



District Parent Advisory Council

DPAC Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 – 7:12PM
In Person at Education Learning Centre
(1080 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam)

ATTENDEES : Trustee Craig Woods, Trustee Rosey Manhas, Trustee Chuck Denison, Jamie M, Jimmy F, Nick H, Sherie B. **Elementary Schools:** Alderson, Anmore, Blakeburn, Castle Park, Coast Salish, Glen, Glenayre, Hampton Park, Hazel Trembath, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, Kilmer, Meadowbrook, Mountain View, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Porter Street, Smiling Creek. **Middle Schools:** Citadel, Maple Creek, Minnehada, Montgomery, Summit. **Secondary Schools:** Dr. Charles Best, Port Moody, Terry Fox.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY - Nick Horning

Meeting Chair: Jamie Manchester

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Approved by Irvine Elem., Seconded by Castle Park Elem.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - From General Meeting April 30th, 2025 - Approved by Smiling Creek, Seconded by Port Moody

3. TREASURER'S REPORT - Jimmy Fung - Approved by Citadel Middle, Seconded by Monty Middle

Income Statement May 2025:

General Account as of April 30 - \$31,405

Gaming Account - \$6058.89

Proposed 2025/2026 Budget -

Incoming - \$2500 gaming grant, school board \$20000,

Funds in bank account = \$25000

Total Incoming = \$48,000

Total expenses expected = \$30000.

Gaming Grant Application Deadline coming up on June 30th

4. COMMITTEE REPORT - Sherie Bohorquez - French Advisory Committee

Craig Mah (District Principal for Programs of Choice) to be retiring (*Congratulations and Thank you!*) and stepping down, the position for 2025-26 filled by Glen Conley.

Teacher Report - expressed wish for parents to be able to better support their children in French Immersion at home, even if the parents don't speak French. Ideas for how can we as PAC parents encourage and enable parent commitment to helping with language homework?

Canadian Parents For French (CPF) (Robyn Doig) - ***SD43 CPF Chapter is in danger of losing chapter status!*** - yet SD43 is the both the 1st district and one of the largest to have a CPF Chapter. Need chapter status to receive CPF funding and grants! CPF presence diminished during COVID, lets bring it back!

- **Needed** - Need a CPF representative for each school on PAC, and need a few parents who can be a part of the SD43 CPF Chapter.
- **Contact:** Robyn Doig at "Robyn J. D." Email Robyn at: c.d@telus.net

- **Link** to national CPF webpage: <https://cpf.ca/en/> . **Link** to BC-Yukon webpage <https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/en/>

Language and Culture Report (Shauna Beaton-Rae)

For 2025-26 year - Will create a district calendar of CPF activities. As well, plan to put together a District 'Bonhomme Carnaval Kit' for elementary and middle schools.

DPAC Parent Report - Sherie Bohorquez

Brought forward a parent question - **Q. Why has the # of French Immersion kindergarten spots decreased for September 2025 for many schools? A.** The number of future spots in Frlmm Program of Choice is determined by the projected available resources (teachers and classroom space) to support those students all the way up through grade 12. Funding is NOT a limitation. Challenges include a shortage of qualified French Immersion teachers.

- People and space resources carefully considered for all Programs of Choice, not just Frlmm.

5. DPAC REVIEW 2024-2025 - Jamie Manchester

- New tradition of laying Nov 11th wreath
- Oct 30th - *Wendy Yu* - District Principal for Anti-Racism
- Nov 13th - *Katie Jameson* - Stand Alone Presentation on Zoom, 7pm - 8:30pm - Inclusivity & Importance of Empathy
- Nov 27th - *Veronica Farnell* - Vice Principal Digital Innovation and Compliance
- Jan 29th - *Stephen Whiffen* (Assistant Superintendent - Tech Ed) and *Dave Sands* - (SD43 Principal of Technology) - "Technology & AI In The Classroom"
- February 12th – Panel Discussion/Open Forum - Jamie chair (Rosey may not be able to attend) - Rosey met with panel briefly
 - *Jennifer Morgan* - Restorative Practices - Educator in Learning Services soon to be by VP of Pitt River Middle school - Fostering a positive school culture by focusing on strengthening relationships, conflict resolution skills and creating a sense of belonging.
 - *Shauna Martin* - Mental Health Literacy - SD43 Coordinator for Well-being & Positive Mental Health - school attachment, student wellbeing and the family series
 - *Wendy Yu* - Antiracism and Belonging - District Principal of Diversity and Anti-Racism
 - *Harpreet Esmail* - Student Leadership Council (student perspective - For educators to acknowledge and give students a voice about their education and learning environment.
- April 2nd - *Shannon Sullivan* - Coordinator, Counselling Support Services Executive Functioning; Self regulation, attention and focus, goal accomplishment and time management.
- Monthly reports from Superintendent Nadine Tambellini and Superintendent Jeremy Clarke
- Several Open Forums throughout the year.
- A thank you received from a few schools for the guidance and support provided by dpac to their representatives.

6. ELECTIONS OF DPAC43 EXECUTIVE 2025-2026: Elections Chairperson Rosey Manhas

- Quorum obtained - have at least 25 schools (need 14)
- Rules presented by Rosey Manhas
- **President** - nomination recognized - Jamie Manchester - **Jamie voted in as President**
- **Vice President** - nomination recognized - Christopher Jay Hilliker - **Chris** voted in as VP
 - Chris - prolific volunteer, sit on bc education facilities committee, advocate for PACs & DPACs. Has a 'helium arm'
- **Secretary** - nomination recognized - Sherie Bohorquez - **Sherie voted in as secretary**
- **Treasurer** - nomination recognized - Jimmy Fung - **Jimmy voted in as treasurer**
 - Jimmy - 3 kids in sd43, 1 graduating this year. This would be his 2nd year, and if elected, looks forward to doing the position with the gained experience from this last year.
- **Newsletter Editor** - nomination recognized from the floor - Alaina Milicevic - **Alaina voted in**
 - Alaina - kids attend Hazel Trembath - co-chair for Hazel Trembath PAC

- **Parent Education Coordinator** - nomination from the floor - none
- **PAC Communications Liaison** - nomination recognized - Nick Horning - **Nick voted in**
 - son at smiling creek and daughter starting kindergarten next year. On PAC executive 3rd year with dpac. Looks forward to continuing to work through dpac43 to improve the dpac role as parent representatives for sd43.
- **Members At Large** - nominations recognized - Eric Lau (not present), Darin Wong, Madiha Kaleem, Todd Gelin. **Darin, Madiha and Todd voted in.**
 - **Darin Wong** - 2 kids at Hampton Park - Lower mainland born and raised. Public administration - supported and led 1st nations claims for federal government. Worked in public relations for private industry. Attended bccpac conference this year. Second year in Hampton park PAC as dpac representative.
 - **Madiha Kaleem** - son at Mountain View Elementary in kindergarten and a younger child. A biologist. Looks forward to donating time to towards DPAC.
 - **Todd Gelin** - 20yr IT professional - works in UBC in health care. Started on PAC during covid. Is stepping down from PAC and stepping up to dpac.

ELECTIONS CONCLUSIONS

President - Jamie Manchestoer

Vice President - Christopher Jay Hilliker

Secretary - Sherie Bohorquez

Treasurer - Jimmy Fung

Newsletter Editor - Alaina Milicevic

PAC Communications Liaison - Nick Horning

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Motion to destroy ballots - Irvine Elem. approved, and Hazel Trembath seconded.

7. LOOKING AHEAD - Jamie Manchester

• *Welcoming new and returning PAC members!!!!*

• **How to register new DPAC Reps and PAC Presidents:** <https://dpac43.ca/pac-info/pac-registration>

• ***Reminder to PACs to update your dpac rep information for next year on dpac43 website***

ADJOURNMENT : 8:31 Monty Middle, Seconded by Panorama Elem.