

MINUTES



DPAC
DISTRICT PARENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL
ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: October 26, 2017

Time / Location: 7pm, School Board Office

Attendance: AMS, Abby Sr, ATSS, King Traditional, Margaret Stenerson, South Poplar, Alexander, Clayburn, Sandyhill, Robert Bateman, RHSS, Eugene Reimer, Ten Broeck, Blue Jay, Centennial

Special Guests: Kevin Godden, Superintendent
Cindy Schafer, Trustee

7:00pm Welcome & Introductions

7:10pm Kevin Godden presented on our District:

- Strong Start very important to a child's success
- Literacy is so important. Students not reading by grade 3 have less chance of graduation
- We have highest grad rate in province
- 74% of our grads go onto post secondary education
- new report cards for K-9 unveiled in November to reflect new curriculum
- MOE has delayed implementation of curriculum for grade 10 until September 2018, grade 11 & 12 until September 2019
- Teacher shortage, but our district is hiring the best teachers
- Enrollment, lack of space continues to bring issues
- Board/staff continue to be financially prudent
 - Ex: buildings electrical/heating on timers to save money
- Keeping school websites with same layout allows ease for parents and saves district money

***Remember to use district app for important school and district information. You will find events, dates, announcements, highlights and weather closures.**

8:00pm New Business

Changed name of executive position, **Minority Group Outreach Coordinator**, to **Inclusion Coordinator**. Motioned – Cynthia Thurston
Second - Heidi Vinois

Nadine Lollar appointed to Inclusion Coordinator

Discussion on PAC spending:

“Which groups may request PAC dollars?”

The most important thing to consider is that it should benefit all students. Some schools don't have the ability to fundraise. They must rely on gaming funds. Gaming funds are calculated on the previous year's number of students. Gaming gives \$20/student.

Ex: 700 students x \$20 = \$14 000

The money should be evenly distributed amongst the different school groups/activities. The dollars per group/activity should not exceed number of students involved.

Ex: A music program asks for \$5000 but only has 50 students. This would be a very unfair to the other programs/activities that may require funds.

An exception to the rule would be if a school was saving for a large expenditure such as a playground. A playground would benefit all students for years to come.

***PAC dollars should benefit all students!**

8:50pm Adjourned

Next meeting is November 23, 2017