

## Pro-D for PACs: Evaluation

November 23, 2009

20 surveys returned as of 24 November, 2009

### 1) Did you enjoy the event? If no, then please state the reason?

- Yes x 19

#### *Other comments:*

- It was great to see everyone and it was very informative. Food was great!
- I found the event very interesting and informative.
- Interesting to hear other points of view.
- Very informative x2
- Very informative, well run.
- Quite informative.
- Yes, but incomplete. Would like a follow-up where we take the gloves off and really deal with issues and what is not working and really help each other.
- I found it very informative and liked connecting with other schools' PAC members and look forward to sharing information amongst ourselves.
- I think there was a lot of very valuable information that was shared with PAC members tonight.
- Very good.
- Good info, good response.
- Too much talking from the presenters. Would have liked more time for mingling with other schools and table talk.

### 2) What did you like most in the event?

- All of the info that's on hand/people available to help is great.
- The sharing from the tables about the different topics of conversation.
- To hear what is happening within the district. Great venue.
- Hearing from other PACs.
- Finding out what is going on at other Sunshine Coast schools & understanding the machinations of the school board. Also, the food was great & it was well run.
- Good agenda, good food :)

- Round table, met new connections.
- The variety of information was valuable. All the information given tonight took me 5 years to put together on my own.
- Making connections with parents. Re-invigorating/renewal of DPAC.
- Connecting names & faces. Great dinner
- Putting faces to names - networking with other parents, administrators, etc. Hearing about what other PACs are dealing with.
- The first exercise: how to get parents involved in the school, and the budget presentation by Susan [Budgell] and John [Clements].
- Being new to PAC this was a great opportunity to be educated on how it all works.
- Making connections, hearing of other schools and their scenarios and their solutions to them. What everyone had to say.
- Networking with various other groups
- Everyone receives same message on various topics.
- Hearing ideas/suggestions/brainstorming of others is great.
- Information sharing. Getting everyone together.
- All PACs getting the same message.
- All the topics that were covered. News from other PACs (we need a DPAC for sure).
- Good facilitation. Liked the variety of topics. Good catering. Perfect venue.
- Mix of parents, admin, trustees, sr. admin, union reps.

### 3) What did you like least in the event?

- The surface presentations by the ministry and CUPE.
- It was hard to hear with the music/orchestra practice so close by.
- School board info was not that useful.
- It was running past 8pm.
- Not enough cookies.
- Lots on the agenda.
- Not enough time.
- Too much info.

- District Admin flow chart - too much info & not really certain who to contact for what.
- The dry info! Structure of the administration is not as relevant as what everyone does in the big picture and connecting on a school PAC level..
- Not as many parents as I would have liked to see.
- The length - longer than anticipated/planned for.
- Wish more PAC members attended (lots of district staff present, actual PAC executive members a bit scarce).

4) What are the problems you faced during the event?

- PAC should not be a fundraising club
- Just the logistics, it was hard to see/ hear the speakers from my location.
- I came with no info about the event. Please provide better info on what will be covered
- I had to use the washroom during presentations.
- Tuning out the more 'political' aspects.
- Hard to hear a bit: music.
- Hearing everyone over the jazz band in the background.
- Hearing speakers & questions really tough (even before the band started). Get a microphone next time please.
- Orchestra practice was a distraction.

5) What could have been done to make this event better?

- Different table organization possibly.
- I would have liked to have had time to speak more casually to the other PAC members, so a bit too much structure.
- I think it was great. Good organization.
- Less on the agenda
- High level government reps? Even possible?
- More breaks in the presentations to stretch legs. I think this event was very beneficial, especially if it results in the restoration of the DPAC.
- Get to the real stuff: the budget presentations were very illuminating.
- Have a main stage. Had to turn a lot.

- Trying to involve more parents somehow.
- Good food, good discussions/ideas.
- I think there should be a “next time” and at that event give time for PAC groups to get together to share ideas.
- Microphone – more advertising, encouragement for PAC member involvement (“How to get parents involved” opening comes to mind).
- Needs to be run to a tighter timeline.
- More fun

6) Would you like to participate in our next event?

- Yes x 18
- Maybe we need a get together of other PACs without the administration staff.
- Thanks for having me.
- Absolutely. I like the coast-wide connection between all the PACs and administrators.
- I don't know. Ask me if you need anything.
- I will come again.
- It's a great idea to get this group together.

*Thank you for sharing your time with us this evening.*