



District Parent Advisory Council

DPAC Pulse

April 3, 2019

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“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”
 — Henry Ford

DPAC EXECUTIVE UPDATES

Next Stand Alone Night

The DPAC Executive is pleased to announce our next event:

CHILDREN OF THE STREET SOCIETY PRESENTATION

- Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019
- Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Registration: 6:30 p.m.)
- Location: Centennial School Theatre (570 Poirier St., Coquitlam)

The event is FREE, but we ask that you please register, details for registration to be provided via email. Event organized by Shari O'Neill, DPAC Parent Education Coordinator (parented@dpac43.ca)

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID NIGHT PRESENTATION

During May, we will have a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) presentation. MHFA is the help provided to a person developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Just as physical first aid is administered to an injured person before medical treatment can be obtained, MHFA is given until appropriate treatment is found or until the crisis is resolved. Details to be announced.

News From DPAC

- Please visit our website to read the full report regarding the proposed Education Funding Model. Please provide your feedback, your opinion is important!
- During our School Traffic Safety event on March 13th, we noticed lots of engagement and parents wanting to be part of the solution. Thanks to those who attended and participated!

CONTACT US:

Do you have questions, comments, suggestions, or looking for a way to reach out to other PACs and their parents? Please contact the DPAC at:

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President's Corner

A message from DPAC President

As spring break winds up with sunshine and warm weather we regretfully give up basking in vacation mode and try to turn our children's minds back to classes and studies. For some of us that may be a relief while others will miss the extra time with our little ones. Although the schools have been closed the education system has kept churning along, preparing for our children's future and for its own future.

Last month I noted the province wide concerns regarding the Education Ministry's Funding Model Review. Since then the SD43 School Board has provided a detailed response outlining concerns with a number of the recommendations put forward by the Funding Model Review Panel. DPAC, Cupe Local 561, the Coquitlam Teachers' Association and the Coquitlam Principals and Vice Principal's Association have all signed the Board's letter of submission with the Board response. We should be proud that we are able to come together as one voice to support a unified response for the children of the district. We should also be proud of the in depth study and expertise that our district team has put into researching and formulating the response. Our district's response has been acknowledged by Minister Fleming and passed on to Ministry staff for review and consideration. We can only hope that our multiple voices will garner great weight when its reviewed. However, the process is not complete and we won't be sitting down waiting for a response. The DPAC Executive feels that this is a matter of urgent concern for parents. We are taking steps to help spread knowledge of the recommendations and our district response by inviting our partners to speak at this month's meeting. We are also placing the recommendations and the response on our website so our parents will have easy access to these reports. Going forward, we will continue to advocate for a funding model that works not just for children of SD43, but for all children in the province. Your help and support in doing so is greatly appreciated.

Marvin Klassen

President DPAC43



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Budget Process

The School District annual budget serves as an operational plan, stated in financial terms, for carrying out the goals of the upcoming fiscal year. Your opinion is important! **The budget process is a collaborative process involving many stakeholders** including the Board of Education, the District Leadership Team, teachers, administrators, staff, parents, and community members. The budget process occurs annually in April and ends with the adoption by the Board of Education of a budget for the coming year. Stakeholder information and consultation events take place from April 9 - 23, 2019 as follows:

- **Regular Public Meeting - Presentation of 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget** (the preliminary Budget will be presented with an opportunity to ask questions)
Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 7 p.m.
- **Special Public Meeting - Stakeholder Feedback Presentations** (This will be an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback to the Board of Education on specific aspects of the Budget)
Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
- **Regular Public Board Meeting - Final Budget Presentation and Board Approval**
Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 7 p.m.

(Location : Winslow Centre Gymnasium, 1100 Winslow Avenue)

For more information please visit SD43 website:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/budget/Pages/Budget-2019-2020.aspx>

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New Emails for DPAC EXECUTIVE

These are the emails for the 2018/2019 SD43 DPAC Executive.

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Next DPAC General Meeting - April 24th, 2019

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm @ Winslow Centre, Gallery Room

“He who opens a school door, closes a prison.”

— Victor Hugo