



District Parent Advisory Council

**DPAC General Meeting
Wednesday, March 30, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Marvin Klassen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

61 participants

44 schools represented – quorum met

Schools with a representative in attendance:

Elementary: Alderson, Aspenwood, Birchland, Blakeburn, Bramblewood, Cape Horn, Cedar Drive, Central, Eagle Ridge, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Irvine, James Park, Leigh, Lord Baden-Powell, Miller Park, Moody, Mountain Meadows, Mountain View, Mundy Road, Nestor, Parkland, Porter Street, Ranch Park, Riverview Park, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek, Westwood

Middle: Citadel, Como Lake, Eagle Mountain, Hillcrest, Kwayhquitlum, Maillard, Maple Creek, Minnehada, Montgomery, Scott Creek, Summit

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

DPAC Executive in attendance: Marvin Klassen – President, Rosey Manhas – Vice President, Ashley Sorensen – Secretary, Jamie Manchester – Treasurer, Judith Obatusa – Newsletter Editor, Zainab Alkassab - Parent Education, Andrea Howorth – PAC Communications Liaison, Corrie Noble – Member at Large, Joanne Chng - Member at Large, Laura Code – DPAC Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Ernest Wu – Health & Safety, Nipa Bhalla – Member at Large, Rayne Johnson - Member at Large

Special Guests: Trustee Craig Woods, Assistant Superintendent Gerald Shong, Teri Towner City of Coquitlam Councillor, Sierra Turner, Communications Coordinator for Foundry BC and Lily Louie, Family Peer Supporter at Foundry BC Virtual Care

Minutes taken by: Laura Code

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

Territorial Acknowledgement – Rosey Manhas

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION moved by *Heritage Woods Secondary*, seconded by *Centennial Secondary*, to accept the Agenda. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- An error was made in #6. District Principal of Indigenous Education (3rd point) “Peach and friendship treaties” should read Peace and Friendship Treaties

MOTION moved by *Heritage Woods Secondary*, seconded by *Bramblewood Elementary*, to accept the minutes with the change from the February 23, 2022 General Meeting. **CARRIED**

3. Treasurer's Report

- Jamie Manchester

- March 2022 Income Statement was presented and the following expenses were paid; TELUS, Payroll costs, and Parent Ed for guest speakers. In the General account the available funds are \$27,929.89 and in the Gaming account the available funds are \$2,674.79.
- **Reminder** the Gaming Grant Application deadline to apply online is June 30, 2022. You must apply between April 1 – June 30 to receive your funding. Grant amount is \$20 per student. Notification by September 30. For more information, please refer to the website <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/pac-dpac-grants>
- Please contact Jamie Manchester at treasurer@dpac43.ca if you have any questions about applying for your PAC's Gaming Grant for this upcoming school year.

4. Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Gerald Shong

- Please go to the SD43 website to read the summary of changes to the COVID-19 guidelines under the School District 43 Communicable Disease Management [https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=)
- Provincial assessments will be happening in June, as well as, Graduation Ceremonies
- Schools can have visitors in the building. In order for the Administration to know who is in the building, for safety reasons, please remember to go to the school office to sign in and sign out. Schools are no longer required to keep a list for contact tracing.
- Budget Process 2022-2023 for the District – April 12, April 19 and April 26 – lots of information available on SD43 website at <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/budget>

5. Foundry BC

- Sierra Turner and Lily Louie

- Recognizing the need for services in communities without physical centers, currently there are 11 locations in BC, Foundry Virtual BC aims to fill in the gap with free and confidential online services for young people, aged 12-24 living in BC and their caregivers. Using the app, youth can take their sessions anywhere they feel the need, at home or at school.
- Some of the services that the youth can book an appointment for are Youth Peer Support, Family Peer Support and Primary Care. There is also a Drop-in Service called "In the Moment" where on Tues/Thurs 2-6 pm youth wait in a virtual queue for their turn to speak to a counsellor. The app has been designed to access other services/resources while you are waiting in line i.e., read blogs or watch videos.
- Foundry Works is a new supportive employment and education program for youth who are interested in working, going to school, or completing a training program. Helps youth between the ages of 15-24 build the skills and experiences they need to achieve their goals.
- For more information, please go to the website <https://foundrybc.ca/virtual/>

6. Executive Member Reports

- DPAC Executive

- If you have any suggestions for guest speakers for next year's DPAC meetings, please email our Parent Ed Coordinator Zainab Alkassab at parented@dpac43.ca

7. Looking Ahead

- Marvin Klassen

- DPAC AGM & Elections are on May 25. If you have an interest in joining the DPAC Executive, please email the DPAC Office office@dpac43.ca and request a nomination form.
- Reminder! April 7, 2022 is the deadline for early bird registration prices for the BCCPAC Conference & AGM on April 29 – May 1, 2022.
- For those BCCPAC members who are unable to attend the Conference & AGM, BCCPAC encourages you to send in your Proxy Vote to the BCCPAC office by April 14, 2022. Email: info@bccpac.bc.ca and here is the link to the BCCPAC website about the Proxy Forms <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/conference-agm/agm/proxy-faq>

8. Adjournment

MOTION moved by *Centennial Secondary* seconded by *James Park Elementary* to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED