



District Parent Advisory Council

**DPAC General Meeting  
Wednesday, April 29, 2020  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Marvin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.  
55 participants  
39 schools represented – quorum met

Schools with a representative in attendance:

**Elementary:** Alderson, Anmore, Aspenwood, Blakeburn, Bramblewood, Castle Park, Cedar Drive, Central, Eagle Ridge, Glenayre, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, James Park, Mary Hill, Meadowbrook, Mountain Meadows, Mountain View, Mundy Road, Panorama Heights, Pinetree Way, Porter Street, Ranch Park, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek

**Middle:** Citadel, Eagle Mountain, Kwayhquitlum, Maple Creek, Minnekhada, Pitt River

**Secondary:** Centennial, Dr. Charles Best, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Pinetree, Riverside

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

Regrets: Trustee Craig Woods, Shari O'Neill - Parent Education, Hui Wang – Health & Safety, Ally Wang – Member at Large

Special Guests: Trustee Lisa Park, Superintendent Patricia Gartland

Minutes taken by: Charlie Loo

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

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** moved by *Rochester*, seconded by *Gleneagle*, to accept the Agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

**Approval of Amended Agenda of April 1, 2020**

**MOTION** moved by *Eagle Mountain*, seconded by *Panorama Heights*, to accept the Agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

**MOTION** moved by *Rochester*, seconded by *Pinetree*, to accept the Minutes of the Feb 26, 2020 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

**MOTION** moved by *Centennial*, seconded by *Heritage Mountain*, to accept the Minutes of the Apr 1, 2020 General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

**- Edward Ram**

- Spent Gaming account, \$48.71 remaining

- After Payroll and taxes paid, \$22,534.58 in General account. Remainder high because of spending curbed due to COVID-19

#### 4. Superintendent's Report

- Patricia Gartland

- Budget Passed, one of the first in the Province to do so.
- Stability was large focus on the budget, particularly in these uncertain times.
- COVID-19 Update:
  - o March 17, 2020, under advisement of Bonny Henry, Ministry suspended school
  - o March 18, 2020, Prov Gov't declared a State of Emergency
  - o 4 guiding principles by Ministry:
    1. Provide safe space (school buildings)
      - Principals, Vice Principals and Custodian staff working in schools, Teachers encouraged to work from home
      - Increased cleaning and disinfecting protocols
      - Maintain 2m distance and regular washing hands
      - Keep students in cohorts
      - Encourage outside activities
      - Increased cleaning of common areas
    2. Providing services needed to support children of essential service workers
      - 200 childcare spots for children of tier 1 and 2 service workers
      - Locations: Mountain View, Parkland, Irvine,
      - 118 spots filled, space for 82 more
    3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance
      - At risk students: 450 who receive support services from school district
        - o Helping these students to be successful in this time of at home learning and support the parents
      - Food security: feeding 350 students in partnership with SHARE
      - Also, take-home food backpacks, total of both programs helping over 700 families
      - Culinary Team at Centennial, Gleneagle and Riverside are providing food packs to SHARE to help
    4. Provide Continuity of Education services to all students
      - Easier for middle and high school
      - 700 laptops provided (on top of 800 already deployed) for students in need. 100% coverage for those who are needed. More available
      - 100 iPads have been deployed to support those where these are more appropriate
      - Asked by Gov't to provide supplies for deployment of emergency services in BC (masks, disinfectant etc.)
      - Grad Commencement Ceremonies:
        - o Cannot have large groups of people at this time
        - o Cannot ensure proper distancing with in-person ceremonies
        - o Will hold online ceremonies. Details being worked out.
        - o Principals of the individual Secondary Schools will provide further details
        - o Virtual leaving ceremonies for grade 5 and 8s as well
      - May 4, 2020 will be an announcement of the plan for the Summer Learning Program

- Want to ensure that graduating students have access to courses necessary to graduate
- Technology implementation: Students who assist teachers will also make themselves available to help other students with tech help
- Talk of gradual opening of schools. Gov't has said not to expect full opening until Sept.
  - Watching other governments to see how other opening go
  - Likely scenario (not officially announced by Ministry yet) Elementary grades would be first, including social distancing, staggered break times, staggered recess, greater hygiene, no assemblies or sport events.
    - Would need to redeploy staff for smaller class sizes
- Directions 2020 strategic plan
  - Guiding plan for last 5 years
  - Looking to plan for next 5 years
  - Looking for input from for the next 5 years (2025)
  - Directions 2025 video presentation, will be provided virtually
  - Will have a survey to gather input
  - DPAC will send it out.

## 5. Looking Ahead

- Marvin Klassen

- AGM will happen in May, more info to come
- Will be looking for people to fill executive roles:
  - PAC Communications – Thanks Teri
  - Treasurer – Thanks Edward
  - Parent Education – Thanks Shari
  - Secretary – Thanks Charlie
- BCCPAC AGM this Saturday (May 2) 2-hour webinar style. Must pre-Register, if you have not received access code, contact BCCPAC immediately

## 6. Adjournment

**MOTION** moved by *Riverside*, seconded by *Pinetree* to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**CARRIED**