

DPAC Report by Deanna McLeod from November 5, 2018 meeting

- PAC Café was cancelled due to lack of a facility. The idea is to re-book after Christmas.
- Grade 6 YMCA free membership program – circulate
 - DPAC will contact the Y and get digital info which will then be circulated to PAC via email
- May 3-5 BCCPAC – please get PAC’s to vote via proxy this year!
- Spruceland trying to put on “another” craft fair? Looking for conversation with LDB
- Discussion around Trustee Candidates platforms, forum, etc which evolved into a conversation surrounding DPAC involvement in Trustee “tables/platforms”
- Further conflict resolution conversation occurred – like the form Mr Rossi handed out

Joanne Hapke – President PGDTA

- Provincial meetings occurred, bargaining will begin in January, get to June 30 with a CA
- Main concern: Talk of the government of changing their model for additional funding; looking of a prevalence funding model (rate of prevalence vs student based)
- Everything is going well in the schools

Ms Marilyn Marquis-Forster - superintendent

- Spoke of the tragedy in some schools
- The year is progressing very well due to experienced, senior administration at the school level
- Spoke to the funding model – our funding model is about 20 years old and is due for review
 - Review the funding model during the rural consultation process
 - Stable, flexible, sustainable funding model reminding folks this entire process is about the way the dollars are allocated, not the amount available
- Block funding – proportional, decentralized (up to Trustee/Board to allocate specifics)
- Discussion about a blended funding model where block funding is allocated but there are some specific top-ups defined
- Keeping our children safe from gangs
 - GRIP (Gang Reduction intervention program)
 - November 15 – parent (not kids) seminar – why, what, warning, how to keep kids safe. Location is at Heather Park.
 - How do we get this information to kids appropriately? Administrative discussions are occurring around this subject
 - Gordon Neufeld (Neufeld Institute) Book: Hold Onto Your Kids

Kelly Johansen – Principals

- Question: are there plans to bring back the White Hatter? There will be research through families of schools and they get back to us.
- Set of standards and a process – exec@sd57dpac.ca
- LDB PAC Question asked. Response was to email DPAC, who will then forward on the email to admin. Bonnie please re-write! Needs a better tone☺

- How has a wooden outdoor classroom been approved at Vanway when we were told at Ecole Lac des Bois that we could not install student-made wooden Buddy Benches? (Who exactly told us this?). Our solution was to raffle off the wooden Buddy Benches and use the raised funds to purchase “approved” Buddy Benches. We appreciate the situation at Vanway is unique, however are wondering what the process is to inquire about installing non-standard/approved playground equipment? The first thing that we were told is that wooden structures can be burned and vandalized much more easily therefore wooden structures would not be installed. Lac des Bois also had discussions about an outdoor classroom and the PGSS outdoor classroom was used as example – concrete posts, again to prevent vandalism.

Question: Quinson is trying to get cameras installed to manage vandalism. Specifically, what is the holdup on approval? Answered by Superintendent about the process. Where SD57 places cameras needs to be reviewed where the school wants the camera and ensure that nobody’s privacy is infringed upon. Looking to meet the standard for Freedom of Information. History: there were cameras placed at a school where they infringed upon adjacent business’s privacy so the SD57 is being careful and going through a process before approving camera installation.

President’s report:

- Summary of DPAC Summit
 - There is a grant that can be apply for if a new school has been under-built. More official information to come out in 2019, as stages are finalizing
 - Cannabis – the way to counteract it is to keep kids busy, doing things they enjoy as opposed to “don’t do drugs”

Treasurer report – see hand out, three transactions

PAC and parent Assistance

1. End of February 2019 – combine Conference and DPAC Conference
2. Food safe Update, November 24

Advising School District

- Education Services Committee Report – Email blurb to be sent out
- Education Programs and Planning Committee Report – nobody attended
- Policy & Governance – Nicole reported (GPS in maintenance vehicles, potential CUPE violation of privacy) and second storms and teachers (do not get paid if they stay home, instead go to closest school and get paid).
- Extended Committee of the Whole – nobody attended
- Suggestions for School Board Report – nobody attended

Other Business

Side note: PAC Facebook pages should be closed groups, seems like an “opinion”? Didn’t come from formal channels. Strict control and awareness over FB posts is the goal, which is what LDB does.