



District Parent Advisory Council

**DPAC General Meeting  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Rosey Manhas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
48 schools represented – quorum met

Schools with a representative in attendance:

**Elementary:** Anmore, Aspenwood, Baker Drive, Blakeburn, Castle Park, Cedar Drive, Coast Salish, Coquitlam River, Glen, Glenayre, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, James Park, Kilmer, Leigh, Lord Baden-Powell, Miller Park, Mundy Road, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Parkland, Ranch Park, Riverview Park, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek, Walton.

**Middle:** Banting, Citadel, Como Lake, Eagle Mountain, Hillcrest, Maillard, Maple Creek, Minnekhada, Montgomery, Scott Creek, Summit.

**Secondary:** Centennial, Dr. Charles Best, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Pinetree, Terry Fox.

DPAC Executive in attendance: Rosey Manhas – President, Zainab Alkassab – Vice President, Marcela de la Pena – Secretary, Jamie Manchester – Treasurer, Ernest Wu – Health & Safety Coordinator, Melody Watkins – PAC Communications Liaison, Mariam Alkassab – Member at Large, Corrie Noble – Member at Large, Amy Jaeggle – Member at Large, Diane MacSporrán – Member at Large, Laura Code – DPAC Administrative Assistant.

Special Guests: Trustee Chuck Denison, Trustee Zoë Royer, Assistant Superintendent Nadine Tambellini, Stephen Whiffin, Director of Instruction and Chief Information Officer for SD43, Dave Sands, SD43 Principal of Technology Implementation.

Minutes taken by: Marcela de la Pena

- **Please send in contact info from your school** to Laura [office@dpac43.ca](mailto:office@dpac43.ca)

Territorial Acknowledgement – Corrie Noble

**1. Approval of Agenda**

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

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes – Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**MOTION** moved by *Aspenwood Elementary*, and seconded by *Baker Drive Elementary*, to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2023 General Meeting. **CARRIED**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

**- Jamie Manchester**

- Expenses for January 2023 - \$615.28 (telephone & insurance)
- General Account funds \$25,582.11
- Gaming Account funds \$4,274.79

**4. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

**- Nadine Tambellini**

- Has been an educator in SD43 for 33 years. Elementary classroom teacher, music teacher, middle school teacher, special education, principal & district principal.

- Her role will be to supervise 17 sites from Reno Ciolfi's portfolio, learning all the programs and services. Nadine is the DPAC liaison for SD43.
- Reminded DPAC and PAC's about [Administrative Procedure 565](#) – it is an important procedure for the purchase and installation of adventure playgrounds and outdoor classrooms. Important to work with the principal. They will have to work with maintenance, and might have to deal with removing of old equipment. When following the procedure, it's important not to miss steps.

## 5. Technology in Schools

- **Stephen Whiffin & Dave Sands**

- Directions 2025. One priority area STEAM education (before it was technology). Technology is a layer on all directions but academically the new focus in education. Technology integrated that engages kids in learning opportunities (math, science, engineering, art).
- Privacy and Data Safety. 40,000 active network users, one of the largest networks. Support 9,500 PC's (staff and students); 4,500 iPads; 650 network switches, 2,100 wireless access points; 17,000 BYOD devices a day (on top of the district's devices).
- New version of FIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act). New regulation started on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Adjustments how we keep info, use info, and share information to meet or exceed the new FIPPA standards. Considerations: no longer consent driven, no longer dependent on hosting in Canada – but more rigor in the process.
- Data that has been revolved around MyEducationBC is done for the student portal and family portal. Parents have access for: Communication, view/confirm demographic info, attendance tracking, report cards, IEP, AIPs, pending forms and some emails.
- Other projects: Improved Communications (Microsoft Teams is hyper-integrated); Work Efficiency (document digitalization as record management and safer); Better Data; Cyber Security (strong standards, updated devices and infrastructure, multi-factor security, training).
- Digital Literacy and Citizenship. Carol Todd has been working diligently on this topic. They do presentations at schools, with parents.
- Technologies in Schools. Actively updating wireless and bandwidth. Bandwidth prioritization: some technology gets priority, but other technologies (e.g., games, social media) have a limited bandwidth.
- Access and Equity: 3000 new devices per year are purchased (highly subsidized), supporting over 1,500 students in the 6-12 with loaner devices. Critical for our strategy. The most equitable strategy. Devices are replaced every 5 years.
- If PAC's decide to buy more technology for their school, SD43 will access the subsidized devices for those purchases.
- On District purchased devices, MicroSoft365 is standard, web browser, Windows work best. For BYOD; any laptop with 10" screen or larger works + proper keyboard + wireless access. Tools from SD43 are cloud base.
- Parent question: Is student information stored in the USA? Answer: Yes, only if information is not sensitive (medical, educational assessment), no restrictions in FIPPA to store in the USA.
- Parent comment: MyEducationBC is not user friendly for parents. Reply: MyEdBC is a provincial system which is most successfully accessed on a PC or laptop. Plan is for the future version to be accessible on hand held device which will improve the parent's experience.
- Parent question: Are families expected to purchase MicroSoft365 on all of their children's devices? Answer: No, the district has a license for MicroSoft365 so all students may access it at no charge through their student account.
- Parent concern raised about the amount of time kids spend using screens. Reply: Technology tends to be used 25% of the time. It is available for students when they need it, but they don't use it all the time. There are other non-screen activities. In the classroom, screen time should be focused in active learning, not only consuming.
- Parent concern raised about artificial intelligence impacting student learning. Reply: ChatGPT, changes the way how we inquire about knowledge. Technology is leaping forward. Adjustment in assessment strategies. Our teachers have developed powerful assessment strategies. The student will have different ways to have assessment. The tools are changing how knowledge works for us. The nature of our work in all areas of society will change.
- Parent Question: Why update WI-FI 5 to WI-FI 6? Answer: Where WI-FI 5 breaks, one access point for 2 classrooms. If need to use highspeed signal for many devices. The new system has no problem with this.

## 6. DPAC Open Forum (not for Trustees or SD43 admin)

- SD43 Parents

- Clarification regarding Family Smart. For families that are struggling, they can present at a DPAC meeting, not individual school presentations; DPAC can have them next year if there is interest.
- Interested to learn the process for a special need student. How are they assessed and have an IEP?
- Resources on grant writing (for playgrounds) and shared this information from someone who has done it.
- DPAC presentation on inclusivity, supporting LGBTQ2+ students
- On Playground process, make sure you go through the process, one topic: Maintenance Department. What is a reasonable expectation to be waiting on the district? A PAC from a school is just waiting for Maintenance to move forward.
- Discrimination is happening in middle schools. Increase population of international students, initiatives to reflect on a welcoming community and that it is a safe learning environment.
- Presentation about bullying, parents for parents. Include tips for parents of children who do the bullying.
- An initiative that was implemented in a school is a tutoring program, in conjunction with the high school for French immersion schools. Initiative that took off after the Coquitlam Library presentation. What is the district's plan for academic's strengthens?
- Support for people who have seen international students that are being bullied. Is there something that can help in a situation like this? (Mentoring programming has helped; sometimes the school can do a multicultural day that can help)
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion experts and most successful is sharing lived experiences with the groups. Different race, ethnicity, different life experiences. Start with a proposal for parents. Discrimination starts at home.
- A school created a new PAC position – cultural inclusivity – how to engage or bring in, activities, looking at festivals, bring that into the classroom. Positive reaction in the school. Activities and fundraising initiatives. School administration is on board and they work together with the school.
- Multicultural event – different heritages, organized by teachers, led by their PAC, including food.
- How to prepare parents for their kids (on the spectrum) transitioning to receive their dogwood. When they don't have IEP?
- Have schools had flooding in their schools, playground, parking. Should be addressed with the administration. It has not been fixed yet. Some schools the fields are maintained by cities, but an email should go to facilities (SD43). Get help from school trustee, who is assigned to your school.
- DPAC – is our communication levels working? Newsletter, Social media?
- Good feedback on the newsletter. Website is very easy to access. Facebook is used by PAC's
- BCCPAC (office is located in Port Coquitlam) offers workshops on grant writing.
- Shout out to Rosey for helping out 2 PAC's that were having trouble.

## 7. Executive Member Reports

- DPAC Executive

- Rosey and Amy attended the Student Achievement Advisory Committee – reviewed the data of framework for enhancing learning – Baseline Drumming by Port Moody Secondary is the next board authority authorized course to review.

## 8. Looking Ahead

- Rosey Manhas

- March 1<sup>st</sup> Stand-alone presentation. Brett Ullman– parenting, digital challenged & mental health.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, Assistant Superintendent Robert Zambrano, and guest speakers.

## 9. Adjournment

**MOTION** moved by *Aspenwood Elementary*, and seconded by *Baker Drive Elementary* to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. **CARRIED**