

DISTRICT 36 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Board Meeting
Minutes

District Education Centre
14033 92 Ave

January 16, 2019

Present: Rina D., Amanda G. (Secretary), Jyotika J. (Vice President), Dean M. (President), Anissa R. (Treasurer), Robert R.

Absent: Jagwinder M., Tré V.

1. Approval of past minutes

The Dec. 12 Board meeting minutes were approved.

2. Update from Board of Trustees meeting

Dean provided a copy of the Superintendent's presentation, which focused on the percentage of students in each grade (particularly high school grades) that transition to the next grade, and graduation rates.

3. Planning for upcoming general meetings: Jan. 30, Feb. 27, April 24

January 30: Donations and tax receipts; Social media for PACs

- Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Simon Ayres has confirmed that he will provide information on the process of donating to schools/PACs and tax receipts. School Cash Online is also a topic he will be asked to touch on, and whether PACs can access this system.
- Amanda has some information on social media tips/guidelines for PACs, and will send out a survey to gather information on current usage and communication.
- Robert will prepare a short Google Drive demonstration.

February 27:

- Nicole Khaler presented information on a "Exclusion Tracker" at the December Board of Trustees meeting, and has agreed to present it to DPAC.
- DPAC has also been approached by the Manager of Mental Wellness from the YMCA of Greater Vancouver about making a short presentation regarding the programs they offer for teens. This could be scheduled for the beginning of the Feb. 27 meeting.
- Other topics/speakers?

ACTION: Amanda will invite YMCA speaker to attend the Feb. 27 meeting.

April 24:

- Topics will relate to gangs, drugs, violence, positive alternatives, etc.
- Kal Dosanjh from Kids Play Foundation is interested in presenting.
- The RCMP could also be contacted about presenting a version of a session they have prepared for schools called Shattering Gang Image.
- A list of programs such as JumpZone could be made available.

4. Meeting with Superintendent

Dean will be attending an upcoming meeting with Jordan, likely with other directors, and collected a list of points to discuss. These included requesting an update on the Ministry audit of designated student files, and a master list of programs (curricular and extracurricular) that are available to schools.

5. Surrey Schools Coalition

Some concerns have been raised regarding DPAC's participation in a formal partnership without consulting the general membership. A representative of the Surrey Schools Coalition (SSC) will be invited to a general meeting to present information about the goals and purpose of the coalition. DPAC Board representatives will meet with the SSC first, and potentially invite someone to either the January or February general meeting.

6. Shared document storage

Shared cloud storage will be set up on Google Drive, accessible to all Directors.

ACTION: Robert will set up a DPAC Google Drive.

7. C&B Revisions

Rina has gathered a few suggestions for revisions to DPAC's C&B, and will present these at the end of the Jan. 30 general meeting.

8. DPAC-branded items

This item was postponed for discussion at a future date.

9. Adjournment