

## **DPAC Committee Representative Report**

### **Name of Committee:**

Task Force for the Expansion of Montessori Programs.

### **Date of Meeting you are Reporting on:**

January 21, 2010

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

March 2, 2010

### **Brief Listing of Items Discussed at Meeting:**

We reviewed key components required for the expansion of a third site as outlined at the Nov. 2008, focus meeting held at the VSB. The results from the facilities review from the same year will help guide and create a realistic expansion vision.

The training of teachers is crucial to the expansion vision. Currently most districts with public Montessori programs are discussing and collaborating on a training program, and a cohesive group to support training is looking hopeful.

### **Any Items of Particular Interest to Parents:**

Gladstone Montessori Secondary program is on a year long hiatus due to low enrollment.

To create and sustain a new Montessori High School program it is essential to have 30 students entering each year. To achieve this goal a third elementary site is necessary.

Tyee and Maple Grove Elementary Montessori programs have long waiting lists that indicate a third site is viable.

Val Overgaard will invite a representative from the VSB facilities department to our next meeting so we may review a possible location for a third site.

### **Do you Need to bring a DPAC Position back to an Upcoming Meeting?**

No

### **On what Issue?**

N/A