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VCPAC General Meeting
January 22, 2019 at Braefoot Elementary School

Present:

REPS: Janine Konkel (VCPAC, Campus View), Starr Munro (CTS, Glanford), Nicole Nyvall (Colquitz, Spectrum, Tillicum), Katia Dilkina (Doncaster), Kim Currie (Esquimalt), Sandra Waterman (Frank Hobbs), Val Montague (VCPAC, Lambrick Park), Lisa Gunderson (Mt Doug), Amanda Panthaki (South Park), Jennifer Childs (Victoria West), Mindy Attwood (View Royal), Carrie Swatland (Willows)

NON-VOTING: Audrey Smith (VCPAC), Kim Currie, Karen Anderson, Jodi Whiteman (VCPAC)

Agenda and Minutes

Agenda – accepted

Minutes – November – accepted quorum

Motion – Audrey moved to have November's minutes accepted. 1st – Val Montague 2nd - Janine Konkel, carried

Announcements/Invitations, VIPC Update

- French Advisory Committee meets at 3:30
- VIPC – 8 codes used to date

ACTION: check to see if Frank Hobbs was on the BCCPAC membership list

French Immersion Story in SD61

French Immersion is a district program with both Early Immersion and Late Immersion. This program requires proficient speaking teachers and support staff. In the district as a whole, the number of seats available do not get filled and space varies among schools. When a seat becomes available, current families have right of first refusal. Shoreline and Cedar Hill had low Immersion numbers, Central is over-capacity.

French Immersion has seats available but not necessarily in the school of choice. Cedar Hill will keep their program as a one-year trial at which time a decision to cut the program will be made.

Boundary Review

The survey showed that the majority of parents want catchments students to be able to go to catchment schools. There was general discussion on district programs and placements. Lisa suggested VCPAC host a parent evening so parents can discuss their experiences and ask questions about district programs.

Awards

Call for nominations and forming awards committee.

ACTION: Post information on website and Snips

VCPAC Call for Nominations

Call for nominations for our April AGM

ACTION: Post information on website and Snips

District Special Education/Behavioral Program

High needs program at Braefoot, Arbutus and Lake Hill is to be cancelled by the district. They plan to replace it with Inclusive Learning Teams. There was a lot of concern about this. This may be a discussion at the budget meeting. This will be EA dependent and teams aren't trained yet. There was no consultation. VCPAC will request to address the board.

Police Liaison Update

The Victoria department has asked for more funding. If they receive their funding, they will keep the liaison positions.

District Calendar

The committee wants to do a three year calendar. They are discussing moving the first Pro-D earlier in September to use for planning. Spring Break – it was discussed about adding day to beginning rather than end as many students are away.

Next Meeting

February 26 at George Jay Elementary