

## **Gordon Elementary PAC meeting**

Feb 23rd 2010 6:45-8:45pm

Gordon Elementary Library

### **1. Quick business**

Proposed date change of ProD Day in May. Moved to May 11th.

Seeking new PAC Chair for next year

### **2. Direct Drive proposal**

Motions made on proposed allocations of Direct Donation funds. Roberta Stuart moves to vote on Laptop purchase next month. Roberta moves (Colleen Kern seconds) to up the Math Manipulatives to \$4k

### **3. Anticipated budget cuts to education**

Proposed calendar change from VSB HR to save over \$1 million. Request parents to provide feedback on website on the proposed changes.

Matthew Quetton: The affect of budget cuts on special needs students. Schools have new rules imposed to cover carbon tax, pupil teacher ratios etc, but no additional funds provided. Therefore, special needs and other areas will be impacted as funds are redirected to cover the new rules being imposed. The impact will effect ALL kids - loss of support services impact in the class room, expertise to identify other issues and solutions in the class room (Autism, ADD etc). Government would require proof that that money paid to special needs kids benefits all. Gordon could do a research program to prove direct evidence of how it works would be good to add to the argument. Placing a dollar value against it would be ideal.

The budget will be proposed March 2nd, have until September to get any changes to budget effected. Matthew spoken to DPAC wants to launch letter writing campaigns and actionable items that parents can take to let government know the level of dissatisfaction. Matthew would like the letter to be signed and sent to Gordon Campbell and other MLA's to inform the government requesting the government to stand by their promises. Want to create crowd noise, a smaller group will form to create a lobby group to strategically lobby the government. Parents in the MLA's postal district have the right to phone Gordon Campbells office and request an interview to hold him accountable to promises made in the throne speech. - [mquetton@me.com](mailto:mquetton@me.com)

Email will come with links and a letter to sign. Bayview will Rally at 10am on Sunday Feb 28th. Location to be confirmed by announcement list by the end of this week. Bayview also have information regarding the issue and options for action.

### **4. Guest speaker: Emily Malnis**

Emily's notes on the health and safety page of the website.

