

## **SD69 DPAC Minutes**

Monday, November 20, 2024, 6:30pm-9:10pm  
124 W 2nd Ave, Qualicum

### Attendance:

*Attending DPAC Executive and Representatives:* Ray Waroniak (Chair), Jacquie Harkema (Treasurer, KSS), Maleah Bajich (CEAP/PASS), Jason Howard (QBES), Julie Birlew (Springwood), Megan Hurd (Vice-President, Arrowview)

*Attending DPAC Parents:* Susie Wallace, Felicia Kerr

*Attending SD69 Representatives:* Julie Austen (Trustee), Gillian Wilson (Assistant Superintendent)

### Agenda Approval

- Approval *moved* by Jason H., *seconded* by Maleah B. *Vote* passed unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes (November)

- Approval *moved* by Maleah B., *seconded* by Jason H. *Vote* passed unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes (October)

- Approval *moved* by Maleah B., *seconded* by Jason H. *Vote* passed unanimously.

### Information Request

#### Bus Fees

- What is the total dollar amount of bus registration fees collected this year?
  - \$46,375, reported by DPAC COW rep: Maleah B.
- Of the \$25.00 registration fee what % is needed for SD69 admin to register a rider? Could the excess amount collected be returned to parents?
  - The funds have been absorbed into the general transportation budget and will not be returned to parents.
  - The budget process presents an opportunity to re-evaluate this fee.
- Concerns from DPAC about the purpose. The purpose, as presented by the district, was to ensure ridership. How did it become a subsidy?
  - ¼ of families requested a waiver for this fee.

#### Pre-K Program

- Will all children have an opportunity for participation in a QSD Pre K program?
  - No, there is inadequate funding. It relies on grants that were garnered by district leadership. The intention is to continue expanding the program as funds allow.

#### Paper Forms

- Would the school district consider condensing its forms and move to paperless forms?
  - The district is working to move more services online.

#### Play Structures

- Could DPAC be provided an inventory of outdoor playground structures at each school and receive clarification on the rotation for new playground structures proposed to be built.
  - There is a two-year rotation between schools for new play structures, but there are some factors that can impact the priority of this rotation: safety, age, equipment failure
  - Trustees expressed understanding that fundraising for play structures is a burden on PACs.
  - Playground grants are difficult to find and usually offer only partial funding. They are often looking for community/PAC matching.
  - If a PAC pays for a play structure, does their school get moved down the list?

#### COW Meetings

- Does Qualicum School District record the Committee of Whole meetings or save the transcripts?
  - No, there is no direct record, only reports.
  - In September, the Chair of each COW will make the decision about how their meetings are recorded and shared.

#### PQ/QB Electoral Boundary Change

- Why do trustees want to consider splitting Qualicum Beach and Parksville into separate electoral boundaries? Will you ask your constituents and DPAC for their opinions before starting your discussion?
  - This is not moving forward and, if it were, would require regular stakeholder engagement.

#### SD69 Policies 600 (Respectful Workplace) and 605

- Policy 600 was last Amended Nov 28, 2023. Was something overlooked in the 2023 policy review that needs to be reviewed again? Yes or no? What was it?
  - Trustees are considering whether Policy 605 should stand alone or whether it should be included in an amendment of Policy 600.
- Could you please define the word “criticize” as used in proposed policy 605?
  - Concerns have been raised about this language through the readings required to adopt it.
- How will the creation of policy 605 affect current staff? Will staff be more likely to leave the district? Could this policy cause staff to feel demoralized and devalued? Knowing teachers from outside SD69 are aware of and following SD69’s proposed policy 605. How do trustees think Policy 605 affects the likelihood of teachers willingness to work in SD69?
  - No response was given or available.
- DPAC raised concerns about the relationship between the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the proposed QSD Policy 605.

#### Treasurer’s Report

- Gaming Account: \$2513.94
- General Account: Approximately \$12,000

### Business Arising from the Minutes/ Action Items

- DPAC Bylaw 13 and Section 16.3
  - Discussion to strike Bylaw 13 and Section 16.3 because they prevent new DPAC execs from accessing bank accounts and banking information.
  - *Moved* by Maleah B. to strike Bylaw 13 and Section 16.3, *seconded* by Ray W. *Vote* passed unanimously.
- Banking
  - Moving forward. A new account with Coastal Community Credit Union will have online access and the ability to etransfer.

### New Business

- Communications planned to be reviewed at next meeting.
- Website: no update.
- FAC Representative: no volunteer for FAC representative.
- Anonymous Participation at DPAC Meetings
  - Discussion about balancing the need for anonymity, transparency and safety particularly given the meetings are recorded and posted publicly.
  - *Moved* by Ray W. to support confidential participation by request to a DPAC executive, *seconded* by Jason H. *Vote* passed unanimously.

### Recurring Business

- School PAC updates from DPAC reps
  - Reps reported about fundraisers, events, school projects and student achievements.
- Committee of whole meeting report
  - Bus registration fee total reported: \$46,375
- Information requests for the next meeting: None
- What to include in the DPAC report for the board meeting.
  - Feedback on Policy 605 and COW Bylaw 3
- Agenda items for the next meeting.
  - Maleah B. to present as a delegation at next DPAC meeting: bereavement and end-of-life care

### Discussion

- Would DPAC consider hosting a food safe course?
  - Discussion and conclusion that supporting individuals to get their food safe is more economical than hosting a whole class.
- January discussion of finances and ideas for spending.