

Moscrop PAC General Meeting – January 18, 2016

1. Welcome and Introduction - Mary MacKillop (PAC Co-Chair)

- Meeting started at 7: 05 pm
- All executive members were in attendance (excluding Nicole Geyer). Mary welcomed all parents that were in attendance.

2. Approval of Oct & Nov 2015 PAC Minutes

- Motion by Elaine, second by Bettina to accept the Oct & Nov Minutes. All in favor and motion carried.

3. Principal's Report – Victoria Lee

- First Truth Reconciliation Day. It was well received by students and everyone that was present. Contents: aboriginal math, elder sharing stories and other variety of activities. This event was focused on Grade 10s due to the curriculum at that level.
- See attached Principal's report

4. Moscrop Signage Issue – General Discussion

- The District is allowing Moscrop school to retrofit our existing sign to a digital sign as long as the frame is provided. Discussion about a possible partnership with BCIT with their electrical apprenticeship program. It was suggested that the best solution is to have the District lead this initiative. District can hire a company to do the work as opposed to the BCIT's route. Money has been set aside by the PAC for the allotment of this project and will continue to do so.

5. DPAC Report – See attached

- It was suggested during the meeting to bring the School Plan to the PAC level. We can form a committee group from all the interested parents and the committee can formulate a School Plan accordingly. This is to replace the program that has just been phased out by the School Board.

6. Treasurer's Report – Vera Dermanschi

- 2015/2016 Budget was approved at last PAC meeting subject to the BC Gaming Commission's approval of out of Province expenses.
- Approval was requested and received. To recap: 2015/2016 grant is \$28,400, expenses are budgeted at \$31,200. We have a balance of \$14,544.95 from previous year's at Gaming account.

- As of today, we did not receive any disbursement requests from Moscrop, but expect them in coming weeks.
- BC Confederation of PAC 2015/2016 membership renewed at cost of \$75.

7. Parent Education - Mary MacKillop (PAC Co-Chair)

- Dr. Justin Davis agreed to do a presentation to Moscrop. Feb 18 was chosen to do a parent's education night. We have 2 volunteers attending the meeting to assist with check in and set up.
- Principal Lee is to check the availability of the Multi-Purpose room for Feb 18 evening.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Next General Meeting – February 15, 2016 @ 7 pm

Principal's Report to PAC

January 18, 2016

Good News:

Our stats for last year are in and we had amazing results. Some of the highlights: .97% Graduate Rate, Moscrop students ranked above the District and Province in all provincial exams- English, Math, Science and Social Studies.

Moscrop's first Truth and Reconciliation Day was incredibly successful. Our students responded with warmth and care to all of the Elders who presented and enthusiastically participated in the workshops

Moscrop's first evening Spoken Word Event was very successful and included guest poets

Parent Information Events:

AP Parent Information night was held on January 14th- over 150 parents attended to hear about our expanding AP Program

Our Open House will take place on January 28th at 6:45. This year, the Grade 7 Parent Information Session will take place on the same night to allow the new parents to see the department displays

All Grade 9 students will be going to see the Vancouver Opera's production of "Stickboy" at the MJ Fox Theater on Thursday, January 28th. The opera is an adaptation of a short novel about bullying.

Reminder:

Parent notice and list serv were distributed regarding 2 new Professional Development Days that have been added to our school calendar: April 26 and May13. These two days were mandated by the Ministry of Education to allow teachers adequate time to prepare for the implementation of the new curriculum.

DPAC Report on 2015-11-30 meeting

1. Accountability Framework

Dean Goodman, Director – Accountability, Ministry of Education

As of July 1, 2015, Achievement Contracts, Superintendent's Reports on Student Achievement, District Literacy Plans, and School Planning Councils are no longer mandated by the Ministry of Education. A new framework is being co-developed with education partners.

Under the prior legislation, to address student achievement, the Ministry created the Accountability Framework for BC's public education system. The purpose of the framework was to refocus attention and resources on improving the achievement of all students. The Accountability Framework created an annual accountability cycle involving every school, district, and the Ministry of Education. The cycle involved (i) an annual school plan for improving student achievement in the school, developed by the school planning council and approved by the school district (ii) an annual district accountability contract containing specific targets for improving student achievement in the district and (iii) a district review conducted periodically in each district by a Ministry-appointed District Review Team.

Since October 2014 there have been partner group meetings to consider "What is student success" as a new framework was developed. Framework moving from compliance based to cross partner ownership of student learning.

B.C.'s Framework for Enhancing Student Learning:

- system-wide focus on student learning and continuous improvement (intellectual, human and social, and career development);
- multi-year district and school plans, updated annually – plans will reflect local efforts to support each student and specific groups. Plans developed with local partners and in consideration of available evidence;
- meaningful and effective evidence – reported at least annually by districts and the province; and
- system-wide capacity building – team based supports focussed on continuous improvement.

District and school planning to continue but allows districts to determine the process.

2015 – 2016 is a transition year:

- March 2016 - districts expected to develop and post their annual plan.
- May 2016 – Refined provincial policy to be posted.
- 2016 – 2017 school year – plans and evidence developed posted on district website.

Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart

Burnaby to continue with school visits this year – end of January to April/May.

Schools goals – to be discussed with staff and community – identify specific areas to work on.

School PAC can designate conduit for school plan.

Feedback from school visits – District to look at how to share best practices.