



District Parent Advisory Council

**DPAC General Meeting  
Wednesday, November 24, 2021  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Marvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
72 participants  
52 schools represented – quorum met

Schools with a representative in attendance:

**Elementary:** Alderson, Anmore, Birchland, Blakeburn, Bramblewood, Cape Horn, Cedar Drive, Central, Coquitlam River, Glen, Glenayre, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, Kilmer, Lord Baden-Powell, Miller Park, Moody, Mountain Meadows, Mountain View, Mundy Road, Nestor, Parkland, Porter Street, Ranch Park, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Seaview, Smiling Creek, Walton, Westwood

**Middle:** Citadel, Como Lake, Eagle Mountain, Hillcrest, Kwayhquitlum, Maillard, Maple Creek, Minnehada, Montgomery, Moody, Pitt River, Summit

**Secondary:** Centennial, Dr. Charles Best, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Pinetree, Port Moody, Riverside, Terry Fox

DPAC Executive in attendance: Marvin Klassen – President, Rosey Manhas – Vice President, Ashley Sorensen – Secretary, Jamie Manchester – Treasurer, Ernest Wu – Health & Safety, Zainab Alkassab - Parent Education, Corrie Noble – Member at Large, Nipa Bhalla – Member at Large, Joanne Chng - Member at Large, Laura Code – DPAC Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Rayne Johnson - Member at Large, Judith Obatusa – Newsletter Editor, Andrea Howorth – PAC Communications Liaison

Special Guests: Trustee Craig Woods, Teri Towner City of Coquitlam Councillor, Assistant Superintendent Rob Zombrano, SD43 Technology Director of Instruction Stephen Whiffin, FamilySmart Moira Hazlehurst and Sarah Dover

Minutes taken by: Ashley Sorensen

- **Please send in contact info from your school** to Laura [office@dpac43.ca](mailto:office@dpac43.ca)

**Territorial Acknowledgment by Marvin Klassen**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** moved by *Smiling Creek Elementary*, seconded by *Centennial Secondary*, to accept the Agenda as amended. **CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

**MOTION** moved by *Heritage Woods Secondary*, seconded by *Central Elementary*, to accept the minutes from the October 27, 2021 General Meeting. **CARRIED**

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- Jamie Manchester

- Income Statement 01 November 2021 – 24 November 2021
- Telephone and Payroll went through
- General Account has \$35,761.53 and Gaming has \$2,974.79

### 4. Superintendent's Report

- Rob Zombrano

- New Chair is Michael Thomas and new Vice Chair is Carol Cahoon
- A motion was passed to not require a vaccine mandate. This was done for a variety of reasons including that most teachers live and work in the TriCities and that the TriCities has a vaccinated population of 90%.
- A discussion was had about how lucky we are in SD43, and that there have been conversations with other School Districts severely impacted by the floods. Some schools are quite impacted and that there are some that are really needing significant repairs. From the roads being washed out, buildings and homes gone, remote learning happening long term and now the fundraising efforts.

### 5. Parent Education

#### A. SD43 TECHNOLOGY

- Stephen Whiffin

- The School District had data challenges with water but were very lucky.
- Remote learning had challenges but the District has a plan and is moving forward with a plan for 2025
- They are increasing the focus on STEAM Education: Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts, Math. The goal is to make education authentic and powerful. This is a five-year focus.
- This is a Multi-disciplinary approach and trans disciplinary focus.
- Explore the world around them including the First peoples.
- Students can demonstrate learning and their options to do so increase.
- The District will use cross cutting themes and introduce social emotional learning with the digital space.
- Tech is in everything, cross cutting across all areas.
- There will be an investment in new learning supports.
- There will be a new tech learning service website that will offer webinars for the K-Gr. 8 level on Learning Together Themes.
- This will increase resources for teachers brought to students increasing the learning experience.
- 30 schools participated in the Student Spaceflight Project. This was a great success. There were formal and informal top choices sent to the district and then post-secondary institutions panel. Microsoft was included in this project and the top 3 were submitted to NASA. Port Moody Secondary, Hillcrest Middle School and Dr. Charles Best Secondary were chosen to be tested in space by an astronaut.
- MyEducationBC Family Portal is happening at the Secondary level and will be increasing to the whole district including the Elementary and Middle schools in June 2022.
- This will allow Parents/Guardians to access information regarding: Communication, View and Confirm demographic information, attendance tracking, Report Cards, Pending Forms will also be added. Paper report cards will no longer go out and if they are needed, they can be requested, but digital format will be mainstream.
- The District is also prioritizing bandwidth increases for tech support. They will be updating the Wifi to Wifi 6. This will start with the Secondary level first as they are online more frequently and it will be a multi-year project as they go building to building to upgrade.
- The District has access to 3000 loaner devices (450 are available right now), 1000 students in Grades 6-12 used the loaner devices. They are running on Windows 11SE.
- Games and Instagram not prioritized bandwidth for use while in a school building.
- The Port Moody Society Foundation has an own a device program only available current for Port Moody residents.
- SD43 recommends for student devices that they have the O365 Standard, Windows 11SE, any laptop 10" screen or larger, proper keyboard and wireless access.

## **B. FAMILY SMART**

**- Moira Hazlehurst**

- Family Smart is a Parent Peer Support resource and they offer emotional support, info and resources, help navigating services to support children's and family's mental health and help with preparing for meetings to self-advocate.
- They hold monthly events called "In the Know," monthly online currently due to Covid.
- The 4 C's are communication, collaborative problem solving, control vs. influence, and care for self.
- Family Smart has handouts, resources and videos online at their website [www.familysmart.ca](http://www.familysmart.ca)
- The Peer Support worker can help parents and families with conversations and how to have them go differently.
- Have questions to ask and be curious in your child's life. Have a plan A,B,C. A is adults impose way, B is collaborative and everyone gets their needs met, C is child gets their way.
- Mental health and substance abuse issues are also supported so please email them, check out the website. They do reply, but ask for a 48-hour grace period please.

## **6. Looking Ahead**

**- Marvin Klassen**

- Next DPAC Parent Education Presentation is on December 7, 2021 and will focus on post-secondary options and applications, programs etc.
- January 26, 2022 General Meeting will host BC Bereavement/Crossroads Hospice Society and discuss the stages of grief.

## **7. Adjournment**

**MOTION** moved by *Glenayre Elementary*, seconded by *Centennial Secondary* to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. **CARRIED**