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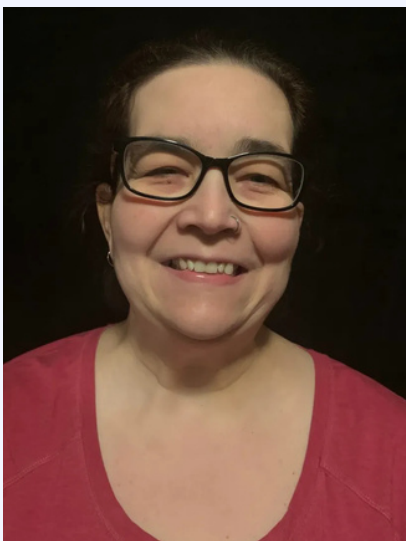
DPAC Pulse

Newsletter from the SD43 District Parent Council



Presidents Corner

By *Jamie Manchester*



We're in the final stretch to Spring Break, and, it's officially full on budget season. DPAC has had the opportunity to present our recommendations to the School Board, advocating for all of our school families across the district. Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback with us. Your input truly matters!

We're also looking ahead to our April general meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the current executive team, learn more about what we do, and connect with other parents and caregivers in the district.

NEXT DPAC MEETING



Principal of Career
Programs in SD43
Ben King
February 25th at 7:00
pm on Zoom

Discussing careers in
trades

If you've ever considered getting more involved or running for a position, we'd love to chat with you. If you can't make it that night please don't hesitate to reach out to us anytime as we're always happy to answer any questions.

We'll be offering light snacks starting at 6:30 pm before our general meeting.

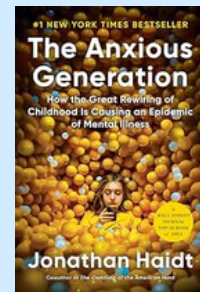
We're especially excited to welcome Superintendent Tambellini, and Assistant Director of Communications Ken Hoff, who will be presenting on Directions 2030.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Warmly,
Jamie Manchester
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Resource recommendations from BC's Privacy Commission, Michael Harvey

If you're interested in understanding the mental health challenges facing today's youth, Jonathan Haidt's "The Anxious Generation" offers a deep dive into the pressures shaping their lives.



Podcast Recommendation: Hard Fork – "We Asked Roblox's C.E.O. About Child Safety. It Got Tense." (November 21, 2025)





UPCOMING DPAC MEETINGS

February 25th - Principal of
Career programs
7:00 pm on Zoom

April 8th - Minister of Children
and Families
7:00 pm on Zoom

April 29th - Superintendent and
Assistant Director of
Communications
7:00 pm at ELC

May 27th - DPAC AGM
7:00 pm at ELC

How can the DPAC help your PAC?

Is there any way you would like the DPAC to support the work that your PAC does? Please let us know by sending an email to office@dpac43.ca. Meanwhile, you can follow DPAC on Facebook at DPAC 43- District Parent Advisor Council to stay up to date on things happening with DPAC and the school district as a whole. Also check out our website at www.dpac43.ca for links to useful information.

Kinsight> UPCOMING EVENTS OFFERED BY KINSIGHT:

PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

For parents of youth 15 and up who have intellectual or developmental disabilities who need support with daily living. Join for a conversation about some formal adult services - what they are, what they aren't, and what else families can be thinking about.

Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

For more info contact rlnobel@kinsight.org
to register

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/vtsbt4s>

NOW & NEXT: FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

Now and Next is an evidence based, internationally recognized program designed to help you create a vision and plan for yourself, your child, and your family. it's a chance to turn *I wish* into *I'm going to*.

March 7th and 14th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

For more info contact ejamieson@kinsight.org
to register:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ujaw6wb/lp/64a1a890-a722-4911-8ad5-c9ec7d8e7fb9>

NOW & NEXT YOUTH

A youth leadership program for teens ages 14-19 with extra support needs. This series of 4 sessions will help participants to create a new vision and plan for themselves, learn to use unique goal setting tools like Pictability, develop leadership and advocacy skills and connect with other young people in their community

Monday, March 23rd - Thursday, March 26th, 2026
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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