**Annual General Meeting**

**Minutes
September 17, 2015, 7.00pm**

Attendance: Alex Hope, Betty Gilbert, Belmont, Dorothy Peacock, Fort Langley, Glenwood, Gordon Greenwood, James Hill, James Kennedy, Langley Meadows, Lochiel, Lynn Fripps, Nicomekl, Parkside, Peterson Road, RC Garnett, Richard Bulpitt, Topham, Uplands, West Langley, Wix Brown, Willoughby, HD Stafford, Brookswood, Langley Fundamental Middle and Sec, Langley Secondary

Guest: Suzanne Hoffman, Claire Guy, Cecelia Reekie, Alison McVeigh

Executive: Suzanne Perreault, Bernice Kristoff-Trowell, Lisa Atkinson, Christine Brightman, Lisa Moore, Andrew Hiscock, [Kerri Ross-Grijzen](https://plus.google.com/u/0/103959282292687227046?prsrc=4), Teresa Blades

1. Call to Order: 7:00
2. Welcome and Introductions: Had everyone introduce themselves
3. Adoption of:
	1. Agenda for September 18, 2015 – Passed
	2. Minutes from May 21, 2015 – Passed
4. Report from Superintendent Suzanne Hoffman. School Mission Statement: To inspire all learners to reach their full potential. Discussed staffing moves within the district. Discussed culture building within the schools. Encouraged PACs to think about their own culture. Summer sessions included 1559 Secondary students, 2131 students from Middle and Secondary, 251 International Students and 22 Aboriginal students. Financially out of the deficit. New District Priorities, including the new K-9 curriculum that will be discussed at future DPAC meetings. PDF attached to minutes email.
5. Report from Asst Superintendent Clair Guy regarding Choice School Registration. Policy 5084. Application to enter Alternate Programs, inclusive of Early and Late French Immersion, Fundamental, Fine Arts and Montessori. Rationale for change includes needs of the students, equality of access, limited enrollment, labour intensive for staff/parents and an addition of online enrollment. Looking to change application to accept 2 choices only, done by an online process. Application will only be accepted 11 months in advance, except for Fine Arts, as there is no kindergarten, so they will accept enrollment 23 months in advance. Waitlist in effect for 1 year only. Langley residents will have priority, and a possible random draw process may take place. Priority order for intake will be: siblings, Langley residents, Siblings of non-residents. More information will be available on the SD35 website. To be presented and voted on at the School Board meeting December 8, 2015. If you would like to provide feedback, it can be sent to Laurie Mason at lmason@sd35.bc.ca
6. Report from Board of Education: Alison McVeigh, School Board Trustee. Keep an eye on the SD35 website. It has been updated, and there is new information being posted every day. Trustees are working on a 4 year strategic plan. Trustees are always available to answer questions. Looking forward to an exciting school year.
7. Special Presentation: Former Trustee Cecelia Reekie discusses Orange Shirt Day. Former Trustee Cecelia Reekie shared some of her personal history and discussed her Aboriginal heritage, her past as a School Trustee, and her current position presenting on Aboriginal residential schools. Last residential school was closed in 1996. Orange shirt day celebrates its 3rd year. Wear an Orange Shirt on September 30, 2015 to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and to remember those who didn’t. Cecelia can be reached for presentations at ceceliar@telus.net
8. Old Business:
	1. Richard Bulpitt Award. There was a great turnout for submissions this year, due in part to allowing submissions to be submitted electronically, as well as school councilor support. This year’s question was “How do you think your parents have contributed to your education and personal achievements?” The winner this year of the Richard Bulpitt Scholarship Award in the amount of $500.00 was awarded to Robyn Buckingham from Walnut Grove Secondary School. Robyn will be pursuing her studies this year at the University of Alberta, in the Education Faculty, majoring in a Masters of Speech and Language Pathology. Due to increasing participation, DPAC will be offering 2 x $500 scholarships this 2015-2016 year, as voted on in the Budget by our Membership.
	2. Updated Policies Manual. **MOTION**: To accept the REVISED Policies Manual as presented. Moved – Uplands, Second – HD Stafford – Passed. Final Policies manual attached.
	3. 2015-2016 DPAC Meeting Schedule to be presented. Attached in Minutes Email.
9. New Business:
	1. Ubuntu Program. Beatrice Singer, who headed the program last year, has resigned from DPAC. The program is now on hold.
	2. Governance for PAC Presidents. School Trustee Megan Dykeman has held Board Governance training for the DPAC Executive. She is willing to hold another session for all PAC Presidents interested in learning to run a successful meeting, as well as an overview of Robert’s Rules. DPAC will be providing a copy of Robert’s Rules to every PAC in the near future. Robert’s Rule Cliff Notes are attached to minutes email.
	3. BCCPAC Memberships. Reminder that BCCPAC memberships are reimbursed by DPAC, so every PAC could be a member. At the BCCPAC AGM, Langley has a stronger voice with more PAC participation (meaning more voting power).
10. Reports from Executives:
	1. Presidents Report –Suzanne met with Suzanne Hoffman to go over the 2015-2016 year. Topics to be discussed and presented are Emergency Preparedness, Communication, Special Education. Encouraged parents to LIKE the DPAC Facebook page, and share events with DPAC that we can promote to everyone on their behalf.
	2. Treasurer’s Report – Reminder that next year when requesting monies for reimbursement ie Foodsafe, seminars, etc, to submit a request for funding first to solidify the funds before you pay for them.
11. Committee Reports: None
12. Correspondence: None
13. Announcements and upcoming events:

-School Board Meeting September 29, 7pm at School Board Office.

-My Tween and Me, Hosted by LPPL. Dates throughout October

-DPAC General - October 15, November 19, No meeting in December

- **Fraser Valley Parent Network Conference** - November 7

1. Adjournment: 9:10 Moved - Topham Second – Uplands – passed