

## **VANCOUVER DPAC** • **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

October 10, 2019 • 7-9pm 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 (regrets) Paula Temrick

Secretary: Gord Lau

Attendees: Alex Dow, Celena Benndorf, Mike Lang, Sandra McPeak , Lenlen Castro, David Schaub, Tara Sunberg, May Ke, Krystof Muniak, Vik Khanna, Keerthiha Supramaniyam, Tsang, Jen (Tyee)

## **GUESTS/DELEGATIONS**

Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM

- 1. Standing Items (45 minutes)
  - 1.1. Welcome and Acknowledgement
  - 1.2. Introductions
  - 1.3. Approve Agenda (moved by Sandra, seconded by Amanda unanimous approval)
    - 1.3.1. New additions: PISA
    - 1.3.2. Old business: Meeting procedures
  - 1.4. Delegations
    - 1.4.1. Mike Lang Safe Routes
      - Last year part of Active Transportation Committee which has been incorporated into Sustainability Committee.
      - Previously concerned that there was no movement forward but this year that
        has been a new focus on sustainability within the City of Vancouver and VSB
        with several motions passing or coming forward including: CoV's passed
        motions on 6 big moves, active transportation and safety and around schools;
        VSB's passed motion re: 6 big moves and another motion coming forward
        regarding active transportation

- Hopeful that MoE will get involved
- Also note that schools have the opportunity to make improvements while roadwork/construction occurring around schools, there is funding available
- ASKS:
  - Support/promote a permanent fall walk and wheel event, to encourage active transportation
  - DPAC statement regarding the importance of safe routes around schools
  - Consider getting other DPAC support to engage with MoE
- Discussion:
- There is a liability issue around parents controlling traffic in any way (per the police). Some schools, ie: Norquay, do have kids do school patrols though.
- Opportunity to improve infrastructure is when there is construction/changes already being done. This opportunity is often squandered.
- ACTION:
  - Skye interested in working to craft this statement that other DPACs might sign on to.
- 1.5. District Update Suzanne (notes from Secretary, summary below)
  - School visits to Wolfe Elementary (South Hill swing site), Sexsmith
  - Attended Community Alliance presentation, CoV leadership meeting, National Day of Republic of Korea, presentation to BCSSA regarding equity, Deeper Learning Dozen meeting (Harvard-led study to create more access to deeper learning experiences for students which includes 12 school districts across Canada and the US)
  - Local bargaining largely complete (IOUE, CUPE, local teachers), only outstanding is adult education.
  - Student success presentation to DPAC, similar session for Brittania and John Oliver coming up.
  - QUESTIONS:
  - Was the post-mortem study from the Kitsilano project (what worked, what didn't, feedback from staff and students) completed?
  - What differences do you see/hear in the Deeper Learning Dozen meetings between BC and the US school districts? Suzanne - Feels different, issues are more acute and prominent, things that we are yet to experience but allows VSB to be more proactive.
  - Regarding Britannia renewal project, it seems like the Elementary has been moved further away and the area in between a public amenity. Is the superintendent aware of the relocation and does she have any concerns?
  - Does the ministry understand that the VSB has capital funds earmarked for Coal Harbour? 2nd question - why is the minister insisting on a catchment review prior to granting capital funds? -- Shaun - believes LRFP needs to happen before a catchment review; Suzanne - Minister believes that before capital is provided, VSB should review existing distribution. Also notes that programme review is also underway, complicating factor.

- Were programs reviews supposed to be complete 2017-2018 school year, will they resume soon? Suzanne - not sure when they'll be done. Multiple programs, including alternate programs, indigeneous, Mandarin program.
- 1.6. Approve Minutes
  - 1.6.1. Sept 12, 2019 (<u>link</u>) Motion made by Karen, Seconded by Alan unanimous approved
- 1.7. Officer Reports
  - 1.7.1. Chair Report
    - 1.7.1.1. Felt last night's facilities meeting was led by staff with little input from the board, feels that trustees need to show vision and direction
  - 1.7.2. Treasurer Report (regrets from Peter, tabled)
- 1.8. Committee Reports (link)
  - 1.8.1. VSB Standing Committees
    - 1.8.1.1. Personnel (Karen) (agenda)
    - 1.8.1.2. Facilities (Amanda) (agenda)
  - 1.8.2. VSB Advisory Committees/Working Groups
    - 1.8.2.1. Administrative Procedures WG (Gord)
    - 1.8.2.2. Naming and renaming WG (Lenlen)
  - 1.8.3. DPAC Committees
    - 1.8.3.1. Childcare committee Alan
      - Reviewed older documentation from Amanda
      - VSB working with CoV non-profit childcare to understand waitlists (so we don't research things that are already done)
      - Next steps:
        - We may need to create our own survey, will need to collaborate on that
        - Ask if there is any status update re: CoV-VSB
- 1.9. Other Reports:
  - 1.9.1. CPF Vancouver Chapter meeting Alan
    - Focus of group is access to French resources to support their children's education, social events, summer camps; about 20 parents; membership drive this month membership fees 80% to local chapter, further % to regional office
- 1.10. Executive Nominations:
  - 1.10.1. (none)
- 2. Old Business (45 minutes)
  - 2.1. [Shaun] ICT Survey
  - 2.2. [Skye] One-page fact sheet FAQ sheet for PACs (update)
  - 2.3. [Peter] Job description
  - 2.4. [Skye] DPAC logo
  - 2.5. [Amanda] Parents advocates

# 3. New Business (30 minutes)

- 3.1. October general meeting topic
  - 3.1.1. Sustainability presentation? Can we get 45 minutes+ presentation together in that time, ie: what parents can do, how parents can support their kids?

    Decision: November topic, Skye to take lead
  - 3.1.2. PAC 101

    Motion for \$350 for VSB AV to record meeting, made by Gord, seconded by Karen -- unanimous
- 3.2. Coalition for Healthy School Food (<u>link</u>)
- 3.3. Delegates to BCCPAC DPAC Summit
  - Shaun and Amanda will attend.
- 3.4. PISA
  - Gord to attend
- 3.5. SEAC rep
  - Amanda nominates Katheryn Randell, second from Sandra Bell unanimous
- 3.6. AOB:
  - 3.6.1. Alex Dow Calendar committee Nov 11, 2020 lands on a Wednesday.

    Questions if VESTA and other stakeholders have stomach for two pro-D days (versus a stat day with 2 school days before and after).