



Surrey District Parent Advisory Council

Minutes

General Meeting September 28th, 2016

7:00 – 9:00pm

14033 92 Ave., Surrey, BC, V3V 0B7

Time (Est)	Item	Lead
6:45pm	Registration - 29 schools present -Total Present (including guests): 32	All
7:00pm	<p>1.Adoption of Agenda – Call to Order 7:10 pm Moved by Karen Tan – Approved</p> <p>2.Welcome and introductions- Kelly Thomson, Charlene Dobie, Gary Tymoschuk</p> <p>3.Approval of minutes of the previous General Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 25th, 2016 General Meeting Minutes. • Motion by Hyland Elementary; Seconded by Ocean Park- Approved <p>4. Reports: President's Report (Verbal) - spoke of school funding- for newer schools, taking portables out of the operating budget, 30 schools shut down out of school catchment. Treasurer's Report -Attached</p>	<p>Karen</p> <p>All</p>
7:15pm	<p>5. Parent Information-Education (PIE):</p> <p>Insurance: General vs Limited Liability (For Officers, PACs and DPACs) Presented kids Plus Insurance Plans for School Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Handouts, see DPAC website at surreydpac.ca • Kelly talked about the differences between general and limited liability. • School administrator approved PAC events are covered by general liability • Be mindful of risks associated with fundraisers that are off-school grounds and not administrator-approved. • Kelly took questions from the floor <p>Experiences Canada 150 & ME Project for Youth Presented Experience Canada's 150th year for its upcoming celebration and Project for the Youth [Take on the Challenge] to register please visit the website experiencescanada.ca/150. Handouts distributed.</p>	<p>Kelly Thomson</p> <p>Charlene Dobie</p>



8:00pm

6. Education Forum/ Advocacy:

Follow-up: What's working? What's not working?
Strengths? Opportunities? Challenges?

Karen
All

Referenced the results of the Sep2015 forum and noted the challenges then and continues to emphasize the need for more communication with parents, the challenges of a large district, the challenges of getting an updated email distribution list, the challenges of working with volunteers and technology. Website was down but recently updated. Looking for volunteers who can assist with website and writing. If interested, please contact Karen.

Encouraged parents connect, talk and write to the MLAs for more school funding, over-capacity and discuss situations of portables and over- crowding, and other issues you have

DPAC website up and running and adding some are still work in progress. Look to Facebook for updates.

Action: Karen to include Conversation Cafes and RCMP Forum into calendar/
DPAC website.

Introduced C Dalglish from South Newton Community. Cindy spoke about advocating for Education 101 Forum. She requested DPAC for financial support and encourage all to attend Advocating for Education 101 workshop on Tuesday October 11th 2016 -Ecole Woodward Hill,6082, 142nd St, Surrey BC - Time – 6-30-8 pm

Gary Tymoschuk (Board Trustee) spoke about new funds for surrey schools and fast tracking new schools in Newton (opening 2017),Grandview (opening 2020) and Clayton (opening 2019) more money needed from government. Trustees have been dialoguing with all stakeholders, advocating for funds

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7. Comments, Q&A Roundtable Discussion:

About lead found in School water and has been cleaned pipes over the summer. Some schools may not be able to use tap water alternative arrangements have been made,

All

9:00pm

Adjourned at 9:08 pm

Next meeting: October 26, 2016 from 7:00 – 9:00pm

PAC/ Finance 101/ Insurance - Kids Plus

General meetings are on 4th Wednesday of every month.

All parents welcome.