



District Parent Advisory Council

DPAC Pulse

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“A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very especial.”

— Nelson Mandela

DPAC EXECUTIVE UPDATES

- The DPAC Executive Elections will be held at the DPAC General Meeting on May 29th. The DPAC is only as strong as the people who give their voluntary work, so we encourage all those who want to make a difference in our District to consider running for a position on the Executive. Anyone who is interested in running for a position is asked to submit a nomination form (forms to be emailed out by the DPAC office). The available positions for the DPAC Executive are as follows:

- ◇ Vice-President
- ◇ Secretary
- ◇ Treasurer
- ◇ Newsletter/Website Editor
- ◇ Parent Education Coordinator
- ◇ Health and Safety Coordinator
- ◇ PAC Communications Liaison
- ◇ Member at Large (4 Positions)

- Four representatives of DPAC will be attending the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Conference and the Annual General Meeting from May 3rd to May 5th in Richmond. The theme and content focus this year is **“Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing”**. This is an occasion to learn and bring back information to our parents. This is also an opportunity to advocate for the children of our district, as there will be various stakeholders attending, including representatives of the Ministry of Education. We will also look for feedback regarding the proposed Funding Model.

CONTACT US:

Do you have questions, comments, suggestions, or looking for a way to reach out to other PACs and their parents?
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President's Corner

A message from DPAC President

With April we round the bases on the fields and our children turn their minds to mid-terms and report cards. Teachers are compressing their time to get through the remaining units, secondary students are contemplating career prospects and elementary students are counting the weeks to summer camp. This is the front side of education. In the background the Board is working on next year and the years to come through the budget planning process. By the time this month's Newsletter is out, the 2019-2020 budget will be finalized, but the worries around the budget will continue.

Each year the DPAC and other partners and stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on the proposed budget through a formal meeting. Each group that provides a written submission is offered an opportunity to present to the Board at an open meeting. This year's meeting was well attended with multiple presentations on areas of concern to partner groups and parents. If we look at the data in the budget one might assume that times are good and the district is flush. But as we look closer to the budget notes, and listen to the concerns raised, uncertainty is revealed. Contracts are under negotiation, compensation and working conditions are questioned, and changes to the funding model are on the horizon.

There is much left to do to assure that our education system has the funds required to provide children with the education they need. Our Board controls disbursement of the funds received, and for many of our concerns we turn to the trustees for answers. But they don't have control of what funds they receive. Those decisions come from the Ministry, where our efforts of late are focussed. In that aspect, we are passing the mid-terms and rounding the bases towards home in the funding model consultations.

Marvin Klassen

President DPAC43



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The Exploitation of Our Youth: Online & Offline

Our April 11th event the *Exploitation of Our Youth: Online and Offline* was a success, thank you to those who attended and asked so many interesting questions. We would like to share some of the resources provided by our guest speakers: **Children of the Street Society**.

- Your school can book the empowering interactive workshop by the Children of the Street Society: Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others (TCO²), which is designed and delivered by youth, for youth about preventing sexual exploitation (<https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/tco2>)
- The most common and easiest way that youth are lured and groomed for sexual purposes is through the internet. Youth are lured online when someone with a sexual interest in the child prepares them for future sexual contact. Once your child is allowed on the internet or provided with technology you must begin conversations about internet safety (<https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/parent-toolkit>)
- There are often many indications that a youth might be exploited or trafficked, but there are five main warning signs that Children of the Street Society shared with us: (1) Age difference, (2) Gifting, (3) Lifestyle changes, (4) Isolation, (5) Gut feeling (<https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/youth>)

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New Emails for DPAC EXECUTIVE

These are the emails for the 2018/2019 SD424 DPAC Executive.

Name	Position	Email address
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Next DPAC General Meeting - May 29th, 2019

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

“An investment in knowledge pays the best dividends.”

— Benjamin Franklin