

## District 69 Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Oceanside Middle School, 7pm

In Attendance: Renate (Chair), Gail (EES, DpAc Vice Chair), Jalyn (QBES), Mike (Past Chair), Lois (PES, Treasurer), Dave (AES), Leona (KSS), Cilla (KSS), Julie (FCES), Jenny (BSS, SMS), Heather (WES), Angie (QBMS, BSS), Gonda (BES), Guest Speaker: Kerri Isham

Meeting called to order at 7:03. Introductions.

Gail motioned to approve September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 minutes and October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 agenda. Seconded by Gonda.

### Administration Report – Jim Ansell

Jim reports that we are half way through the first phase of the community dialogue. He says things are going well but more participation would be greatly appreciated. There are three more sessions to go. They are looking to discuss both short term issues such as enrolment, as well figuring out a long term strategic plan. All the information about the meetings on the SD69 website under the Community Dialogue link. The minutes from the first three meetings are up without the Q&A. [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca)

Teachers did interview days for middle and high school kids. Many parents showed up.

BCCP is going to the Labour Relations Board to see about a new ruling for report cards.

Q: How is enrolment looking this year compared to last?

A: We now have 4400 (+) kids. These numbers are down from last year but are within the parameters that were expected. Arrowview has fewer kids than expected.

Q: Both SMS and BSS bands have trips planned for this year (one to Ottawa, and one to Hawaii). Are these trips still going ahead as planned?

A: As long as teachers are filling out the paperwork the trips will go ahead as planned. We will look at each case individually.

BCPC has applied to the Labour Relations Board saying that teachers wages should be cut to pay for the duties that aren't being done. They suggested a \$20,000 cut in pay. One arbitrator said that there is inequality in pressure. There is usually action on both sides.

Q: There is concern with special education kids getting undesignated.

A: Every school district can be audited at any time. There is a large set of criteria that needs to be met. In order for a special education student to get undesignated something would have needed to change. There are three categories of special needs, 1. Dependant Handicap Children (\$36,000/year), 2. Chronic Health Children (\$18,000/year), 3. High Incidents Children (\$0/year). With these children the \*district?\* spends 2.5 – 3 times more money on EA's than amount allocated by the government. More information

can be found at the Ministry of Education website and search under 'Special Designations'.  
[www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) Or contact the Ministries Special Needs contact Barb Daniels at [bdaniels@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:bdaniels@sd69.bc.ca)

Q: There was a child in Grade three that was diagnosed with Dyslexia. What should that parent do?

A: Dyslexia has never been a funded category. It has been deemed that there has never been more than 3% of the district population with labelled special needs.

Q: Do we have speech and occupational therapists?

A: It is .2 of a position. We do have them in our district and we can contract them out. There has been an increase in kids with learning disabilities.

Bills 27, 28 and 29 regarding class size and composition have been made a local issue. The ruling said that parents have one year to have a consultation with teachers. \$165 million the first year and \$75 million every year after has been allocated to deal with class size and composition. A parent would have to apply for that fund.

Q: The length of time kids have to eat at lunch hour is not enough. Is there anything we can do about it?

A: Under normal circumstances, the teachers might be able to accommodate the slower eating children but with job action in progress it's not really an option.

Gonda explained that at Bowser kids get to play at recess first and then eat after. This is an option that people can discuss with their principles.

#### **Guest Speaker – Kerri Isham**

Kerri has lived in the district since 1995. She has taught as well as coached different kids in the area. A couple of years ago DPAC hired her to do her Navigating Girl World workshop. Kerri has been back to school to become a sexual health educator as well as learn to teach parents.

Kerri has asked the DPAC to fund and hold a minimum of two workshops in the area at different locations. The cost would be \$350 per workshop. One workshop for kids in grades 0-4 and the second for kids in grades 5-8. Ideally, Kerri would like to teach parents and students at the same time.

This year the district has been able to increase her hours as an independent consultant for the area. Her workshop includes accurate and up-to-date information. Her main focus is on the transition and puberty years.

For more information or to contact Kerri [www.powerupworkshops.ca](http://www.powerupworkshops.ca)

#### **Policy Report - Leona**

The policy the committee has been working on is policy 3040. Trustees passed the second reading Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

All the information is on the SD69 website [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) and the next meeting will be Wednesday November 2, 2011 at 3:30. A draft of the policy has been included in the agenda from the October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Policy committee is looking for more parents to participate. If anyone has questions or ideas for review Leona can be reached at [lmatte@shaw.ca](mailto:lmatte@shaw.ca)

## **Treasurers Report – Lois**

Gaming fund \$2,508.56 (as of Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011)    General Fund \$2,043.37 (as of Sept 30, 2011)

**Point of Interest** - BCCPAC's website has information on getting a government grant for a new playground.

## **E-Prep- Dave**

E-Prep committee had a great first meeting. Lots of exchange of information took place. Group buying would lower the price for E-Prep materials for all schools. Student releases are high on the list of things that need to be addressed. The next meeting will be held in the first week of December.

Julie mentioned that all schools need to have landlines so in case of power outages parents can still get through to the schools.

Mike suggested that an E-Prep proposal be brought forth at the next meeting.

Angie commented that she had been to an earthquake meeting with Earl Billingsly, and a member of the federal government had informed them that the kids in the schools will very quickly be taken over by other rescue workers. Angie will get more information.

## **DPAC Election Update**

In by acclamation Lois for treasurer, Jalyn for Secretary, Gonda, Jenny, Angie and Cilla for directors.

## **DPAC Breakfast – Gail**

Morningstar Golf Course, Memorial Golf Course and Tigh-Na-Mara were contacted regarding hosting the breakfast event. Thallassa at the Memorial Golf Course was chosen. It will end up costing approximately \$13 per person. The breakfast will be held Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-11. Four people from each school are invited. Some ideas for the breakfast included the Trustee candidates as guest speakers, a breakfast only for the PAC chairs, and a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning guest speaker.

Please get back to Gail with RSVP's at [gmolliet@hotmail.com](mailto:gmolliet@hotmail.com)

## **District Community Dialogue Committee Update- Renate**

Committee needs people to help and attend at the meeting being held at EES Thursday October 27, 2011. The next meeting will be held at BSS Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

80 people showed up at KSS meeting, 16 people to Nanoose and 6 people to Bowser.

## **PAC NEWS**

BES has started a fundraising program called the "Wealthy School Revolution". It allows parents to do online shopping and the PAC receives 20% of each order. The items available include non-perishable foods and the groceries get delivered to the school. [www.wealthyschools.ca](http://www.wealthyschools.ca)

BSS has filled their PAC spots since last meeting.

### **Old Business**

Mike was wondering; if teachers weren't mandated to do all their supervisory duties before why were they doing it? This will be discussed at the November meeting.

### **New Business**

Renate was wondering about honoring the retired trustees. The DPAC members agreed that sending cards would be appropriate.

### **Items to Take Back To PAC's**

- 1. Ask PAC's how they would like to see DPAC spend its money**
- 2. Kerri Isham Workshops**
- 3. DPAC Breakfast November 10<sup>th</sup>, four people per school**
- 4. All Candidates Meeting at SMS November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**
- 5. DCDC meeting at EES Thursday October 27 and BSS November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm**
- 6. Policy Committee meeting Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm**