



SD43 - DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 24, 2024, Education Learning Center - 1100 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam, BC V3J2G3

Minutes taken by: Nick Horning

Rosey Manhas - called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

29 Schools Represented - Quorum met

Territorial Acknowledgement - Zainab Alkassab

Attendance

Schools Represented

ELEMENTARY

Anmore Elementary, Aspenwood, Blakeburn Elementary, Castle Park, Central Elementary, Coast Salish, Eagle Ridge, Glenayre Elementary, Glen Elementary, Hampton Park, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, Kilmer, Mundy Road, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Pinetree Way, R.C. MacDonald, Rochester, Smiling Creek, Walton

MIDDLE

Citadel Middle, Maillard Middle, Maple Creek, Minnehada Middle, Montgomery Middle

SECONDARY

Dr. Charles Best, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Pinetree Secondary

DPAC Executive

Rosey Manhas - President, Zainab Alkassab - Vice President, Jamie Manchester - Treasurer, Amy Jaeggle - Newsletter, Nick Horning - Health & Safety, Heather McMullen - Parent Education, Michaela Ross - Member at large, Melody Watkins - Member at Large, DPAC Administrative Assistant - Amber Little

Special Guests

Wendy Yu - District Principal of Diversity and Anti-Racism

Chuck Denison - School Board Trustee

Craig Woods - School Board Trustee

Regrets

Nadine Tambellin - Assistant Superintendent

Marcela de la Peña - DPAC43 Secretary



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1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION - Kilmer, **SECONDED** - Glen, **CARRIED**

2. Approval of April 3, 2024 Meeting

MOTION - Glen, **SECONDED** - Aspenwood, **CARRIED**

3. Treasurer's Report

Income Statement for April 2024

PAYROLL & TELEPHONE EXPENSES	\$ 1737.64
GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 25,750.50
GAMING ACCOUNT	\$ 5649.79

4. Presentation - Anti-Racism in SD43

Presenter: Wendy Yu - District Principal of Diversity and Anti-Racism

1. Highlight 3 words from the Territorial Acknowledgement
 - a. Traditional
 - b. Ancestral
 - c. Unceded
2. Where We Started
 - a. New role July 1 2023.
3. What have we been doing
 - a. Learning.
 - b. Presentations.
 - c. Building Leadership.
 - d. Website - public and internal.
 - e. Equality Opportunity Hiring Statement to entice diversity.
 - f. Collaboration with Metro Leads.
 - g. Advisory Committee.
4. What's Next
 - a. Family & community Services.
 - b. Equity Plan.
 - c. Environmental scan / survey.
 - d. Continue to support schools with websites, resources, conversations.
5. 2 Definitions
 - a. What is racism?
 - b. What is anti-racism?
6. As a Parent, Why Should I Care?
 - a. We want our kids to feel like they belong.
 - b. We want our kids to take these values forward and work together.
7. How can we talk to our children?
 - a. Talk to the kids so the work doesn't educate them.
 - b. Model inclusive behavior.
 - i. How do you treat the people you're in contact with.
 - c. Encourage critical thinking.
 - d. Emphasize empathy.
8. Brené Brown Video on Empathy
9. What are some resources
 - a. *Presentation of various books.*
 - b. Community Events.
 - i. Dumpling festival anecdote - every culture has a dumpling.

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10. How can I support my child?

- a. Validate feelings.
- b. Teach responses.
- c. Seek support.
- d. Promote self confidence.
- e. Foster open communication.

11. Audience Questions

- a. *Where does bullying fit into anti-racism?*
 - i. Case by case basis.
- b. *Do you have evidence of racism in the school system?*
 - i. Racism has always existed. Canada is good at hiding it. In the southern states it's resurfaced because of a "certain president."
 - ii. There have been a few incidents at the Coquitlam fair.
 - iii. General discussion / Various anecdotes from meeting attendees.
- c. *What are ways to engage in the conversation (anti-racism) with PAC's?*
 - i. Start by looking at your own biases.
- d. *Are incidents of racism being tracked in the schools?*
 - i. Tracked school by school.
 - ii. Survey will go out to the schools for data to figure out next steps.
- e. *What happens when a principal changes?*
- f. *Where can parents bring concerns?*
 - i. It gets dealt with at the school.
 - ii. We are still learning how to approach it.
- g. Audience Conversation : Parent Anecdote regarding Canadian patriotism vs. American patriotism
 - i. Canadians are not patriotic enough.
 - ii. Less patriotism is more comfortable for some folks.
- h. *What "Truth & Reconciliation" principals are we applying to other ethnic groups?*
 - i. There is working together and conversations happening.
- i. *What conversations are happening around global racism? There are some students entering some SD43 schools coming from conflict countries - how are we supporting the kids with changes like this?*
 - i. Conversations are happening.
 - ii. Trauma informed practice.
- j. *How do anti-racism resources make it to parents to take home?*
 - i. PAC's can organize anti-racism presentations with Wendy.

Rosey Manhas with a few closing remarks - contact Rosey for more resources.

5. Voting on Bylaw Changes & Proposed Amendments

Rosey Manhas opening remarks:

- 30 Schools in attendance - quorum achieved
- 75% vote to pass
- Voting by ballot

Zainab Alkassab moderating voting:

Change 1

Section 2 - Nomination

1. Nominees must understand the task of the position they are running for.
 - a. **Ballot Blue - Total Vote of YES**
2. Nominees must show they have volunteer time availability for the position.
 - a. **Ballot Blue - Total Vote of YES**

Change 2

Article 4

1. Remove from DPAC (Health and Safety Coordinator)
 - a. **Ballot Pink - Total Vote of YES**

Change 3

Section 2 - Limitations

1. Elected members that resign after accepting the term position are not permitted to submit nomination for next term for a period of one year. Extenuating circumstances will be considered.
 - a. **Ballot Green - Total Vote of YES**
2. Nominees must be physically present during election time to be able to run for a position. Extenuating circumstances will be considered.
 - a. **Ballot Green - Total Vote of YES**

Rosey Manhas - Destroying the ballots:

MOTION - Mundy Road, **SECONDED** - Eagle Ridge, **CARRIED**

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6. Looking Ahead

Rosey Manhas

- May 15, 2024, Zoom, Neufeld Institute Presentation
- May 29, 2024, Education Learning Center, AGM voting for Executive
- Join the DPAC Executive

7. General Discussion

- a. *School can't find a PAC chair*
 - i. You don't need a chair if you vote and change bylaws.
 - ii. Need an executive for the gaming grant.
- b. *Social events to recruit new PAC members*
- c. *BCCPAC Attendance*
 - i. Send proxy votes to Amber.
 - ii. BCCPAC website before you send your proxy.
- d. *Can you use the gaming funds to update an outdoor area?*
 - i. Yes, gaming funds can be used to update the community.
 - ii. Email Gaming for questions.
- e. *Can you install smoke detectors in washrooms to prevent vaping?*
 - i. The school needs to go through the appropriate channels - school principal.
- f. *What is a healthy amount to keep in the PAC reserve?*
 - i. One years budget.
 - ii. Need to spend your gaming funds in 3 years.
 - iii. You can spend them on playground equipment.
 - iv. Be transparent about the funds.
- g. *Can you give PAC funds to teachers?*
 - i. Some schools give a small amount to the Principal of that school to distribute to the teachers.
 - ii. Staff appreciation events.
- h. *What are some best practices for PAC's?*
 - i. 1.5 hour meetings and provide babysitting.
 - i. Hybrid meetings - online and in person.
 - ii. Make it fun and engaging.

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8. Adjournment

Rosey Manhas - meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

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