



District Parent Advisory Council

DPAC General Meeting
Wednesday, November 27, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Marvin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
31 schools represented – quorum met.

Schools with a representative in attendance:

Elementary: Alderson, Anmore, Aspenwood, Blakeburn, Castle Park, Cedar Drive, Central, Eagle Ridge, Harbour View, James Park, Kilmer, Lord Baden-Powell, Meadowbrook, Mountain View, Panorama Heights, Porter Street, R.C. MacDonald, Ranch Park, Seaview, Smiling Creek, Walton

Middle: Citadel, Eagle Mountain, Hillcrest, Maple Creek, Pitt River, Scott Creek

Secondary: Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Riverside, Terry Fox

DPAC Executive in attendance: Marvin Klassen – President, Edward Ram – Treasurer, Judi Zaklan – Vice President (arr 7:10), Corrie Noble – Member at Large, Rayne Johnson – Member at Large, Will Davis – Member at Large (left 8:15), Laura Code – DPAC Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Superintendent Patricia Gartland, Charlie Loo – Secretary, Ally Wang – Member at Large, Shari O'Neill - Parent Ed, Maria Ledezma – Newsletter Editor, Hui Wang – Health & Safety, Teri Towner – PAC Communications Liaison

Special Guests: Trustee Craig Woods, Trustee Lisa Park, Trustee Carol Cahoon, Paul McNaughton – Director of Instruction, Leann Buteau – Vice Principal Riverside Secondary and Administrator Supporting Secondary Transition, Jennifer Fritzsche – Transition Educator Learning Services, Kathy Trotter – Consultant Transition Program Kinsight

Minutes taken by: Rayne Johnson

- **Please send in contact info from your school** to Laura office@dpac43.ca

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by *Maple Creek*, seconded by Cedar Drive, to accept the Agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION made by *Kilmer* seconded by Maple Creek, to accept the Minutes of the October 30, 2019 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

3. Treasurer's Report

- Edward Ram

- Children that have their significant adult involved in their schooling life, do better.
- In our DPAC newsletter, there is an article about the BC Government outlining where parents can go to find advice regarding their children's post-secondary education. EducationPlanner BC encourages families of British Columbia to start planning and saving for their children's post-secondary or training program. More information can be found at <https://educationplannerbc.ca>
- This is different from the Federal Government Registered Education Savings Plan.

- We spent \$347.70 on our Mental Health First Aid presentation, money for Admin & Payroll as well as telephone in the office. Currently have \$29,490.06 in our account.
- DPAC would encourage all schools in SD43 to be participants of BCCPAC.

4. Superintendent's Report - Paul McNaughton

- Board meeting was on Tuesday, Nov 26th and the Superintendent gave a detailed report on what has been happening in our district. You can find the report on the SD43 website www.sd43.bc.ca
- Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair
- Change in budget process. The collection of input from partner groups and the public will be moved up so the Board will have the opportunity to hear information before the budget is done.
- Learning Services did a presentation on Gifted Education.

5. Changes and Supports SD43 Provides -Paul McNaughton, Leann Buteau, Jennifer Fritzsche

- SD43 has a team that helps students with diverse needs transition from school into the workplace. Diverse or complex needs means students in low-incidence categories which would be kids with Ministry-identified needs in Category A, Category C, Category D, Category F, Category G, trying to collaborate with kids in Category H.
- The vision is to create personalized, strength-based transition plans for kids with diverse needs.
- The goal is to place 60 students, this year, in work experience placements.
- Collaboration with outside agencies STADD, MCFD, CLBC, Work BC
- Use PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrow w/ Hope)
- Transition Planning is beneficial for all kids, but kids with complex needs need a team of people planning with them.
- Working on creating a digital student portfolio.
- Success is helping all students leave school with either a Dogwood Diploma (traditional 80 credit graduation certificate) or Evergreen Certificate (a learning certificate).

6. Kinsight - Kathy Trotter

- Provides a range of services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as supports for children and youth.
- Tonight's presentation focused on the Family and Individual Support Program.
- To tie into the last presentation, Kinsight also supports the transition to and throughout adulthood with information, referrals and connections.
- Helps with completing applications for government funded services.

7. PAC Successes - Orion Huel from Lord Baden Powell Elementary

- In addition to the SD43 recycling program, a need was identified for additional recycling for batteries and markers. The simple solution was to add boxes for these items. Staples recycles markers and Return It Express can take batteries. At this point, it is up to parents to recycle these items on their own time.
- For fundraising, the Flip Give App has proven to be quite successful. It is an easy app to use for online shopping <https://www.flipgive.com/r/816410>
- Pacific Mobile Depot will take hard to recycle items like soft plastics, from granola bars (for example), every third Saturday of the month at Glen Elementary.

8. Executive Reports - DPAC Executive

- The BCCPAC DPAC Summit was held on Nov. 15th & Nov. 16th. Our President and Vice-President attended this event. It was an excellent Summit, full of lots of

information for the delegates; the Minister of Education Rob Fleming was in attendance, there was a presentation about SOGI, the parent portal, personal education numbers, the funding model process, immunization and the partnership model for before/afterschool care.

9. PAC Voice

- Marvin Klassen

- A question was asked from a DPAC representative if there could be space in our meetings for attendees to ask questions to other PACs instead of only having presentations with little time for questions from the room. There is a need for more collaboration instead of being told there isn't enough time because we must move to the next item on the agenda.
- Corrie mentioned "PAC Connections, Inspiration and Collaboration" on Facebook as well as "PACS Helping PACS" and "BCCPAC for PACS".
- There is a huge interest with PAC's requesting help with PAC Constitutions & Bylaws. An idea was put forth to give PACs small milestones to achieve between meetings and a new presentation would be given for the "next step". Marvin gave homework to the interested schools that have not updated their C&B's in a long time. First, the PAC's must locate their current C&B, and second, they must form a Constitution & Bylaw committee consisting of 3-4 people willing to actually read the document. We also have templates for C&Bs on the website or contact Laura at office@dpac43.ca who will gladly provide the template. There are also a few schools such as Riverside Secondary that have recently updated their C&B which could be a helpful read for other schools.

10. Looking Ahead

- Marvin Klassen

The next meeting is January 29, 2020 and Chris Nicolls, Secretary-Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer will be presenting information about the upcoming budget process.

11. Adjournment

MOTION made by *Scott Creek*, seconded by *Mountain View*, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. **CARRIED**