



VANCOUVER DPAC • EXECUTIVE MEETING

September 12, 2019 • 7-9:30pm
VSB Education Centre • Room 180

EXECUTIVE

Chair:	Shaun Kalley	At-Large:	Alan Patola Moosmann	Sandra Bell
Vice-Chair:	Amanda Hillis		Karen Tsang	Skye Richards
Treasurer:	Peter Couch		Paula Temrick	
Secretary:	Gord Lau			

Regrets: I've had a few

ATTENDEES

Suzanne Hoffman (superintendent), Carmen Cho (trustee liaison), Lenlen Castro, Alex Dow, Celena Benndorf, Keerthiha, Barb Lee, May Ke, Heather Garnett, Vik Khanna

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Standing Items (45 min)

- 1.1. Approve Agenda (motion from Sandra, seconded by Peter)
 - 1.1.1. 3.6 Food Services item added sub-item
- 1.2. District Update
 - 1.2.1. Kits, Churchill visits; Killarney international student welcome; traffic awareness @ Jamieson; stakeholder president welcome back; staff welcome to 2019/20 school year; Indigeneous meeting recognizing reconciliation poles
 - 1.2.2. Continuing student success conversations, looking forward to present to DPAC
 - 1.2.3. Reviewed existing fifty motions with board, reviewed board work plan
 - 1.2.4. Enrolment trend higher than expected but still decreased, trends seem to be flatlining
 - 1.2.5. Some priorities from trustee Cho's point of view - food committee, seismic, student success
 - 1.2.6. Comment, re: recess time change - curriculum implementation day; believes that communication should have come directly from the district
 - 1.2.7. Question - Skye's question re: flex time for students at secondary; response - can be useful if rolled out well, hasn't had much feedback yet on rollout

- 1.2.8. Question - Grade 7 camps, teachers chose not to do it, for some children their only opportunity -- what are options for those kids to have that experience?
Response - Appreciate the void that this change leaves. Can't really be replaced. Daytrips can be a small taste but not the same experience. Suzanne will take the question away for further idea/responses.
- 1.2.9. Question - Hopeful that we can have open conversations regarding safety, and well-being and learning; background for this is the incidents of anti-black hate at Byng last year, and the possible return of the offending student. Not really a question. Response - agree with sentiments, hindsight is 20/20, commitment is that we will collaborate and continue to learn -- it won't be easy.
- 1.2.10. Question - Contract negotiations, what should parents expect, don't want to be caught flat-footed. Response - media blackout, but nothing to add to this, no recent meetings. Notes that CUPE locals in other school districts have taken strike votes, has not occurred here.
- 1.2.11. Statement from the floor - Notes that the pole raising was very moving, and hopeful it's a good start and commitment to have tough conversations in the future.
- 1.2.12. Question - Chair has heard that their children might only have 10 minutes to eat, is this a common practice? What are the constraints? (Attendee notes lunch rooms in some schools might be small, eat in shifts.)
- 1.2.13. Question - Why not add full days to the school calendar? Response - Ministry has insisted that certain number of days are for curriculum dev, so time needed to be made up. Collective language agreement language is a bound regarding the last day and pro-D days. Received lots of feedback from parents, communication needs to be better, time wants to be longer.
- 1.2.14. Comment - VSB could use diversity in its senior staff.
- 1.2.15. Comment - Area standards - Ministry issue, but parents encouraged to write letters to city (?); Previously Hamber NLC space, 1500 sq m NLC space had auditorium, music, etc. Taken away, but roughed in.

1.3. Approve Minutes

- 1.3.1. June 20, 2019 ([link](#)) (tabled)

1.4. Officer Reports

1.4.1. [Shaun] Chair Report

- 1.4.1.1. Executive has already had a planning session, intend to have two more this year.
- 1.4.1.2. Want to be very involved in facilities planning, especially LRFP
- 1.4.1.3. Want to participate in anti-racism work in district, feels that district has moved forward in the last year, need to make sure that we have a representative view when we speak with the VSB - we need input. Sometimes hard to bring representatives to the table. DPAC needs to have enough representation (voices, not necessarily people) to widely

represent communities. DPAC needs to be an example. Perhaps, we can facilitate workshops that we think the community needs to have. Paula mentions that SACY workshop re: anxiety may be an interesting format for this.

1.4.1.4. Not yet able to have an elder give us permission to work on the land

1.4.2. [Peter] Treasurer Report - nothing of note to report, see attached.

1.5. Committee Reports

1.5.1. VSB Standing Committees

1.5.1.1. [Gord] Student Learning and Well-Being Committee ([agenda](#)) ([reports](#))

1.5.1.2. [Amanda] Facilities Planning Committee ([agenda](#))

1.5.1.2.1. Track and field upgrades, no competition track and field, thinking Van Tech and Churchill

1.5.1.2.2. Photos of summer projects, ie: energy retrofits; heat pumps -- ministerial order. VSB may be one of few school districts to hit the 2030 target

1.5.1.2.3. LRFP consultation process RFP to start

1.5.1.2.4. FI program review, continuing efforts to implement recommendations from committee.

1.5.1.2.5. Background research for ideal school size

1.5.1.2.6. Sustainability plan

1.5.1.2.7. Britannia master plan vision approval

1.5.1.2.8. Some future plans include use of solar, with vaults underground for energy storage

1.5.2. DPAC Committees

1.5.2.1. [Shaun] Facilities Planning Shadow Committee

1.5.2.1.1. We need to discuss, lots of items for this committee to keep track of

1.5.2.2. [Alan] Childcare Committee

1.5.2.2.1. Looking to create a working group, try to understand barriers to VSB providing out of school care

1.5.2.2.2. Info gathering internally first, then will need to look for volunteers.

1.5.2.2.2.1. Info gathering - info re: waitlists

1.5.2.2.2.2. Info gathering - Review existing policies re: out of school care societies

1.5.2.2.2.3. Info gathering - Review existing landscape

1.5.2.2.2.4. Suggestion from attendee that we approach VDLC re: union concerns regarding OOSC; find out what the insurance concerns might be; suggestion re: how have OOSC been created in the past, self-organized groups.

2. Old Business (30 min)

- 2.1. [Shaun] ICT Survey - tabled
- 2.2. [Skye] One-page fact sheet FAQ sheet for PACs
 - 2.2.1. Aim for two formats - 8.5x11 and a tri-fold pamphlet
 - 2.2.2. Need content validation
 - 2.2.2.1. Volunteers to send QE and Wolfe examples
- 2.3. [Peter] Job description - tabled
- 2.4. [Skye] DPAC logo - tabled
- 2.5. [Amanda] Parents advocates - tabled

3. New Business (45 min)

- 3.1. Motion to approve DPAC representatives to VSB standing committees (motion to accept roles as discussed in planning meeting - Amanda, second Skye - majority agree)
- 3.2. Motion to approve DPAC representatives to VSB advisory committees/working groups (motion to accept roles in photo, Alan, seconded by Gord - majority)
- 3.3. Motion to approve spending up to \$150 on catering for each DPAC executive meeting and up to \$200 on catering for each DPAC general or special meeting for the 2019/20 school year (motion from Sandra, seconded by Karen - majority)
- 3.4. Motion to approve up to \$500 for additional costs for PAC 101 (motion from Peter, seconded by Amanda - majority)
- 3.5. Motion to approve spending up to \$800 on a training session on meeting procedure (motion from Karen, seconded by Alan - majority)
- 3.6. Universal Food Program - reviewed exec support for a universal food program (YES.)

4. Announcements/Upcoming Events

- 4.1. PAC 101: September 19, 2019, 6:30pm (doors at 6pm) at John Oliver Secondary
- 4.2. DPAC General Meeting: September 26, 2019, 7pm at the VSB
 - Topic: Student Success
 - Presenter: Suzanne Hoffman
- 4.3. VSB Finance Committee Meeting: September 18, 2019, 6:30pm at the VSB
- 4.4. VSB Board Meeting: September 23, 2019, 7pm at the VSB
- 4.5. VSB Personnel Committee Meeting: October 9, 2019, 5pm at the VSB
- 4.6. VSB Facilities Planning Meeting: October 9, 2019, 6:30pm at the VSB
- 4.7. DPAC Executive Meeting: October 10, 2019, 7pm at the VSB

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