

SD42 DPAC Meeting Minutes: February 22nd, 2018

Welcome:

Meeting commenced at 19:02 and meeting minutes passed for November 2017 and January 2018.

Kim Dumore welcomed all in attendance and thanked our hosts, Westview Secondary.

Speakers:

Kristi Blakeway greeted everyone and introduced two Westview leadership students and they presented, by way of a powerpoint and a small talk, what makes their school fantastic.

They highlighted the school's inclusivity events, discussed their art program and the new additions coming next year, their soccer and basketball academies, how they give back to their school community and how they like to have fun by organizing events such as costume contests, a bowling night fundraiser, a horror movie night and a Mario Kart tournament.

Elena Di Giovanni was there to present information on "The Transition Handbook" that is available through the district to assist parents while navigating and preparing their developmentally disabled child(ren) for life after graduation.

- There is a "Transition Fair" at Thomas Haney Secondary April 17th.
- The Transition Handbook is available through this link as a PDF under resources for parents <http://schools.sd42.ca/sss/>

Tanya Scaiano from Gaming, specifically the Enforcement Branch, presented and answered questions on what were acceptable uses for gaming funds.

The take aways:

- Contact Gaming.Branch@gov.bc.ca if needing special permission or unsure of proper use of funds
- Other contact information can be found at <https://www.gaming.bc.ca/contact/index.htm>
- More detailed information can be found at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants>
- Applications, reports, guidelines, conditions and standard procedure can be found at <https://www.gaming.gov.bc.ca>

Reports:

Superintendent Report: Sylvia Russell

- The new “Employer Health Tax” in conjunction with the phasing out of the MSP is creating a year of overlap; therefore, there is, at this point, an unfunded, unexpected decrease of funds for the next budget.
- Budget feedback for all the SD42 working partners has already been given and the consultation process is happening in March.
 - Budget completion to be in April
 - Staffing of the district to happen post budget completion
- There are 1090 kindergarteners enrolled thus far for this September
 - Biggest enrollment since 1990
 - SD is anticipating and prepared for 1300
- There is the smallest grade 7 class transitioning into grade 8 ever: 850
- Student Forum at Swan-e-set was attended by 160 students
 - A diverse group of students attended giving feedback to the SD about their education and changes they would like to see
 - Secondary students feeling unprepared for post secondary/ life after high-school
- After spring break. Single stream compost, recycling and garbage program to start at all schools
 - Schools who have a “pack it in, pack it out” program will continue with that system
- Diversity event with presenter Ivan Coyote dated to happen April 30th and May 1st
- The new school, yet to be named and to be at 104th and 240th, anticipated to be open for September 2019
 - Catchments will be changing to schools in the area
 - The catchments are yet to be decided
 - School to accommodate 580 students
 - School and adjacent community centre to share resources
 - Community centre to be designed by the city

Trustee Report: Mike Murray

- Repeated Sylvia Russell’s concern about the new “Health Employers Tax”
 - The SD is anticipating “a hit” that will be unfunded
 - They will be meeting with the ministry to request funding to offset the loss
- Playground program announced in budget
 - Details unclear
- **Rotary Duck Race:** Ticket distribution and information session March 3rd 11:00-1:00 upstairs at the ACT
 - For information call Irena Shantz: 604-328-8534
- **Grants available from Ridge Meadows Education Foundation**

MRTA Report: Suzanne Hall

- Discussed the variety of roles the MRTA fills and how they support their members

Student Voice: Hudson Mack

- Members approximately 300 students from elementary and 50 students from secondary
- This year's theme: Kindness counts
 - They are work on how to bring this into the schools
- Showed a 10 minute video of the student forum that focused on the feedback the students were giving on their education

Treasurer's Report: Deanna Lackey

- Chequing account: \$8,504.76
- Gaming account: \$3,465.56

Old Business:

- Diversity event: April 30th and May 1st
- Ivan Coyote to present

New Business:

- PAC appreciation night May 24th at MRSS

PAC Sharing:

- Kanaka: Paint Night, March 23rd at the Townhall
- Fairview: Trivia Night, May 4th
- Hammond: Annual Spring Bizarre, March 3rd and Paint Nights on May 4th and 11th
- Eric Langdon: Paint Night, March 2nd
- Westview: Illusion Night, April 2nd, tickets 20\$ <https://westviewmagicshow.eventbrite.ca>
- Langview: Rainy Day Carnival, April 6th, 5PM- 8PM
- Laityview: Paint Night, March 23rd, at the Golden Eagle
- Photo Project: April 9th, 12PM-8PM at The ACT in the lobby

Next Meeting
(There is no meeting in March)
Thursday April 26th, 2018
Connex at Arthur Peak