



VANCOUVER DPAC • EXECUTIVE MEETING

December 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 (regrets)
Treasurer:	Peter Couch (regrets)		Paula Temrick	Vik Khanna (ratified)
Secretary:	Gord Lau			

Attendees: Jen Brumitt, Tyee; Vik Khanna, Hamber/Emily Carr; Barb Lee, Norquay; Steve Sheldon, Hamber/Norquay; Jose Lam, Hamber/Norquay; Sharon Lee, Hamber/Norquay; Vivian Lee, Hamber/Norquay; Joel David, David Lloyd George; Deborah Broadhurst, Southlands; Alex Dow, Hamber; May Ke, Churchill; David Schaub, False Creek; Sang Mah, Byng; Celena Benndorf, LEB;

GUESTS

David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent
Carmen Cho, Trustee Liaison

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM

1. Standing Items

- 1.1. Welcome and Acknowledgement
- 1.2. Introductions
- 1.3. Approve Agenda (moved by Karen, seconded by Sandra -- unanimous)
 - 1.3.1. Added update on February agenda (1.8)
- 1.4. Ratify Vik Khanna as a member of the DPAC Executive (34 PACs voted, 33 in favor)
 - 1.4.1. Liaison for Churchill and Gladstone families of schools
 - 1.4.2. Motion to delete the voting form (moved by Amanda, seconded by Sandra -- unanimous)
- 1.5. District Update
 - 1.5.1. Carmen Cho
 - 1.5.1.1. Started working on LRFP, working with consultant
 - 1.5.1.1.1. Wish to consult broadly with communities

- 1.5.1.2. Recent meeting with minister (re: new LRFP guidelines from spring)
 - 1.5.1.2.1. Framework for planning, capital plan
 - 1.5.1.2.2. Can be innovative
 - 1.5.1.2.3. Uses of surplus space for housing, care, etc
 - 1.5.1.2.4. Question for DPAC - re: consultation and reach to alternative programs (answer: our reach is a little limited)
 - 1.5.1.2.4.1. Question - Hansard record speaks of catchment review needed to unlock funding
Answer, Cho - not discussed, but believes that catchment review is not necessary.
Rebuttal - DPAC has had conversations where he's said it pretty explicitly
 - 1.5.1.2.4.2. Question - how can we do holistic planning when we receive answers like "you didn't submit your capital plan correctly, we won't expand Cavell"
Answer - similar answer, again, Minister still believes that capacity will continue to be an issue.
 - 1.5.1.2.4.3. Comment that they should really look at a 40 year time window for lowest cost option.
 - 1.5.1.2.4.4. Question - If raising funds is necessary, what are our options?
Answer - Board looking at options
 - 1.5.1.2.4.5. Question - enrollment doesn't seem to be declining
Answer - not in all neighbourhoods, review of data high level predictions are solid. UHill is definitely off.
 - 1.5.1.3. Food program working group
 - 1.5.1.3.1. Consultation motions
 - 1.5.1.4. Two motions regarding anti-racism coming forward to next board meeting
 - 1.5.1.4.1. Student driven anti-racism forum to be held Feb 4 2020, presented at Student Learning committee
- 1.5.2. David Nelson
- 1.5.2.1. Administrative Procedures Working Group
 - 1.5.2.1.1. Started in 2018 after change of procedures and policies, described the WG
 - 1.5.2.1.2. In spring, discuss how we communicate these APs to stakeholders (ie: bring them off the paper)
 - 1.5.2.1.3. Shaun notes that we are asking for volunteers to help with AP review
 - 1.5.2.1.4. Question re: AP 300, what is being changed
 - 1.5.2.1.4.1. Definitions added re: sibling priority
 - 1.5.2.2. Renaming working group
 - 1.5.2.2.1. Naming procedure already approved

- 1.5.2.2.2. Literature review, highlighted the importance of clear process and framework
 - 1.5.2.2.3. Right now working on criteria for deciding on whether or not a new name is required -- outlined some of the criteria that are being discussed
 - 1.5.2.3. Lots of change for school-based principals in the last four years, especially at the secondary level -- three years in secondary would mean you are veteran. Challenge for the district
 - 1.5.2.3.1. With so many new, lots of training required, a number of formal training opportunities, some for new admin and others for all
- 1.6. Approve Minutes - November 14, 2019 ([link](#)) (moved by Karen, seconded by Alan -- unanimous)
- 1.7. Officer Reports
 - 1.7.1. Chair Report
 - 1.7.1.1. AP - public engagement - note that it uses IAP2
 - 1.7.1.2. BCCPAC DPAC summit - discussions with other DPACs, presentations from the ministry including talking about funding formula, information still fairly abstract
 - 1.7.1.3. Have deferred request from delegations from teachers -- trying to keep our space non-partisan
 - 1.7.1.4. Received PAC2PAC donation
 - 1.7.1.5. Note that 103 PAC have contact info with us, out of 104, 96 with non-personal contact information (good)
 - 1.7.1.6. Mandarin program to move from Jamieson to Trudeau
 - 1.7.2. Treasurer Report
 - 1.7.2.1. In package ([link](#))
- 1.8. Update on February general meeting (Paula)
 - 1.8.1. Feb 22 - DPAC general workshop - reporting student bullying and harassment, threats and violence
 - 1.8.1.1. Hearing concerns around how schools intervene/investigate incidents
 - 1.8.1.2. Concerns also regarding support for victims
 - 1.8.1.3. Focus will be parents, to give them more tools, increased sensitivity
 - 1.8.1.3.1. Looking for feedback about current status re: threats and violence, on these observations
 - 1.8.1.3.2. There should be processes that respect confidentiality but still support the victim.
 - 1.8.1.3.2.1. Byng - new PAC, this year's PAC inherited questions from the previous PAC. What can we ask? Where can we expect transparency?

- 1.8.1.3.2.2. Comment - administration may not be ready to deal with bullying situations in their schools, teachers deal with it, often “lets hope it passes”. Escalation to admin faster at secondary?

We should ask what the expectations should be from the VSB side?

1.9. Committee Reports

1.9.1. VSB Standing Committees

- 1.9.1.1. Personnel - December 4, 2019 (Karen) ([agenda - https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_12Dec04_Open%20Personnel%20Committee%20Agenda.pdf](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_12Dec04_Open%20Personnel%20Committee%20Agenda.pdf))
- 1.9.1.2. Policy and Governance - December 4, 2019 (Shaun) ([agenda - https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_12Dec04_Policy%20and%20Governance%20Agenda.pdf](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_12Dec04_Policy%20and%20Governance%20Agenda.pdf))
- 1.9.1.3. Student Learning and Well Being - December 11, 2019 (Gord) ([agenda - https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_12Dec11_Student%20Learning%20and%20Well-being%20agenda.pdf](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_12Dec11_Student%20Learning%20and%20Well-being%20agenda.pdf))
 - 1.9.1.3.1. Note that DPAC is in favour monthly meetings

1.9.2. VSB Advisory Committees/Working Groups

- 1.9.2.1. Sustainability Implementation Group (Mike Lang) -- not present
- 1.9.2.2. Diversity Committee (Celena Benndorf) -- in report
- 1.9.2.3. AP Working Group (Gord) -- in report
- 1.9.2.4. SEAC (Kathryn Ransdell) -- not present

1.9.3. DPAC Committees

- 1.9.3.1. Childcare Committee (Alan)
 - 1.9.3.1.1. Update, more to come
- 1.9.3.2. DPAC Facilities Committee (Vik)
 - 1.9.3.2.1. New mandate prepared by Vik presented. General agreement about mandate. (moved by Amanda, seconded by Sandra)

2. Old Business

- 2.1. Bylaw revision (Shaun)
 - 2.1.1. Work started, re: nominations by family of school
- 2.2. Vancouver PAC Summit (Shaun)
 - 2.2.1. Motion to allocate \$500 from our events budget for food, from catering special events (moved by Shaun, seconded by Vik -- unanimous)
 - 2.2.2. Timeframe TBD, Feb 3 or Thursday Feb 6th shortlisted.
- 2.3. PAC Donations (Shaun)
- 2.4. November General Meeting
 - 2.4.1. Sustainability meeting -- more students to come to present
 - 2.4.2. Confidentiality waivers received, video can be posted

3. New Business

- 3.1. DPAC Executive planning meeting review
 - 3.1.1. More planning required, sharper meeting focus
 - 3.1.2. Better external engagement and better VSB engagement
 - 3.1.3. Procedures handbook (Paula)
 - 3.1.4. Two executive meeting in 2020 at Eastside schools
- 3.2. DPAC position on Hamber Mandarin sibling priority
 - 3.2.1. Discussion regarding sibling priority for Norquay students attending Hamber
 - 3.2.2. Jamieson class is 35, so may not be a lot of spots
 - 3.2.3. Shaun to meet with Barb, consensus discuss re: 2nd level of prioritization
- 3.3. Crisis Centre training opportunity
 - 3.3.1. 3 exec, 2 parent advocates
 - 3.3.2. Motion to provide \$300 funds for this training (3 parts training, 2 parts advocate budget) - moved by Shaun, seconded by Alan - unanimous
- 3.4. Preferred School Size Working Group
 - 3.4.1. We have two seats, perhaps Maggie (parent at large), Amanda (executive); Vik suggests parents at Annex
- 3.5. January General Meeting
 - 3.5.1. Will ask Suzanne if staff have topics they wish to bring
 - 3.5.2. Would also invite Pedro to an executive meeting

4. AoB?

5. Announcements

- 5.1. Next VSB Board Meeting - December 16, 2019
- 5.2. Next DPAC Executive Meeting - January 9, 2020

Meeting closed at 9:37PM

Committee Reports

Student Learning and Well-Being (2019-12-11) (Gord) ([agenda - https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_12Dec11_Student%20Learning%20and%20Well-being%20agenda.pdf](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_12Dec11_Student%20Learning%20and%20Well-being%20agenda.pdf))

Delegations regarding dangers of vaping, importance of a universal hot lunch program, value of culinary arts program (x2), and collaboration with the restaurant industry.

Vaping - dangers becoming increasingly documented. As a cessation aid, vapes are unproven, but clearly being used to capture new consumers, including children that aren't under the normal demographic that might experiment with drugs and tobacco. Ability to have vapes without nicotine and doses of nicotine stronger than cigarettes makes it easy to accidentally get hooked.

Hot lunch program - universality important to prevent stigmatization

Culinary arts, delegations from instructor and students (Cafeteria Training 11) - very useful life skill and employment skill, an outlet for some students that are new to the country. Students don't report any issues themselves with aging equipment so far, although the instructor opines that many high schools are built such that only a canteen style service is possible. More space is necessary for optimal operation of a cafeteria kitchen. Students go on to a wide variety of roles in the industry.

BC Restaurant industry - stresses job gap and believes that partnership with industry would be fruitful, encourage VSB to retain the program

Information reports regarding Vaping, Food Program Review motions, Elementary Music Review, Diversity committee update, Summer School program.

Vaping - overview of vaping in schools, and supports that are provided for students. Note that vaping seems to impact all demographics equally, including some that do not gravitate to drugs and alcohol (ie: number of kids buy a vape and in a bathroom)

Food Program Review - consultation recommended from previous committee will be rolled into Sep motion regarding food services.

Elementary Music Review - brief update provided. Some written questions provided by DPAC were answered via email, we may have follow up questions. Consultations will include parents.

Diversity committee update - notes that diversity committee has agreed to stay as one committee (although one stakeholder group has voted internally and would still like to see a separate committee). Committee can do deeper dives into topics via working groups, stakeholders would be able to send their committee member or other representatives to those working groups.

Summer school programs - report on update of summer school Uptake down overall, may reflect declining overall enrolment but may also reflect on the lower number of mandatory courses required for graduation

Administrative Procedure Working Group (2019-12-11) (Gord)

New procedures regarding Enterprise Risk Management, Pets in school, Naloxone and Heritage preservation.

Update of procedures for field trips (260) and Admission (300). Changes to 300 largely for clarity and to echo existing practice. Similar for field trip procedure, notably the procedure for field trips that involve swimming. Raised concern regarding commercial locations as destinations for field trips, further discussion possible.

VSB District Diversity Advisory Committee Report November 19, 2019 (Celena)

4. Terms of Reference Review and Discussion
 - Term 'safe space' in guidelines has been changed to 'safer space' to reflect the committee's intent to create a safer space for all
 - The committee agreed to remove 'MARAC and 'Pride Advisory Committee' from the title of the Terms of Reference document, leaving the title to be 'VSB Diversity Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference'
 - The committee discussed the structure of the current Diversity Advisory Committee and determined that the committee would remain as one committee, with the opportunity for committee members to participate in topic specific working groups when deep examination of topics is warranted

5. ETHOS Lab – Presentation from Joan Wandolo, Director of Engagement (www.ethoslab.space)

- Ethos is a cooperative, social enterprise designed to create environments that are tech infused with opportunities centered around black culture but open for all youth, currently engaged with Surrey residents
- Presenter explained their objective is to create space (digital and physical) for youth (ages 13-19) to be themselves and recognize they are individuals
- A soft launch on Dec 17 in Surrey – meeting with parents and educators

7. Committee Member Updates

Selma Smith (VSB)

- Last school year Diversity team provided a multi-faith calendar to each school. BCTF – produced calendar. Possibility that this committee may want to create a calendar for VSB specifically

Naz Gurbuz (Mosaic)

- Event being held through Battered Women Support Services – speak about youth dating violence, healthy relationships, rape culture vs consent culture (December 17, 2019).
- Mosaic has funding to provide training programs, speakers, etc. for their staff and would like suggestions on what they can do and/or who to access to provide pro d events.

Jody Langlois (VSB)

- Senior Management Team and directors will be attending a Cultural Sensitivity workshop on Nov 20 with Shanee Prasad

8a. Feedback re: Notice of Motion from Lois Chan-Pedley:

Original Motion

That the VBE directs staff to undertake a comprehensive Colonial Audit in order to identify both short term and long term opportunities and specific ways to improve VBE policies and practices with regard to Reconciliation and Anti-Racism, for an interim report back to the Board in May 2020 and a final report to the Board in May 2021.

Additional information provided by Trustee Chan-Pedley for consideration:

...she would like to emphasize that the audit to focus on the governance structure policy and procedures of the VSB, not on the programming or curriculum. Connections to programming and curriculum should be noted but not be the emphasized of the audit. I seek the Committee's feedback on the scope and timeline of the motion. At the Policy & Governance Committee meeting, members commented that the current scope was either too broad or too narrow and that perhaps they should look at all inequities and focus on colonial impacts on indigenous communities. There is also the consideration that work is already being done anti-racism via other motions. Maybe this might be better serviced by a narrower scope. My preferences to link decolonization with anti-racism because the linkages are so strong and the work is timely but also to keep the scope small enough so that we can see and act on the results sooner.

Committee Feedback:

- Consider looking at the Colonial audit done by the Parks Board
- Unclear what a colonial audit of governance structure is

- Concern about all of the work already being done in the District and who would be tasked with doing this work
- Would be helpful to have the scope of the audit explained and narrowed to a specific area of focus
- Unclear on how the audit would translate to the schools and school communities, students and staff – what are the connections
- There needs to be a distinction between colonialism and racism
- What is the impact of doing such work – there needs to be more thought with the motion – doing the work for the sake of the work is not beneficial, rather it is exhausting

8b. Feedback for Trustee Notice of Motion from Trustee Carmen Cho:

That the Trustees of the Vancouver Board of Education (VSB) direct the Superintendent of Schools to create strategic plan that includes short (1 year), medium (3 year) and long term (5 year) actions that the district will take to address racism and discrimination in Vancouver Schools. An interim report to be presented at the June 3, 2020 Policy & Governance Committee meeting.

Committee Feedback:

- This one recommendation will allow for a coordinated effort
- Does this encompass a focus on policy or initiatives
- Who will do the work
- Looking to create a system where issues can be addressed at multiple levels
- Speaking about the intersectionality of power, race and gender is needed as well as how it all plays into the understanding of racism and discrimination
- How many students of colour will be involved
- Difficult to provide extensive feedback as the committee does not have the other motions to look at.