



District Parent Advisory Council

# DPAC Pulse

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“Never regard study as duty but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy, and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs”  
— Albert Einstein

## DPAC EXECUTIVE UPDATES

- Thanks to all PAC members and parents for attending our meetings during this 2018-2019 year. Thanks for sharing your knowledge and insight about what is best for our children and community. Last but not least, thanks for helping us to be an active and productive DPAC!
- Four representatives of DPAC attended 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 was **“Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing”**. More information in our President's corner.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day is on June 21, 2019. Celebrate the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis! For more information visit the Government of Canada website:  
  
<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013248/1534872397533>
- Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Grants: deadline June 30, 2019. For information please visit:  
  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/pac-dpac-grants>

## 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

The end of May brings us together for our final meeting of the DPAC year, and our election of the executive to carry forward into the next year. As we reflect back on 2018-19, we see a year of many changes. Laura Code has taken over our office duties from Sandy Maloney. We've been working on the development of a new website to assist parents with accessing our many resources. Our meetings and Parent Education events included an All Candidates Meeting prior to the election, a presentation on supporting gifted children, the *Using Your Parent Voice* advocacy seminar with BCCPAC, a traffic safety evening with ICBC and local law enforcement and a presentation on the Exploitation of our Youth with Children of the Street, district presentations on SOGI, Technology and the ongoing Funding Model Review.

Our executive members have attended numerous district committee meetings as well as the fall BCCPAC DPAC Summit. Earlier this month a delegation of four DPAC Executive members attended the BCCPAC Conference and AGM. The conference opened with an impressive and insightful presentation by Dr. Shimi KANG on the Dolphin Approach to Parenting. The afternoon was filled with information on the Funding Model Review from the Ministry of Education followed by a speech by the Minister of Education. The following two days dealt with the election of a new Board of Directors for the BCCPAC, with some familiar faces returning and new voices joining the Executive. A host of resolutions were passed, giving the BCCPAC plenty to occupy itself with in the year to come. I encourage you to look at the BCCPAC website for a review of the new Board, the many resolutions passed at the AGM and a variety of volunteer opportunities with the many committees that provide input and policy review for BCCPAC.

Looking forward to the year ahead, I am confident that the DPAC will continue to provide the parents of SD43 with valuable insight through our programming. Our theme for 2019-20 will be *Connecting the Community*. We already have a number of topics to address and speakers to bring you. Until then, the Executive would like to thank you all for your support and wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

**Marvin Klassen**

President DPAC43

## PAC 101 Orientation Night

The District Parent Advisory Council Executive would like to invite you to a PAC 101 Orientation session: DPAC Overview + How can DPAC support parents, learn valuable tools on taking minutes & proper record keeping, hear how other schools operate their PAC, tips on finances and gaming grants, understanding your Constitution and Bylaws, what's new and relevant to PACs. Opportunity to have your PAC related questions answered . **Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Place: Gallery Room, Winslow Centre 1100 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam. Time: 6:20-9:00pm (doors open at 6:20pm - session starts at 6:45pm) . SVP: Thursday, September 26, 2019 online at <https://dpac43pacorientation2019.eventbrite.ca> (Seating is limited, get your registration in early). Light refreshments will be served Please bring paper and pen for taking notes as we will not be providing handouts. Presentations will be available afterwards on our website or via email by request. As well, please bring a copy of your PAC's current Constitution & Bylaws.**

## DPAC General Meeting Dates for 2019/2020

DPAC General Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at 7:00 p.m., in the Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

### PAC 101 Orientation is on October 2, 2019

- September 2019 No Meeting
- October 30, 2019
- November 27, 2019
- December 2019 No Meeting
- January 29, 2020
- February 26, 2020
- April 1, 2020
- No March meeting due to Spring Break
- April 29, 2020
- May 27, 2020 Annual General Meeting, Elections
- June 2020 No Meeting

## New Emails for DPAC EXECUTIVE

These are the emails for the 2018/2019 SD424 DPAC Executive. Please note that whomever is elected during our May 29, 2019 Executive Meeting will keep the same email address as per below, according to their respective positions.

Name	Position	Email address
Marvin Klassen	President	president@dpac43.ca
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Helen Zeng	Member at Large	member4@dpac43.ca
Laura Code	Administrative Assistant/office	office@dpac43.ca

**Next DPAC General Meeting - October 30th, 2019**  
**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm @ Winslow Centre, Gallery Room**

*“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever”.*

— Mahatma Gandhi