

SCHOOL DISTRICT 48 DPAC MEETING MINUTES

MAY 15, 2017

DON ROSS MIDDLE SCHOOL, SQUAMISH, BC

Minutes of the Meeting

In attendance:

Ian Kent, School Trustee
Lisa McCullough, Superintendent SD48
Jody Langlois, Assistant Superintendent
Robin Kirk, Don Ross Middle School Principal
Phillip Clarke, District Principal of Learning Services
Melissa Perizzolo, Myrtle Phillip Elementary -DPAC Chair
Kim Muller, Don Ross Middle School, DPAC Secretary
Adrienne Theed, Squamish Elementary
Julie Miller, Squamish Elementary
Caroline Pope, Howe Sound Secondary School, DPAC Member at Large
Tami Mitchell, Spring Creek Elementary
Steve Lloyd, SSTA, President
Clare Ogilvie, Whistler Secondary
Paul Demers, SSTA
Mieke van Eerdt, Garibaldi Highlands Elementary
Meredith Gardner, Pemberton Secondary
Paul Lorette, Director of Instruction

6:40 pm meeting begins – Quorum & Introductions

Motion to approve the May 15, 2017 Agenda

Caroline Pope moved, Clare Ogilvie, Seconded

Carried

Motion to approved the January 30, 2017 minutes

Adrienne Theed moved, Julie Miller seconded

Carried

Reports

Lisa McCullough – Superintendent

- Language from the Supreme Court – smaller class sizes require more hiring
- Portable at GHE possible – still need to go to the Board for approval
- Space requirements – still figuring out, but still should be ok with other schools regarding spaces
- 13-20 teachers to fill the extra roles - 61 postings out last week
- Peter Jory – leaving the School District – was not able to make it this evening but would like to thank everyone and that he enjoyed attending the DPAC meetings
- Director of Instruction Paul Lorette – new role - welcome
- Registrations and waitlist and transfers are ongoing and Jody is working on it, but some parents and students will be waiting until September as the numbers are coming in all summer to determine placement

- The Board is continuing discussions regarding possibly relocating the Alternate Education Program to Learning Connections at the Stawamus site."
- Dogs on school property – still ongoing – Board direction is to write a simple policy to be distributed to all schools
- Communicating Student Learning Project – Paul Lorette – ongoing student learning – group met to share practices and successes – receiving feedback from students and parents positive – a few parents did still want letter grades- those involved in the pilot project will be doing a survey with the families involved in the pilot project

Robin Kirk- Don Ross Middle School Principal

- Reviewed some of the reasons why School Connectedness is important
- Different strategies are used at the school – create trust and caring relations that promote open communication among administrator, teachers, staff, students, families and communities
- Aboriginal world view and strategies and connectedness – blend together – circle process and strategy such as Build a Community Learners, Make Connections to Place, Foster Explorations of and Connection to Identity, Connect Aboriginal Content to Curriculum, Plan for Experiential Learning, Calm, Comfortable Learning Spaces, Act on Racism, Embrace a School-Wide Perspective
- Use circle time – facilitate talking circles to support individual group voice
- Teacher- timetable has changed – less teacher change
- Connecting kids to the curriculum – with the new curriculum and students reported out for the first time on their report cards

Ian Ken – School Trustee

- Very involved with school visits and school improvement plans – wonderful chance to talk with parents, teachers, students – great opportunity see what is going on first hand
- Grad – June 16 Squamish and Whistler and Pemberton June 17
- First week of July – National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education in Whistler

Steve Lloyd – SSTA

- Last meeting – thank you Steve
- Retirement dinner really enjoyed hearing the stories from teachers and the years of teaching students and how they helped to teach your kids – wished parents could have seen it
- Concerns at schools and in the classroom – please talk to your teacher first – very confident the teacher can help. Teachers want to hear and want to help you fix it
- K and 1 combined - struck up a task force sent a lot information along more information coming out as we move forward
- Restored contract now and what we are finding and the amount of money is tight to add positions

Treasurer's Report

- No report – same as last meeting

French Immersion in Whistler/Pemberton Q&A

Squamish Elementary and GHE worked well with the early immersion – complications with staffing pretty much doubled the staff for French immersions- staff is not easy to staff. Cannot proceed with the talks of early French immersion with Whistler and Pemberton – we cannot handle the staffing to make it happen at this time. Not an overwhelming response to move to early French immersion and a number like the later grade for French immersion.

Discussion – best practices amongst schools regarding an inclusive approach to inclusive or best practices to athletics

- Athletic Association handbook – is in draft form right now
- Overarching – BC School Sports – governs the schools

BC School Sports was originally organized in 1965 as the British Columbia Federation of School Athletic Associations (BCFSAA) by a group of interested teachers and administrators. A constitution was adopted in 1966. Operational support was received from the provincial government and the association opened an office in January, 1970. The name was changed to BC School Sports in 1980-81.

Public and non-public secondary schools from across the province are member schools of BC School Sports. The association is self-governed with member schools approving the operating and competitive policies by which school sport is governed. BC School Sports also liaises with and welcomes input from school districts, the Ministry of Education, the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), the BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA), the BC Principals & Vice Principals Association (BCP/VPA) and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).

BC School Sports has on average about 440 member schools each year throughout the province, with more than 94 000 student-athletes participating in 59 provincial championships organized by 19 active sport commissions.

<http://www.bcschoolsports.ca>

- Trying to grabble when do you cut and when do you not cut – approach would be not to cut
- Teachers not paid to coach – teachers need help and need volunteers – need help getting intramurals going
- Special needs – to be included - special needs students should be adapted or modified to be included
- Need to have a teacher sponsor – to sponsor a sport, but a parent can coach the sport
- Sport teams – more are being non-gender specific – principals always encouraging parents and teachers to get involved

- Use of facility and equipment – until 5pm schools get the gym – volunteered – you need to work with the school principal to coordinate and you need to have a teacher sponsor
- Encourage to work with school principal and staff
- All high schools have an Athletic Director
- Work with community partners to work with programs for intramurals sports
- Keeping talking with the principals and the PACs and talk to the kids what is keeping them from participating in intramural sports

Question for Senior Staff

Is there an update on Grade 6's potentially going to Don Ross and if there is, a timeline and how far in advance would parents be notified of the change?

- Warned the parents years ago and told – no plan to move the kids right now
- Working on a new plan and once it is created it will be shared
- Garibaldi Highlands full and looking at 3-4 portables in a few more years
- Mamquam – portables
- Huge space constraints – primary growing and smaller class sizes
- As much notices as possible to give to the parents and students as long as there are no surprises that could change it.

What schools are doing around physical literacy, and participation and inclusion in sport and physical activity. Looking for information regarding if there are other schools who have an inclusive approach or best practices to athletics though no cutting policies, student at risk or special needs inclusion strategies or training, intra-murals etc. (asked in discussion, so might already be answered).

- Discussion above

What is the strategy for SD48 to ensure that students in all schools are encouraged and included in sport and physical activity. How do they ensure that physical literacy is included in all grades?

Physical literacy is in all grades – taught in the curriculum – physical and health curriculum – that is their guide to teach in elementary schools' changes in high school

Partners left – 8:00 pm

DPAC sponsoring "Screenagers"

Motion to approve that DPAC pays up to \$2000 for Spring creek to coordinate the screenings of "Screenagers" that covers 2 screenings at Spring Creek, one in Whistler, one in Squamish and one in Pemberton.

Mellissa Perizzolo moved, Claire Ogilvie seconded
Carried

On Minute Roundtable – moved to October's meeting

Discussion – calendar and timelines for next year

- Looking for a Treasurer
- AGM to be held in October 2017

Dates for the 2017/2018 School Year

October 16th – Whistler Secondary School – 6:30 pm

January 29th – Squamish Elementary School – 6:30 pm

May 14th – Signal Hill – 6:30 pm

New Business

Continued the discussion regarding the physical curriculum in elementary school

Add to the Agenda for next meeting

- Physical literacy – PAC reports back – Task Force
- Reporting on the gradeless program

Ask each PAC:

What is the strategy for SD48 to ensure that students in all schools are gaining physical literacy and participating in active programs that build self-esteem and connectedness? Is your PAC interested in asking SD48 to build a task force on this and have their Athletic Directors collaborate with parents and experts in building inclusive sport and recreation programs?

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Meredith Gardner and seconded Caroline Pope

Next Meeting – October 16th – Whistler Secondary School – 6:30 pm

District Website – send school event information to share on District website

<http://sd48seatosky.org/dpac-pac-calendar-of-events/>

Send information to Chloe Scott at cscott@sd48.bc.ca