

DPAC Meeting Minutes September 19th, 2022 held via Zoom

Meeting Commenced: 7:04pm

Meeting Facilitator: Cheryl Blondin

Attendees Present: (See Bottom) *[fluctuated bw 11-21 at high point]*

Acknowledgment by the chair that the meeting takes place within the traditional, ancestral, unceded Sto:lo territory. There are four first nations band within the boundaries of the Mission School District: the Leq'a:mel, Matheqwi, Qwo:ltl'el and Sq'ewlets peoples.

Presentation – Janet Chalmers – Starfish Backpack Fund

In 2013, a teacher in Abby noticed students coming to school hungry on Monday mornings; piloted program through generosity of donors.

- *Came to mission in 2016 – started feeding 10 kids/wk; 87kids/wk last year (\$625/school year to feed a single child) – have never turned a child away; entirely volunteer and donation driven. If wanting to volunteer or donate please reach out. The generosity of donations is essential to the survival of program.*

[Visiting DPAC to spread the word.]

Presentation – Beth-Anne Cullen, District Principal Student Services and Curriculum

New program –5wk emotionally focused family therapy sessions in Hatzic (supper and childcare provided to participants) [will only be open to Hatzic families for this session with focus on elementary age students] – for kids who experience big emotions and how families can help them through it.

Adoption of June minutes:

Motion to accept June meeting minutes by Raegan, Jacquelyn seconds.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt September agenda by Veronica, Jacquelyn seconds.

Correspondence: Cheryl Blondin

Fairly quiet over the summer...

June Enrollment Summary for MPSD

Student Accident Insurance Info

Deputy Minister's Special Update

BCCPAC Membership Renewal

PAC AGM - Election Help Request

PACs - movie licenses

Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

Looking at ~6,600 students in district - - roughly 1000 students ahead of SD 6yrs ago; about 8% of all new students across BC this year are in Mission.

- *Varies depending on school...*

Staffing – tight in mission last year. Still bad but not quite as bad. Almost completely staffed at this time. Surrounding districts are reporting problems – issue because we're all competing for people.

- *Career fair at SFU on Friday - # of students were approaching Mission booth specifically; Shauna Niro (former part of district) teaches FI and French teacher candidates at SFU – brought teacher candidates to Mission booth.*

No COVID restrictions – business as usual.

Forest fire air advisories – parents can always ask to keep kids inside; 150ppm is line where district recommends reducing activity; 200ppm kids required to stay inside.

One year only \$690k affordability fund coming to Mission – must consult with Indigenous groups, DPACS and admin re: disbursement. \$ has to be additional or supplemental - \$ must help parents/students in light of rising costs of life.

Bargaining ongoing for support staff and teachers...appears to be deal with support staff....

All-candidates meeting coming up on October 15th.

Angus will be at city meeting next week re: future city planning – talk about roads, safety, planning ahead for schools etc...

Sept 30th National Day of Truth and Reconciliation [11am @ Heritage Park]

Chair's Report: Cheryl Blondin

Student accident insurance – Q from parent – no existing insurance provided by district if child injured at school; parents need to purchase. Jacquelyn will use her insurance expertise and re-raise issue at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jacquelyn Wickham

- *Working on budget*

- *BCCPAC renewal will be coming out soon (-\$150); can still vote so long as paid ahead of December 31, 2022.*

Gaming

\$603.61 (\$197.77 after pending costs are withdrawn)

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\$2342.20

Old Business

a. MSS Replacement Deferral

no update...

Cheryl wanted to clarify that she personally has heard a lot of rumours...don't believe stories as many are not factually accurate...

b. Governance Training

In June voted to host training for everyone - - roles, responsibilities etc.

- *Save a date in the future [schedule conflict on December 3rd]*

New Business

a. Trustees All-Candidates Meeting

Cheryl was one woman army for quite some time so original plan was scrapped...what would you all like to see??? Meet and greet? Formal question period?

Cheryl motioned for \$250 budget...amended to \$300 (Pascale-Sara) – seconded by Cheryl. Motion has passed.

b. Movie License

No....schools need to get their own license...DPAC doesn't have the funds to provide licenses for all schools.

c. Student and Family Affordability Fund

Angus - @ COTW looked at how would look if divided equitably; discussed holding back portion (~10%) for indigenous department and student services etc.

Schools will get approx. \$20-30K.

Breakfast programs were suggested as a good use of funds; also potential of gift cards to local merchants to help parents.

d. DPAC Zoom License Coordinator

Looking for assistance in starting meetings for other PACs that use the DPAC zoom license. Approximately 10min commitment a few times a month.

e. DPAC AGM

October – Vote on all executive positions; however, if already in position for 1yr can run again and hold position for an additional year and have 2yr term. Also, if 2yrs but no one runs can elect person beyond 2-year cut-off point.

Have to be a parent but do not need to be a DPAC rep.

Questions can be forwarded to Cheryl.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jacquelyn, Raegan seconds

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Next meeting (AGM) is, October 17th at 7pm via Zoom

Attendees:

District: Angus Wilson; Board: Julia Renkema, Randy Cairns, Shelley Carter; MTU:; Albert McMahan: Ashley MacLean; Christine Morrison: Raegan Heidt; ESR: Sheneal Anthony, Veronica Ebbs-Canavan; Hillside: Jill ; HPMS: Cheryl Blondin; Windebank: Pascale-Sara Frenette; MEC –Amelia Dempster; West Heights: Jacquelyn Wickham, ; Cherry Hill:; Dewdney:; MSS: Sheneal Anthony; Stave Falls:; Silverdale – Melissa Wright; School Unknown/Guests: Brooke C, Janet Chalmers (Starfish), Jash Bains, Linda Hamel, Ross Lightburn-Renaud