



**DPAC General Meeting
Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024
Zoom**

Rosey M. called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

38 Schools with a representative in attendance:

Elementary: Anmore Elementary, Aspenwood, Baker Dr., Birchland Elementary, Blakeburn Elementary, Cape Horn Elementary, Castle Park, Central Elementary, Coast Salish, Coquitlam River, Eagle Ridge, Glenayre Elementary, Glen Elementary, Hampton Park, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, Leigh Elementary, Lord Baden Powell Elementary, Mary Hill, Moody Elementary, Mundy Road, Nestor, Ranch Park, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek.

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

Secondary: Centennial, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Rosey Manhas – President, Zainab Alkassab – Vice President, Jamie Manchester – Treasurer, Marcela de la Pena – Secretary, Amy Jaeggle – Newsletter, Nick Horning – Health & Safety, Heather McMullen – Parent Education, Michaela Ross – Member at large, Melody Watkins – DPAC Administrative Assistant.

Special Guests: Dave Sands - Principal of Technology Implementation SD43, Assistant Superintendent Nadine Tambellini, Trustee Chuck Denison, Trustee Craig Woods, Shannan Davies – Westcoast Family Centres

Minutes taken by: Marcela de la Pena

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

Territorial Acknowledgement – Marcela

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION moved by *Mary Hill*, seconded by *Montgomery Middle*, to accept the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Previous Minutes – Feb 28, 2024

moved by *Moody Elementary*, seconded by *Central Elementary*, to accept the minutes from the Feb 28th, 2024 General Meeting

CARRIED

3. Treasurer's Report

- Jamie Manchester

- Phone, parent ed, payroll \$2,140.24 Balance for March
- General account balance \$27,488.13
- Gaming account balance \$5,649.79

Gaming Grant – PAC grant & DPAC Grant is opened from April 1st to June 30th, 2024

4. Dave Sands, Principal of Technology Implementation - SD43

- STEAM education in the District – Tech 20
- Design curriculum across K-12 activities, learning experiences
- Launched Oct 2023 – Pacific Northwest Coast Experience participants. STEAM team and Indigenous Education SD43.
- STEAM Challenge Days for schools.
How to ensure more equitable access to STEAM challenge. Bins with different kits that are delivered to the school with people that can support the teachers for the classroom or the whole school.
4 competencies – critical and creative thinking, solve problems, collaborate and working together.
dsands@sd43.bc.ca

Questions:

Age for the kits: The kits can be from K-12 grades. Mostly for elementary, but some secondaries have used them too.

How to book? Via teachers. Online request, form with a specific request and accommodate to the teacher's schedule. The STEAM team will support. 1,000 requests this year.

Partnership with after school programs? not with private business, because there is a fee and it does not support equity to all students.

5. Shannon Davies – Westcoast Family Centres

Support for families and children and their community.

Programs; Family Preservation and Reunification Services, Parent Quest program (grassroots); Healthy Babies Program (up to 6 months babies); Children with Special Needs Program (referrals for ages 12-18 years, up to 1 year service, focus on life skills, connection to community, independent living); Early Year Services (drop in, for parents of children with 0-6 years, parent education groups, family resource drop in programs, outreach services); Young Parent Program (self-referred, parents 25 years and younger with children 0-6 years). Getting this group of people together, same interests, etc.

How can a PAC share these initiatives by Westcoast Family Centres?

www.westcoastfamily.org

Referral, word of mouth, add it to newsletter. Share the posters,

(Trustees, Superintendents and guest speakers will leave the call)

Note: 10 DPAC reps also left the call.

Proposed Bylaws changes from 2015

DPAC Bylaws

1. Section 2. Nomination

5. Nominees must understand the task of the position they are running for.

6. Nominees must show they have volunteer time availability for the position.

2. Article 4. remove from DPAC (Health and Safety Coordinator)

3. Section 2. Limitations

7. Elected member that resigns 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.

8. Nominees must be physically present during election time to be able to run for a position. Extenuating circumstances will be considered.

Wording to be clarified for the 1st change.

2nd change, concern that some issues are no longer addressed, traffic to schools, antibullying, air quality.

No necessary to have one specific person, can be addressed by member at large. Have better use of the person's time. DPAC will still be present as a parent voice in the district level.

Currently, the meeting are with District Agenda's. During Covid it was safety and mental health. Going through their Parent Ed calendar. Not much room to bring things up, beside their points.

DPAC trying to eliminate what is not working, redirecting the position to a member at large.

3rd change – 2 minute presentation on why you want to be elected.

Vote in person – April 24th at DPAC General Meeting.

7. Looking Ahead

- New Admin Assistant for DPAM – Amber Little; thank you Melody!
- DPAC in person – District Principal Wendy Yu; Assistant Superintendent Nadine Tambellini. Vote in person. Not at Winslow Centre, it is in the Education Learning Centre (board room).
- DPAC election – May 29th nomination packages will be sent out.

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by *Mary Hill*, seconded by *Eagle Ridge*, to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

CARRIED