

## **Surrey District Parents Advisory Council**

Wednesday September 25, 2024

- 7:00pm Meeting called to order -Rina
- 7:02 Welcome & Land acknowledgement
- 7:03 Review May Meeting/AGM minutes
- 7:05 Adoption of Agenda
- 7:08 Mark Pearmain -Super Intendent
- Increase of 1600 students in district for 2024-25 school year (down from 2200 new students last year 2023-24)
  - Greatest growth seen in high school
  - Labour shortage-some classes still pending on assigned teacher
  - District exploring recruitment incentives for teachers (TTOC don't want full-time contracts -recruitment fairs at UBC & SFU)
  - Adequate TTOC—want to convert more teachers to full-time contracts
  - Device restrictions implemented--exclusions-translation & medical (elementary schools-smooth transition reported)
  - Student bussing
    - reduced to 250 students from 1100 last year
    - busses for students with diverse needs
    - paid by district budget not individual school budget
  - Facilities & Capacity
    - 6 (out of 21) secondary schools implemented extended day
    - intend to add 6 more secondary schools next year 2025-26
    - November district to release report on hybrid learning optionsNotes:
    - post secondary has 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of classes online
    - online learning has lots of valid concerns which will be reviewed & considered prior to implementation
    - 2025-26 year will have a small pilot project online
    - tri-semester will be reviewed & considered
  - Portable Classrooms vs Modular Classrooms
    - first set to open November-December
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> set for early in new year

- modular are ‘technically’ permanent structures with elevators & washrooms contained within
- require occupancy permits from City of Surrey
- District municipal planning to focus on growth along Skytrain corridor
  - opportunity to have dual use for green spaces near schools-park & school use

#### Question & Answer:

-more contractors to manage grass maintenance & snow removal ---to be reviewed as contracted out to 3<sup>rd</sup> party

-bike week –highlighted the demand for more bike racks at each school as there is growing demand from students ---to explore grants/funding from Participaction & local Gov’t or sponsors

-request for answers to schools ‘bursting at seams’ ---ongoing review of students---must also review/consider -inclusive rooms, library usage, gym & green space not just addition of classroom space by portable (temporary) or modular (permanent) structure

8:00pm BC CPAC

- Rina paid annual BCCPAC dues in error prior to DPAC consultation (apology)
  - School level---focus on fundraising
  - District level—focus on snow removal & maintenance
  - Provincial level---focus on topics that affect entire province
- 2 board members have resigned—sighting disfunction of organization
- DPAC needs to vote to stay or withdraw our BCCPAC membership
- Membership wants to know benefits of working together with BCCPAC
- Who will fill the vacant positions at BCCPAC
- BCCPAC is supposed to represent to government-however currently no action
- 132 schools in Surrey School District-largest district in the province
- Interest in ‘PACs helping PACS’ for student benefits

8:20pm Vote for continued membership with BCCPAC

-Hillcrest PAC voted in favour of continued membership

8:23pm Review & Approve DPAC budget

8:38pm Discussion to have someone manage the DPAC website

- propose to review what other DPAC are using for website design/mgmt
- apply for Canada Summer Student grant—manage by university/college student
- request for volunteers

8:40pm

Vote on Open positions within Surrey DPAC

- Ann -President
- Rina -Acting Vice President
- Shana -Director at Large
- Theresa -Director at Large
- Sherry -Director at Large
- Gwen -Director at Large

We are one short -9 required for quorum (we have 8)

8:50pm

District Trustee Bill Homes

- He has attended many different district meetings -observed most districts have similar issues
- Surrey capital request \$5.03 billion

8:59

Ideas for upcoming discussions at future meetings

- Changes to constitutions & by-laws
- Confirmed registered for Directors & Officers Liability

9:19

Meeting Dismissed