

Purpose and Vision – SD48 DPAC October 9 2014

Thank you to those who made it to the last SD48 Dpac meeting. Here are a few points for all DPAC Reps to present to their PACs and report back to our group.

Based on our Constitution, the **purpose of DPAC** is to support, encourage and improve the quality of education and the well being of the child by:

- Encouraging and promoting meaningful parental involvement in the education of all
- Providing information and exchanging ideas regarding educational and community matters for parents and PACs
- Providing a parental voice to educational decision-making organizations affecting SD#48

Proposed schedule: Our proposed schedule for DPAC meetings this year is:

- 6 October 2014 (AGM) – Spring Creek
- 1 December 2014 – Squamish Elementary
- 2 February 2014 - TBC
- 13 April 2015 (funding meeting) - TBC
- 1 June 2015 (provision for early AGM) – TBC

DPAC Exec continues to seek new Executive members from Squamish and Pemberton

All DPAC meetings are open, but voting members must be by the appointed/elected representative from each PAC. (Please, always let SDPAC secretary know if more than one rep will be attending for dinner planning purposes)

Action item #1:

As DPAC rep, **inform yourself on the roles of BCCPAC** and ask your PAC if are or would like to be members (currently only 3 schools in our district are members). Currently, BCCPAC is focusing on a “Classroom Resources Fund”. In your PAC’s opinion, is this the way BCCPAC should be moving, and are there other issues you feel BCCPAC should be considering? Is anyone interesting in attending BCCPAC conferences (next one: Nov 21-23, Nanaimo)?

Action item #2:

Is your PAC interested in inviting Lisa McCullough and School Board Staff to come to your school and present on the district education plan (Pathways to Learning) in general, or on any specific aspect of it. This year’s focus is on implementation... “where the rubber meets the road”. The focus will be on aligning school

improvement plans to the district school plan. Lisa is asking PACs to invite them in and tell them what you want to know... For example, she can focus on Multi-Age groupings, Assessment plans, how foundational pieces (numeracy and literacy) fit in, Collaborative learning rounds with teachers (Pro-d). Staff is more than happy to come and present, but a clear invitation would make it more productive – they have done countless presentations, where only a few people show up. There will be 3-5 days this year where different groups will meet to “refresh” the Plan. Some parents will be invited to attend.

Action item #3:

All are invited to fill in the survey Monkey on **the changes to the calendar** for this school year up until October 15. The results of this Survey will be presented to the Board of Education at a meeting Nov 12.

Next year there will no longer be any full collaboration days, just time through an early dismissal process.

Action item #4:

SD48 has several **new initiatives for “Programs of Choice”**. Ie: Soccer, hockey, biking. PAC’s are being asked to act as a conduit for other programs such as these.

Action item #5:

Based on the success of the Gabor Mate Presentation, DPAC is considering using it’s money to support one **big parent education event per year**, alternating between the 3 communities (budget of about \$2500.00). Which community would like to spearhead this year’s event, possibly in conjunction with a Community Services Society? Please bring back information to our next meeting Dec. 1.

Action item #6:

All PACs (through their DPAC rep) are more than welcome to send in questions to DPAC to be asked at our meetings, but these questions must be sent to DPAC Secretary or Co-Chairs at least 1 week before the next meeting. This allows us time to forward them to staff for their consideration. Keep in mind, DPAC is not a forum for discussion of school personnel, individual students or parents, or other individual members of the District School Community.

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