBO
Christiane Loring	SCCS	Beth Miller	SSTA
Rachael Lythe	Whistler Trustee	Lisa Bartlett	SHE
Joanne Molinaro	SHE	Sheena Fraser	SHE
Rebecca Barley	SBO	Sonia Southam	SBO
Marian Abramo	BES	Hillary	VCE

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Introductions

We have quorum.

Agenda: there were no additions

November minutes: motion by Sheena, seconded by Barb, motion carried

Chair report

Rotating chair, thanks to Barb Leigh for representing DPAC for the School Calendar. If there are questions, issues. The calendar is set for this year but not confirmed for 2013. The main issue was the two week spring break.

Representative for SD48 Board Partnership Meetings. This is twice a year where the board invites a representative of the DPAC to discuss issues. March 7 at 4pm in Squamish. Ask chair to see if they have flexibility with this in various communities, one in the north and one in the south. We should get feedback for the representative to present from all schools.

Treasurer's Report

see report

Important to spend gaming money on parenting workshops. \$3703.48 to spend as a minimum.

We have \$6173.71 in total.

We also need another signing authority.

Superintendent's Report- Lisa McCullough

Staffing, Sandra Eplett of Spring Creek teaching grade 1 won a national award for teaching.

Welcoming Krista Bowes at Pemberton Secondary.

John Heatherington has had more health issues and starts physio. He will be out for a while.

Nancy leaves to go to N. Zealand. Ralph Hughes will step up for a month. Nancy will return in a month.

Thanks to WB Foundation for \$300K Tech fund. They have asked a tech team to determine how best to spend this. There will be a tech plan. It is a matching grant. PAC's can apply.

Squamish nation is writing a protocol agreement. We hope to sign off on this within a month thus allowing enhancement process to go forward.

Registration transfers will be applied through the home school in the future. This should help to see students in classroom more efficiently. Out of catchment will happen at the last minute. There is a priority process.

Thanks to the parents, school principals. School planning councils will include a site visit to schools.

Job Action is ongoing and she appreciates everyone's patience. Report cards will be distributed by the superintendent and will include information including attendance but will not have marks. Grade 12 is unclear whether there are letter grades or not. Supervision is still an issue. Provincial exams are being invigilated by principal and staff. Marking, FSA will be done by principal and staff where possible. Satisfaction surveys will be coming out. Teacher rally is coming this friday. Both sides seem far apart.

The ministry has an education plan. It's very exciting and forward thinking. education planner under BC education. They want to encourage parents to review it and give input. They want the teachers involved but this can't be done until the teachers are ready. We will see technology playing a bigger part in education as well.

It was suggested that a gathering take place to explain the education plan. Cathy encouraged members to attend BCCPAC conference to learn more.

PAC Reports:

attached to agenda package

Is there a plan for each school regarding playgrounds, portables, environment etc.? Lisa responded by discussing how they do look at demographics, geography, etc and they look at specific sites as well.

What do you look at to consider a middle school? The ministry would be involved with this along with the board. Then demographics would be considered and available space. Land availability is also considered to accommodating growth.

Pemberton community center (the old one) may be demolished and there may be access restricted to soccer fields. Nothing has been finalized yet.

SSTA Report: Beth Miller

Powerpoint presentation to show how the teachers see things. The main issues: Class size and composition needs to be restored to contract. Better salary, benefits and working conditions, including prep time. Ability to bargain local solutions for local problems.

At the bargaining table they are hearing "net zero mandate".

At the constitutional table BC Supreme court deemed the governments action "unconstitutional".

BC Education plan: teachers are looking at it with extreme caution.

SSVPP: Lisa Bartlett

How the strike is affecting schools:

Many school initiatives that have gone on in the past are no longer.

Communication is being affected, no e-mails from principals.

The do not know how students are falling behind academically.

Teachers are not participating in out of school events.

There needs to be change to the current system.

What is happening with collaboration days? That varies because they do not communicate with their principal.

How do you make C days part of their job? It is considered an unpaid day so it cannot be forced on the teachers.

School Board/Trustee- Rebecca Barley

Very grateful for the staff with Lisa, John and new trustees, job action...and how everyone has carried on seamlessly.

The trustees have been doing board training. They have a number of committees of which she is involved:

Winds of change, service providers in the area relating to social, poverty, mental health.

Pemberton Area recreation committee

In past Dave Walden and her split up schools but they will do all the schools together.

Rachael and Rebecca are reps for DPAC in the north.

Rebecca attended an event with First Nations where they discussed information on graduation requirements and looking at successes of students and where they have gone after local education.

BCCPAC- Cathy Jewett

BCCPAC has external committees of which she is on:

First nations committee and a sub-committee where they are talking about outreach programmes, dogwood 21, increasing graduation rate

BC teachers committee- meetings with director of education, discipline will be the biggest change where all complaints will be seen through

BC sports association committee

Nominations committee - there are positions coming up if anyone is interested

Regional conferences: we could have one, travel and accommodations covered for one representative.

The BCCPAC office has been downsized. Call volume is up 4 times during job action.

AGM coming up. Look at AGM and fall conferences on website for speaker ideas.

Old Business:

Chair position vacant...job descriptions

2-week spring break - there seems there is an opportunity to do something for 2013

Workshop options: BC Education Plan - we need a speaker to come out to talk to parents

Action: Everyone goes back to their PAC's and determines what workshops they want in their community and report by the end of February provide Dates and Topics/Speakers, venue and cost.

AGM for April 25, 2012

Next meeting for April 25, 2012

Valleycliffe School in Squamish

meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm