

**DUNSMUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL P.A.C.**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 25th, 2016**

**Present:**

- ✓ Fern Smythe *President*
- ✓ Terry Ward, *Treasurer*
- ✓ Michelle Scoville, *Secretary*
- ✓ Marie Bell, *Communications*
- ✓ Paula Wilson, *SPEAC Rep*

- ✓ Darren Russell, *Principal*
- ✓ May Crompton, *Staff Rep*
- ✓ Simon Holla, *Parent*

Absent: Michelle Alexander

**1. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

**2. Approval of Sep 20th, 2016 minutes**

- The minutes of Sep 20th, were motioned to be approved by Paula Wilson and seconded by Terry Ward. Motion passed.

**3. Approval of Oct 25, 2016 agenda**

- The agenda was motioned to be approved with the removal of AGM item by Terry Ward and seconded by Paula Wilson. Motion passed.

**4. Principal's Report, Darren Russell**

- Online Payment system - up and running / need consent for extraction of some personal information i.e. student #, course selection etc for middle and secondary students. Deadline Nov 4th. This is the first step in the process, to get consent from parents. If you have already registered for the bus, skip to step 6. Email went out on Tuesday from district.
- Google aps education is Wednesday afternoon for the teachers. Giving them time, by principal taking gr 8's to Royal Bay to begin transition process. Vice Principals taking gr 6 & 7 for the afternoon. Bringing in some teachers to assist our teachers. Tough to get this done outside of school time. Trying to make this happen more for our teachers, as the government is rolling out changes. We need to educate our teachers and keep them up to date on changes.
- Created dens / We are the dragons, so dens are rightly named. Pods of 4 classrooms varying grades.

- transitions for grade 5's coming in and grade 8's going out to begin earlier this year. Gr 5's early March right through to end of April / Gr 8's info night for parents on Jan 27 / transition for gr 8's starting wed Oct 26th with tour of Royal Bay
- PT Interviews Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Half day / interview 1:30-4:30 and 5-7ish. Looking at doing Student Led Conferences in the spring. Has not launched with teachers yet, may not fly. Thinking to keep interviews in the fall as per normal and switch it up in spring. Good feedback from others that have done it this way.
- Report cards to go home Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 5. Staff Report, May Crompton

- Nothing to report

## 6. Reports

### a. **Treasurer, Terry Ward**

Account Balances:

General: \$5,174.48

Gaming: \$5,410.26

- The gaming money has yet to be received. BC Gaming had 'misfiled' 3 year's worth of DMS reports. Terry confirmed with Kim Stewart (former treasurer) that they had indeed been done. Terry resent to BC Gaming. They confirmed the mix up was on their end and all is good besides the delay in depositing the money. Based on last year's enrollment we are anticipating approx.. \$14,000 (700 x \$20)
- Approximately \$2,400 forthcoming from September Duelling Pianos Show.

## 7. New Business

- Paul Wilson was nominated as SPEAC Rep. No opposition. Motion Carried.

## 8. SPEAC Report, Paula Wilson

From the September 20<sup>th</sup> SPEAC Meeting:

- Refund of bussing fees is ongoing. District can only release \$5,000 / day
- Resilient & Flourishing Kids Workshop to be held October 7<sup>th</sup>
- PAC 101 scheduled for Oct 20<sup>th</sup> being rebooked for Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Colwood PAC bought specialized stage lighting and is willing to rent it out
- DMS SPEAC fees are still outstanding. Terry to prepare cheque.

From the October 19<sup>th</sup> SPEAC Meeting:

- District enrollment is up about 550 students this year. Have approx. 10,100 total
- District has presented facilities and capital plan to Board
  - 1 new middle school
  - Royal Bay build out for 600 students (up from 400)
  - 3 new elementary schools
- District advising middle schools to “lose the computer labs” if they need more space
- December 14<sup>th</sup> is PAC President & VP’s dinner at Buckey’s Taphouse
- October 24<sup>th</sup> is Anger Management seminar
- Dunsmuir had a broken window reported
- Further work continues on Safe Passages to School project
- A posting for principal of student support services is in process
- VIPC conference set for February 25, 2017 at Royal Bay. Each PAC registered with SPEAC will receive 2 free tickets.
- SPEAC to host “FoodSafe” course. Date TBA
- Wishart applying for grant for new playground. Vote by October 28<sup>th</sup> at [aviva.communityfund.org](http://aviva.communityfund.org)
- A sub-committee meeting on Emergency Preparedness will be held October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Other:**

Simon inquired when the teachers would cease to park on the tennis courts. Darren was hopeful they would have their new lot available within a couple of weeks. Simon wanted to know if there was any plan to resurface/refinish the court to make it useable again. Would have to go through facilities and possibly brought to the Board. Simon has connections with Tennis Canada that might be able to get help with nets.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

***Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016***