



District Parent Advisory Council

**DPAC General Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM**

Marvin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

77 participants

32 schools represented – quorum met.

Schools with a representative in attendance:

Elementary: Alderson, Anmore, Blakeburn, Castle Park, Eagle Ridge, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, James Park, Mountain Meadows, Mountain View, Mundy Road, Panorama Heights, Porter Street, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek, Walton

Middle: Citadel, Como Lake, Eagle Mountain, Minnehada, Moody, Pitt River, Scott Creek

Secondary: Centennial, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Pinetree, Riverside, Terry Fox

DPAC Executive in attendance: Marvin Klassen – President, Judi Zaklan – Vice President, Edward Ram – Treasurer, Maria Ledezma – Newsletter, Teri Towner – PAC Communications Liaison, Corrie Noble – Member at Large, Rayne Johnson – Member at Large, Laura Code – DPAC Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Charlie Loo – Secretary, Shari O'Neill - Parent Ed, Hui Wang – Health & Safety, Ally Wang – Member at Large, Will Davis – Member at Large

Special Guests: Superintendent Patricia Gartland, Trustee Craig Woods

Minutes taken by Laura Code

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Tabled until April 29, 2020 General Meeting

2. Approval of Previous Minutes – General Meeting February 26, 2020

Tabled until April 29, 2020 General Meeting

3. Treasurer's Report

- Edward Ram

- Edward reported that in the month of March he ordered new cheques, as well as, he wrote cheques for payroll, Parent Ed and TELUS.

4. Superintendent's Report

- Patricia Gartland

- Read a statement explaining why the Ministry of Education, under the direction of the Provincial Health Officer, made the difficult decision on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 to immediately suspend in-classroom learning in BC until further notice and that these actions were made to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Discussed the guidelines that have been sent to all schools and districts to follow as they develop education plans for students. All the planning will be guided by these principles:
 - Ensure a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees

- Provide the services needed to support children of our essential workers
- Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance
- Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students
- Schools are closed to the public and all touch points in the buildings are being cleaned on a regular basis by the custodians.
- Principals and clerical staff were working in the schools on Monday and Tuesday and beginning on Wednesday, some teachers were able to work in the schools. By Friday, April 3rd students and parents should receive an email and/or a phone call from their teacher. Everyone is working very hard to help the students make the transition to online learning.
- Stephen Whiffin's team has been following the results from the SD43 Continuity of Learning Survey and redeploying computers from the schools for families that don't have access to technology.
- Outlined by the Ministry of Education online learning per week
 - Elementary School Students 5 hours + 2 hours PE & Mental Health
 - Middle School Students 10 hours + 2 hours PE & Mental Health
 - Secondary School Students 3 hours per class + 2 hours PE & Mental Health
- SD43 has partnered with SHARE Family & Community Services to help deliver food to the families that need it in our SD43 community. This partnership is the most effective way to ensure the safety of everyone, as well as, it allows SD43 to continue their school-based meals program.
- For Grade 12 students the Ministry of Education is working with the post-secondary institutions to see what is required to help them make the transition as smoothly as possible.
- Teachers and administrators are helping students in Grade 10 and Grade 11 prepare for graduation and making sure that they will have enough credits to graduate
- If the teachers are assigning work, students are expected to complete it.
- To communicate, most teachers and students are using Microsoft Teams – Office 365.
- District Budget Meetings are now virtual meetings via ZOOM and a mental health section has been added to the SD43 website.
- Superintendent Gartland answered several questions from the participants.

5. Looking Ahead

– Marvin Klassen

- For the next General Meeting on April 29th, an email will be sent out with all of the information for our virtual meeting via ZOOM.

6. Adjournment

MOTION made by *Centennial*, seconded by *Rochester* to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED