

# COMOX VALLEY DPAC

Draft Minutes of October 24, 2016

Valley View Elementary School

Attendance:

David Gillis	Chair; Valley View (Rep)
Sheri Graham	Secretary; Cumberland (Rep)
Joka Belyk	Isfeld (Rep)
Brooke Finlayson	Brooklyn (Rep)
Jennifer Fisher	Ecole Robb Road (Chair)
Jennifer Hoar	Ecole Robb Road (Rep)
Lucia Little	Royston
Renate Milburn	Navigate / NIDES (Rep)
Bobbi Rowntree	Lake Trail (Rep)
Lorne Taylor	Ecole Robb Road, Isfeld
David Turner	Huband (Rep)
Jennifer Uitdenbosch	Airport (Rep)
Andrea Welsh	Ecole Puntledge Park (Rep)
Jennifer Winter	Aspen Park (Rep)
Peter Coleman	Trustee
Ian Hargreaves	Trustee
Dean Lindquist	Superintendent
Nick Moore	Comox District Teachers Association

regrets from:

Tonia Frawley	Vice-chair; Highland (Rep, Chair)
Donna Graves	Treasurer; Lake Trail (Rep), Vanier (Co-Chair)
Michael East	Aspen (Rep)
Kathleen Hawksby	AEC (Rep)

1. **Called to order: 6:37 pm. Welcome and Introductions.**

2. **Presentation:**  
none

3. **Motion to adopt agenda:**  
Bobbi / Jen W CARRIED

4. **Approval of past minutes:**  
Renate / Jen H CARRIED

5. **Correspondence:**  
5.1 Aboriginal Education Council AGM  
- Wednesday, October 26 at Courtenay EI  
- there are 3 parent representative positions to be filled

- 5.2 Aspen Expo – Home-based business fair
- November 26, 12-5pm
- all are invited to attend
- this information will be sent to the membership and posted to the website

## 6. Reports:

### **Superintendent Report by Dean Lindquist**

- ACTION ITEM: what information would be most valuable to PACs to be presented by the Superintendent; PAC's to please discuss and report back for next meeting
- the September 30 curriculum implementation day was very successful; hosted by the Komoks First Nations and gave teachers a strong understanding of incorporating First Nations ways of knowing; there is a video that was developed by the AEC and is available on the District website
  - the Mawhinney House had a successful opening; this facility is at the Isfeld site and is for at risk and life skills students to foster independence and act as a bridge between academic skills and life skills
  - enrollment numbers look as though they may be positive at this time; official numbers will be released tomorrow night (October 26) at the Board meeting; elementary enrollment is higher than secondary enrollment; elementary and distance learning students are how our overall numbers were increased
  - many of our teachers are excellent and innovative

### **Trustee Report provided by Ian Hargreaves**

- there is a new process being developed to engage with parents on student reporting; a questionnaire about this has gone out to all parents via synervoice; please provide feedback
- NIDES has won a first place national prize for Innovation in Education
- enrollment numbers are coming in; new students are from all over (not one particular region or area)
- the auditors (Office of the Auditor General) have presented a clean bill of health to the District; however it has been determined that there are too few management staff at the Board Office level and this has reduced the ability to function well; the auditors will be in our District for the next three years
- Terms of Reference have been passed for the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee
- Community Engagement Committee will develop Terms of Reference with invited stakeholders
- October 3 is a ground breaking ceremony at Vanier
- the next Board meeting is tomorrow (October 25) at 7pm

### **Chair Report provided by David Gillis**

- ACTION ITEM: all PAC's are asked to please select a DPAC representative and alternate for official voting purposes; please communicate this information to DPAC via email for our records
- last Education Committee meeting (October 11) was at Sandwick and featured an interesting presentation on the opportunities in our District to receive training in trades
  - the Education Committee meetings are the second Tuesday of most months, at 6:30pm, at a variety of locations throughout the District; all are encouraged to attend to learn more about the different facilities and programs that our District has to offer, as well as the strengths and challenges of each

### **Treasurers Report provided by David Gillis**

- DPAC has now received our gaming grant
- if there are conferences that parents would like to attend (eg VIPC, BCCPAC) please bring requests forward sooner rather than later

### **Aboriginal Education Council Report provided by David Gillis**

- the AEC AGM will be Wednesday, October 26 at Courtenay EI; there are 3 parent rep positions to be filled
- the next IPAC (Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club) meeting will be November 10 at Valley View

**Comox Valley Families for Public Education Report provided by Brooke Finlayson**

- the report that has been prepared and presented is available on Facebook
- still collecting stories for "Share Your Story"; they are looking for stories of strengths and weaknesses in the public school system to compile in a document
- communication is through Facebook and PAC meetings

**Ad-Hoc Committee Reports: Communication**

- Lorne Taylor has drafted a set of guidelines regarding presentations at DPAC meetings
- these will be sent out to the membership for review

ACTION ITEM: PAC's to please discuss and provide feedback on these guidelines

**7. Business from last meeting**

**7.1 Communication between Trustees and DPAC**

- nothing formalized at this time

**8. New Business**

**8.1 CV PAC Information and Idea Sharing group on Facebook**

- this is a closed group looking for representation from each PAC in our District (ideally the rep should be a part of the PAC Executive)
- this group would like to discuss and share ideas for things such as fundraising, after school activities, etc

**9. Questions / Comments from DPAC Representatives**

- multiple schools are reporting difficulties with the alternate school week and change in recess; there is the feeling that this is acting as a stressor on teachers (ie difficult to "herd" students when going outside)
- Brooke: there is a DPAC Summit hosted by BCCPAC on November 18 in Vancouver; a rep will be sent to this
- David Turner: query about school districts not accepting a balanced budget; has this been done in other Districts? answer (from Ian): there are 60 Districts in total in BC; most have discussed doing this, but it hasn't been done due to the fear of ramifications of such; (from Peter) money distribution creates "winners" and "losers"

**10. Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn at 8:01pm

Next meeting will be November 28, 2016, at 6:30pm, in the library at Valley View Elementary