

DPAC Meeting Minutes February 10, 2020 held at Christine Morrison Elementary

Meeting Commenced: 7:03

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 band within the boundaries of the Mission School District: the Leq'a:mel, Matheqwi, Qwo:lt'l'el and Sq'ewlets peoples.

Adoption of January minutes:

No Changes required. Motion to accept January minutes by Rachelle, Kerridan seconds.

Adoption of Agenda:

Add New Business to agenda. Motion to accept agenda as updated by Lori, Dionne seconds.

Presentation – Habitat for Humanity – Nadia Brigden and Dennis Coutts

- There are 19 empty homes available (8 will be completed this year)
- Would like information to be spread out to so that all families eligible to apply are aware
- Volunteers can fill out application on their website
- Offers education on money management at no cost
- Angus will send info to elementary schools for each school to forward
- No down payment required, interest free mortgage

Requirements:

- Low-mid income (35k-78k per year)
- Working – must be able to afford all financial commitments
- Commit to 500 hours of sweat equity
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident for a minimum of 3 years
- No bankruptcy claims within last 2 years
- Have 2 or more children under the age of 12
- Be living in housing not suitable because of overcrowding, unsafe/unhealthy and unaffordability

Correspondence: Cheryl Blondin

- MTU Report on school district deficit
- CRA Business number letter
- COTW agenda for Feb 4
- Summary of enrollment January
- Amended COTW agenda with budget
- COTW agenda for Jan 28
- BCCPAC conference open to register
- Emails from PACs looking for help regarding education and financing

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Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

Albert McMahon closure:

- School will reopen on Feb 11
- Underground pump damaged due to rainfall collapsing wall onto unit
- Temporary bypass used to remove waste
- Extra curricular activities may need to be relocated temporarily

Special Education Audit:

- All files for special needs students funding will be reviewed
- Any error will result in a loss of funding for the student

Budget:

- Will have the bylaws for the amended budget in the next few weeks
- Changes need to be made to help cut costs
- Delaying hiring process for facility manager
- Review all staffing levels and budgets

Emergency Kits:

- All schools have kits (on a small scale)
- There are no earthquake kits in the district
- Need to find out how much is the school responsible for vs the community
- Middle and High schools designated in emergencies
- Higher need for water vs food
- Water filtration would be more beneficial than water bottles
- Life for 72 is a resource for emergency kits
- Will find out the districts vision on what the schools are to have prepared

Chairs Report: Cheryl Blondin

Participation:

- Participation grant deadline is Feb 28 – all PACs can apply
- Janice has ideas on a challenge within the schools to increase water intake
- Janice provided a quote for 5-2-1-0 posters with interchangeable tip card for \$250. This will provide a poster, sleeves and cards for each school

Motion made for Safety committee to decrease budget by \$200.00 and bylaw committee to decrease budget by \$50, and transfer the \$250 to a budget line item for Janice to use for 5-2-1-0 by Dionne, Chrystal seconds. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Trustees Catchment Review Questions:

- Questions have been updated and approved
- Will be available in 2 weeks

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- Paper copies available if needed

Gmail accounts:

- Application to incorporate approved, we are now an incorporated society
- Received Techsoup token and access to free and discounted software
- Gsuite has been set up
- Process and procedure for annual maintenance of society will be created by Chair.

Selfless – movie/education

- \$250-\$500 for a 90 minute workshop on online safety and youth mental health topics
- \$650 for workshop with a viewing of the movie

BCCPAC – Annual conference and AGM

- May 1-3, Richmond BC
- Budget for \$920 for 2 people for travel and hotel
- Email will be sent out to dpac reps to see if who is interested in joining Cheryl

Treasurer's Report: Dionne Hairsine

- Chequing \$2158.37
- Gaming \$3723.61
- Amend budget \$241.37 unallocated in gaming and \$450.00 unallocated in general

Communications: Steph Wallbank

Insight reports on social media pages from Jan 13 – Feb 9

- 36 visits on FB
- 2190 FB posts reached
- 344 post engagement
- 25 new likes
- 26 new followers
- 16 twitter
- 181 visits on twitter

Committee of the Whole

Peggy Janicki - Presenter at meeting

- Spoke about a story of 'the secret pocket'
- At graduation, stories will be put in stoles and given to students to gift to others
- Cost is \$10 per student, MTU to make motion to help fund

COTW Meetings:

- Next meeting on Feb 11 @ 4:00
- Dionne looking for members to help with meetings

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- Cheryl will email COTW schedule
- Rep is to ask questions and gather info as a parent and DPAC member

Sub Committees:

Inclusion:

- Nothing to report

Constitution and Bylaws:

- Will have an update in March

Safety and Preparedness:

- Nothing to report

Events and Parent Engagement:

- Proposed idea of having a DPAC table at next years Riot of Reading

Ted Leavitt – Presenter for parent education

- Local counsellor
- Tips on behaviour, anxiety, ADHD
- Available on Tuesday evenings in April
- \$1200 for a 2hr presentation
- DPAC to charge \$5 per person

Motion put forward that we should book Ted Leavitt for \$1200 plus expenses made by Chrystal, Steph seconds. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

- Will book for April 21 from 7pm-9pm

Parent Advocacy Update:

John Gaipman – BCCPAC CEO

- Proposed idea of having other PACs (Maple Ridge, Abby) pitch in on cost of having CEO come in for a presentation
- Will book in the Cafetorium, date in March or May to be determined

Motion to book John Gaipman, for not more then \$500, to make a Parent Advocacy presentation in Mission in partnership with SD42 and SD34 made by Cheryl, Chrystal seconds. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Selfless Workshop

Motion put forward to book a 90 minute workshop by the Selfless presenters for \$500 made by Dionne, Chrystal seconds. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

- Will book in MSS cafeteria, date in May or April to be determined

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New business – Cheryl

- Received request from a PAC looking for funding (\$400) for 5 members to get food safe certified
 - Discussed that only one person certified needs to be in the building.
 - DPAC decided against funding at this time
 - Dionne will look into church groups that offer at no charge and will forward info

Grants Available

- Farm to school Canada grant Jan 1 – Mar 27
- Butterfly Rangers – Get citizens together for environmental challenges

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Next meeting March 9 at Silverdale Elementary

Attendees:

Cherry Hill: Andrea Patton; Cherry Hill: Rachelle Paul; MSS: Karah Hutchison; West Heights: Jacqueline Wickham; Albert McMahon: Cheryl Blondin; District: Angus Wilson; MSS: Dionne Hairsine; Albert McMahon: Steph Wallbank Deroche/HMS: Chrystal McCallum; ECME: Raegan Heidt; Hatzic Middle: Kerridan Dougan; Cherry Hill: Amanda Lennie; MSS: Lori McComish; ESR: Veronica Ebbs-Canavan; Habitat for humanity: Nadia Brigden and Dennis Coutts