

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
SIR JAMES DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Parents and Staff in Attendance: Dayle, Giesbrecht, Trish Quon, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Joyce Spencer, Kam Grewal, Jacque York, Michele Jarrett, Gwen Chong, Ruth Martens, Jessica Escalante, Becky Winkelmann, Sue Watkins, Ita Leiva, Connie Carver, Donna Emeno, Adrian Keough, Sylvia Jackson, Susan Dreger, Christina Ng, Joan Lichtmann.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sue Watkins welcomed everyone, and guest speaker—Toni Morrison.
2. **Guest Speaker**—Toni Morrison from BCTF on "Raising Confident Boys and Girls."
3. **Review of Agenda** Dayle (accepted)/Carolyn (seconded)
4. **Review of Minutes** Kam (accepted)/Ita (seconded)
5. **Business Arising from Minutes**
 - Donna hasn't heard from Henry Ahking yet regarding community/school meeting.
 - Becky and Donna still to talk to pastor regarding cars turning around in church.
 - Donna will set a meeting date with School Planning Council.
6. **Principal's Report**
 - On Professional Day, April 16, staff worked on School Goals.
 - There will be staff changes due to maternity leaves.
 - **District Review**—the school board is looking at future sustainability and growth in 4 areas:
 - education
 - financial
 - excess space (looking for optimum use of space therefore able to gain revenue)
 - seismic upgrading

There will be public information meetings in the near future—information on the VSB website www.vsb.bc.ca May 8—Van Tech; May 9—Tupper; May 10—Magee meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

 - **Kindness Rocks Performance**—for G. 3 to 7 from Annex and Main School will go to David Thompson on April 27th in the afternoon.
 - **Made you look presentation** about media and images will be presented to intermediate students on Friday April 20th.
 - **May 10th will be the Big One at 2**—District emergency drill. Douglas' detailed plan will be in the newsletter.

7. Vice-Principals' Reports

Annex

- Staffing will change in the fall—with 4 new teachers (temporary and continuing).
- Staff learned about Emergency Preparedness—school must be prepared for 3 days in case of emergency.

Point of Information: Parents need to ensure that information regarding who is able to pick up his/her child is up to date, as staff is unable to release child unless person is listed.

- Concert Under the Stars is scheduled for Monday June 18th, it will be a drumming theme.
- Grade 3 Graduation is scheduled for June 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Main School

- Articulation will be happening soon regarding the G. 3s coming to G. 4 from the Annex.

Point of Information: Parents of G. 3s from the Annex will come to a meeting at 6:00 p.m. before the May 14th PAC meeting to receive information for the 2007/2008 school year.

- Grade 3s from Annex will be coming up to meet the Grade 4s soon.
- Science—Gearing Up—will be from May 23-25. All students, except Ks, will participate in the program put on by the Engineering students from UBC.
- Celebration of Fine Arts—possibly June 1 in the afternoon.

8. Other Business

- Carolyn—Big Brothers Clothing Drive We discussed some possible dates. The dates are still to be confirmed.

Next meeting May 14 7:30 p.m.