

DPAC General Meeting March 15, 2011

DPAC Rep: Shyann

School Board:

- Reminder that School Board Meeting Minutes are available on District website
- Ongoing review of District Policies
- *Request was made to get policies out to people earlier to give more time to review*
 - RE: Text Book Policy: deposits for text books up to \$100 per family (received feedback and welcome more feedback: comments, concerns ideas and suggestions)
 - Discussion around establishing best practices for collecting deposit, monitoring etc. \$80,000+ lost per year in text books

Committee Reports:

- Parent Education Committee:
 - Rosalind Wiseman Presentation: “Queen Bees & Wannabees”
 - Proposed to SD73 for 2012
 - Looking at Venue for 4000 and cost is approx. \$10,000
 - Committee not ready to commit: need for more parents on planning committee to make it work given work load and timeframes
- Parent Leadership Task Force:
 - District Staff survey is available on DPAC website
 - <http://dpac.sd73.bc.ca/>
 - Parent Survey is available on DPAC website (deadline extended)
 - Encourage parents to fill out the survey!
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- DPAC Rep Topics for Discussion:
 - TV in the Classroom: concerns with teachers showing movies during class time: DPAC to review District policies regarding TV watching in the classroom
 - Bullying: overall consensus to establish consistency in the District in the handling and application of bullying policies
 - Discussion on research conducted to establish a comparative baseline (in the works)
 - Discussion on viewing it as a long term approach (ongoing rather than a one off behavior)

- Discussion regarding loose use of the term “Bully”, home life used as a justifying factor and labeling the behavior not the child etc.
- Grad Ceremonies: feedback from parents being complied by DPAC to present to District. General concerns:
 - Audio problems (city has put money in to new system for this year)
 - One venue cost effective, but costly in terms of enjoyment of event
- DPAC AGM April 19/11: need people to be nominated and...accept nominations ☺
 - Chair, Vice Chair, Members at Large vacant
 - Descriptions of each position on DPAC website
- Happy Thoughts: new component to meeting as to encourage positive discussion on school success, student activities, admin/teacher school involvement and exchange information on innovative PAC fundraising and school incentive activities
 - To start will be open floor, but may move to specific topics

Unfinished Business:

- DPAC letter to address Avison report: voted to send letter to new Education Minister: George Abbott

New Business:

- Exchange Policy review: new policy regarding student exchange programs
- Representation at BCCPAC at AGM: DPAC accepting applications for sending two reps to conference (for more details contact DPAC via email)
- DPAC allocated funds: currently District writes a cheque directly to each school on a per head basis (typically \$100+) with the original intent to be given to DPAC

DPAC Rep Accountabilities:

- Encourage PACs to talk at Grade 8 and Kindergarten Orientations
- DPAC networking lunch April 6/11 12pm HGC (2 people from each school) RSVP requested
- DPAC allocated funds: Does your PAC want to re-route funds back to DPAC (if yes send letter to Secretary Treasurer to have funds sent directly to DPAC)
- SD73 Budget meeting April 6/11 at 7pm HGC
- Happy Thoughts to take to next meeting