

DPAC General Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2015

Attendance: Abby Middle & Senior, ASIA Sumas & North Poplar, McMillan, Ross, Bateman, C & G Howe, Ten-Broeck, Godson, Swift, Clayburn, Auguston, Dr. R Bondar, ATMS & ATSS, King Traditional, Centennial, Yale, Alexander, BlueJay. Special guests: Dave Stephen, Leigh Howard, Phil Anderson

Meeting called to order.

Dave Stephen, Manager, Communications

District wants to know their audience and is working on communication:

What is key information?

Goals are broad and specific

Keeping websites current, using “news hub”

*New Phone App!

Will keep identity+look same as websites. Will be school specific and able to receive notifications and emergency broadcasts (e.g.: snow days)

Leigh Howard, Learning Support Systems

Special Education through the years:

Prior to 1960, operated on exclusion

1960-1980, segregation

1980-2000, integration

2000-present, inclusion and diversity

Purpose of education is the same for all students – to prepare them to be independent adults.

Learning Support Services

Resource Room

2 Elementary

2 Middle

5 Secondary

Learning and Assessment Centres

5 Centres (one in each family of schools)

Work Study Programs

5 programs secondary

Integrated Support Program

Abbotsford Secondary

Supporting behaviour disorders and mental health issues

Social Development Programs (behaviour regulation)

Blue Jay Elementary

Fraser Middle

Howe Middle

SAIL Program (self-regulation)

Godson Elementary

Alternate programs at 5 main high schools

Social Emotional Learning (Elementary focus)

SAIL (self-regulation, inclusion)

Calm Curriculum (partnership with Child Development Centre)

Roots of Empathy

Friends for Life (anxiety)

Middle/Secondary

Restorative Justice RAFT (Restorative Action Facilitators Trainers) – Middle

OASIS Program – Bateman (anxiety)

Reach Programs – Middle and Secondary

Abbotsford Day Treatment Program

Alternate to Suspension Program

Leigh also showed a video that showcased very successful/famous people with disabilities.

Leigh to supply a PowerPoint of the presentation.

Open Floor Discussion

Adjourned at 9pm