

DPAC Meeting Minutes December 13, 2021 held via Zoom

Meeting Commenced: 7:02PM

Meeting Facilitator: Cheryl Blondin

Attendees Present: (See Bottom)

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

Motion to accept minutes: Candace

Seconded: Angela

Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Angela

Seconded: Jacquelyn

Correspondence:

Participation- D- for adult activity- on website

DPAC Summit survey

Enrolment summary

CYNC newsletter

BCCPAC- Zoom License covered by BCCPAC and PACs can stop paying and can use DPAC license

Parent emails

Superintendent Report

- 1) Covid- numbers of exposures declining in Mission across the FV
Vaccines now available for under 12

- 2) Flooding and Emergency Response and Communication
 - Mission is vulnerable because over 50%of staff come from outside of Mission
 - 225 employees come from Abbotsford
 - Communication with City of Abbotsford, RCMP and Abby PD to see the safety of travel from Abbotsford to Mission
 - Province closed HWY 7 without communication with the school districts. Allowed school buses, but not staff- shuttle buses and hotels were already booked
 - Flaggers needed for Dewdney Elementary
 - Re-evaluating emergency supplies

Gas leak at HPMS

- 3) Gas restrictions- field trips and sports events needed to be rescheduled
- 4) Moving teacher education to Mission UFV location
- 5) Employee hires for the district: Noon hour and bus driver positions have had more applicants and 6 new teachers hired

Chair Report

- 1) BCCPAC summit was attended by chair and treasurer
- 2) COTW- issues covered in superintendent's report
- 3) Assess current available technology for DPAC and how to best leverage its use

Treasurer Report

No change.

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New Business

- a) Committees - to report in January
- b) Teacher shortages- District is experiencing severe teacher shortages for TTOCs and some temporary teaching positions remain unfilled.
 - Hiring TTOCs without valid teacher certification in BC- still in approval process with the MTU
 - How do we ensure that curriculum is followed with many absences?
Response from Angus: The responsibility to lesson plan is the teacher's, but in extended absence, it can be the TTOC. Ultimately, the responsibility is the principal if there are specific issues/concerns
 - How do we ensure safety for all students, particularly those with disabilities or higher support needs, when there are unforeseen shortages?
Superintendent response: Attempt to notify parents as soon as possible and create an alternate plan if necessary
- c) District Communication with Parents
 - Day to day is taking longer
 - More big picture- what is the accountability?
 - Emergent communication- issues with timing; kids access to phones and can complicate the accuracy of situations
Superintendent response:
 - Emergency situation- like a lockdown; individual to situation and level of staffing, size of school
 - Gas leak/ plumbing issue- how long do they need to be out of the school- a push out would have been more helpful
 - Improved communication for these situations are needed

- Teachers will have different styles. Regardless of the teacher's preferred method, 24-48 business hours rule to expect communication.
- Possibility of Rocket program- everyone will get a text or phone call- used by Mission FD

d) DPAC to look into drafting letter to advocate for increased teachers education spots

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jacquelyn, Candace seconds

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21PM

Next meeting is January 17, 7pm via Zoom

Attendees:

District: Angus Wilson; Board: Julia Renkema, Randy Cairns; MTU: Shannon Bowsfield; Albert McMahon: Ashley MacLean, Erin, David Kun; Christine Morrison: Kathryn Wozny; ESR: Sheneal Anthony, Veronica; Hillside: Angela Manno, Kate Pankratz; HMS: Cheryl Blondin, Candace Koch; West Heights: Jacquelyn Wickham, MSS: Sheneal Anthony; School unknown: Fabiana Diaz