



DPAC Meeting Minutes October 26th, 2017

Members Present:	Justine Hodge	DPAC Chair
	Diane Braun	DPAC Vice Chair
	Jessica Clarke	DPAC Secretary
	Michelle McGrath	DPAC Treasurer & Vedder Middle Rep
	Kerry Jones	DPAC BCCPAC Rep & Robertson Elem Rep
	Christine Goodman	DPAC Member at Large & Chilliwack Sec Rep
	Jared Mumford	DPAC Member at Large
	Stacy Wiebe	DPAC Rep, Tyson Elementary
	Cheri Bojic	DPAC Rep, FG Leary Fine Arts Elementary
	Jamie Benton	DPAC Rep, Cheam Elementary
	Vanessa Green	DPAC Rep, McCammon Elementary
	Francesca Shannahan	DPAC Rep, Promontory Heights Elementary
	Sukaina Rehmtulla	DPAC Rep, Sardis Secondary
	Roop Virk	DPAC Rep, Little Mountain Elementary
	Jason Hugh	DPAC Rep, Evans Elementary
	Chad Bruniski	DPAC Rep, Sardis Elementary
	Mohamed Rehmtulla	Parent, Sardis Secondary
	Elizabeth Beacom	Parent, East Chilliwack Elementary
	Sarah Dickson	Parent, Robertson Elementary
	Mallory Tomlinson	Parent, Robertson Elementary
	Heather Roseboom	Parent, Greendale Elementary
	Bonnie Pankratz	Parent, Greendale Elementary
Guests:	Silvia Dyck	School Board Trustee and DPAC Liaison
	Alexis Sims	Student Rep, Sardis Secondary

1. CALL TO ORDER – School District Office

1.1 Call to Order

Justine Hodge, Chair, welcomed those present as well as introductions of the room.

Quorum of 5 voting members met with 12 DPAC members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm at the Chilliwack School District Office.

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Roop

Seconded by Michelle

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

As the voting membership has changed since May 2017, there is no quorum of voting members that attended the May meeting present to approve the minutes. Current voting members agreed to approve the minutes from the May 25 2017 meeting.



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MOTION

Moved by Kerry
Seconded by Roop

THAT the minutes of the September 28 2017 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Roop
Seconded by Stacy

THAT the bursary motion from the September 28 2017 meeting be reconsidered.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Roop
Seconded by Michelle

THAT the bursary be removed from the 2017/2018 budget.

CARRIED

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

2.1 Mallory Tomlinson – Gender Inclusivity

Mallory Tomlinson was in attendance to speak about gender inclusivity

- Her son is transgender and has known that he was a boy since he was two years old
- In grade one he was ridiculed constantly by his peers. He felt like he was not included and he did not know where to go when girls and boys were separated in class. At the end of grade one he decided to cut his hair and change his name and pronouns.
- His grade two teacher has taken away gender stereotypes in the classroom which has helped students express themselves (e.g. boys feeling comfortable expressing that their favourite colours are pink and favourite toys are dolls, etc)
- Gender inclusivity does not have to be about sex. It is about all kids being safe and included. Kids should be free to express themselves outside of gender stereotypes and her son's school has been very supportive during this process
- The book "Introducing Teddy" by Jessica Walton is a good book to read to children to introduce them to gender identity and acceptance. "The Gender Unicorn" is another helpful tool used to educate people about gender identity and expression.



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MOTION

Moved by Jamie
Seconded by Roop

THAT DPAC compose and send a letter to the Minister of Education regarding Trustee Neufeld's controversial comments on SOGI

CARRIED

Members recessed at 8:03pm and resumed at 8:13pm

3. REPORTS

3.1 Trustee Report – Silvia Dyck

Silvia presented her report to the membership:

- Regarding Trustee Neufeld's controversial comments on SOGI, Silvia stressed that one person's opinion is not the opinion of everyone on the Board and that they will be talking about it at the BCSTA meeting on the weekend.
- The district is working hard on reconfiguration
- The school board trustees will be having an intensive SOGI workshop

3.2 Committee Reports

Reconfiguration-Implementation Advisory Committee – Diane Braun and Jessica Clarke

Diane presented the report to the membership:

- The committee met October 10 and were presented with 3 options for boundary adjustments for feeder schools on the south side of the district. An interim meeting took place October 23 to allow committee members time to review and give feedback on those options
- The board will make a decision regarding boundary adjustments at the November 7 2017 meeting
- Parents on the committee should be sharing committee information with their PACs to get the information out to parents as per Silvia
- PACs should look up committee minutes on the district website and present them at PAC meetings to keep parents informed

Child and Youth Committee – Christine Goodman

Christine presented the report to the membership:

- There is an Aboriginal Mentorship Program through Sto:lo Youth Services for at-risk aboriginal youth
- A new Youth Reconnect Worker position with Chilliwack Community Services that works with vulnerable and marginalized youth and connects them to services

3.3 BCCPAC Report – Kerry Jones

Kerry presented the report to the membership:

- PACs should be applying for their BCCPAC memberships now
- Reasons for PACs to join BCCPAC:



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- Be part of the collective voice recognized by government and educational partners as the provincial voice of parents
- Advocate for systemic changes to the school system
- Bring resolutions to the AGM for discussion and support
- Participate in nominations and elections for board of directors at the AGM
- Be advised of current educational issues by receiving regular communications
- Support the need for a parent voice at the provincial level
- BCCPAC is looking for input from parents regarding the legalization of marijuana

3.4 Treasurer's Report – Michelle McGrath

Michelle presented the report to the membership:

- As of September 30, 2017:
 - Gaming Account Balance, after commitments: \$3044.82
 - General Account Balance, after commitments: \$1046.52

3.5 Chair's Report – Justine Hodge

Justine presented the report to the membership:

- BCTF will be doing a presentation on the new curriculum on November 30 for parents in place of the regularly scheduled DPAC meeting. Registration details will be posted in the Facebook group and emailed to PACs
- BCCPAC will be doing a presentation on advocating for your child in February for parents in place of the regularly scheduled February DPAC meeting. More information will be released in the new year.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Constitution & Bylaw Update

MOTION

Moved by Vanessa

Seconded by Kerry

THAT the word "true" be struck from the mission statement.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Kerry

Seconded by Roop

THAT under Section 1 Membership, the language in point one be changed to more clearly correspond with the School Act.

CARRIED



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MOTION

Moved by Kerry

Seconded by Cheri

THAT under Section 1 Membership, existing points three and four be struck and replaced with the proposed points three and four allowing for third party members to attend meetings without taking away the rights of the voting membership.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Kerry

Seconded by Cheri

THAT in Section 2 under General Meetings point one, budget proposal and Constitution & Bylaw review be moved from the May AGM to the first general meeting of the year to allow for the new executives to take part in the process.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Kerry

Seconded by Christine

THAT the newly proposed section titled Electronic Meetings replace Section 3 Proceedings at General Meetings, and that all portions of that existing section be included under Section 2 General Meetings

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Cheri

Seconded by Michelle

THAT under Section 5 Executive Meetings, point one be added to sub-section Meetings in order to allow for specific business to be handled at an executive meeting to be held in June each year, and point two be changed accordingly.

CARRIED



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MOTION

Moved by Roop

Seconded by Kerry

THAT under sub-section Vice Chair's duties within Section 7, "support the chair" be struck as this may limit the vice-chairs autonomy.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Jamie

Seconded by Christine

THAT the proposed additional duties be added to all executive positions as discussed by the current and immediate past executive at their meeting in June 2017.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Vanessa

Seconded by Jamie

THAT under Section 8 Committees the proposed points five and six be added for clarity and improved succession and that the name of this section be changed to Committees and External Representatives.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Jamie

Seconded by Michelle

THAT under Section 9 Financial Matters, Credit Unions be added as an option to the Bank Accounts sub-section

CARRIED



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4.2 2017/2018 Budget Approval

Michelle presented the budget to the membership

- Discussion took place regarding future workshop ideas

MOTION

Moved by Kerry

Seconded by Jamie

THAT the budget be approved as presented

CARRIED

4.3 Emergency Preparedness

Justine was in contact with the City of Chilliwack regarding an emergency preparedness presentation

- The presentation the City does is for personal preparedness
- Anyone interested in heading up the committee is asked to contact Justine

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 New Committees

Capital Funding Advocacy Committee

DPAC is looking for volunteers to join the Capital Funding Advocacy Committee

- Parents have provided a list of ways overcrowding has negatively impacted their children
- Duties will include writing letters of advocacy for Capital Funding to the relevant levels of government as well as letters to the editor of the Chilliwack Progress

Education Policy Committee

DPAC is looking for volunteers to join the Education Policy Committee

- As the Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) with the district is no longer meeting regularly, partner groups are not able to provide input on policy changes
- Duties will include reviewing existing district policies, looking for policy change action items on school board meeting agendas, and contacting DPAC reps to provide input on the proposed changes so input can be shared with trustees before or at the board meeting.

SOGI Support Committee

DPAC is looking for volunteers to join the SOGI Support Committee

- Our district does not have a specific policy supporting SOGI students
- Duties will include speaking to Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam regarding the district's plan, speaking to PACs to find out what each school does, and gather research from other districts that already have specific SOGI policy.

5.2 DID YOU KNOW?!

DID YOU KNOW?! Your school's Code of Conduct must be consistent with SD 33 policies, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, and the BC Human Rights Code, to include language prohibiting discrimination against race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status,



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family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and age.

DID YOU KNOW?! In establishing and maintaining a school code of conduct, schools are required to consult with students, parents and staff as part of the development of the code of conduct. Is your school safe and inclusive of ALL students? What can our school community do to improve?

5.3 New Ideas or Concerns

Silvia has heard that some PACs are having licensing issues for movie screenings. She will do some research on this and give an update at the next meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The BCTF curriculum presentation will be on November 30, 2017, at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre in place of the regular DPAC meeting. The next meeting is to be determined.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03pm.

Jessica Clarke

DPAC Secretary

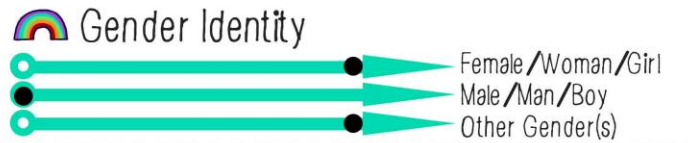
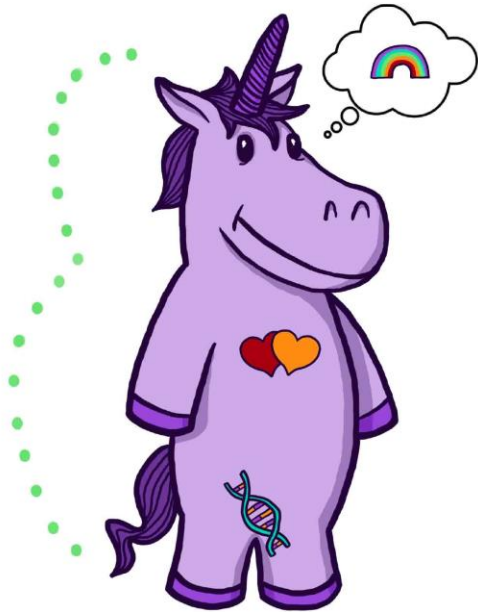
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DPAC Chair

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