



District Parent Advisory Council

DPAC43 General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026

7:00 PM - Virtual via ZOOM

ATTENDEES: Superintendent Nadine Tambellini, Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Clarke, Assistant Superintendent Stephen Whiffin (Tech dept), Trustee Chuck Dennison, BC's Privacy Commissioner Michael Harvey; Jamie DPAC, Chris DPAC, Jimmy DPAC, Madiha DPAC, Todd DPAC, Andrea DPAC Admin, Alaina DPAC, Nick DPAC, Darin DPAC, Sherie DPAC Secretary.

Reps from: Elementary Schools: Aspenwood, Blakeburn, Castle Park, Central, Coquitlam River, Eagle Ridge, Glen, Glenayre, Hampton Park, Hazel Trembath, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, Lord Baden Powell, Mary Hill, Mountain Meadows, Mountain View, Moody, Mundy Road, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Parkland, Pleasantside, Porter, RC MacDonald, Smiling Creek, Westwood. **Middle Schools:** Banting, Citadel, Como Lake, Eagle Mountain, Kwayhquitlam, Maple Creek, Minnekhada, Montgomery, Moody, Pitt River, Summit.

Secondary Schools: Charles Best, Como Lake, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Port Moody, Terry Fox.

Other Guests: Rebecca R, Walter B, Sheba K, Rojin G, Roy S.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY – Alaina Milicevic

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by Pitt River Middle, 2nded Glen Elementary.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: From General Meeting November 26, 2025 - Approved by Monty Middle, 2nded Parkland Elementary.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Income Statement December 2025/January 2026 - Jimmy Fung

- **General Account:** \$41,618.50
- **Gaming Account:** \$7,666.05
- **Costs:** Computer supplies \$616.49, Admin supplies & mileage \$166.56, Parent Ed \$755.26, Communications \$180, Phone \$89.82, Payroll/admin \$1399.26.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Nadine Tambellini

New News :

- **New Moody Elementary School** opened on Tuesday Jan 20th.
- **Secondary at Burke Mtn School naming** - had lots of suggestions, Thank You!
 - 3 of these suggestions will be brought forward to board next month.
- **Middle School Conference** - Jan 26 - 1st time in 10 years - hosted at Minnekhada Middle School.
 - All schools reps attended - Key Focus was about best practices at middle schools.

Programs of Choice & Kindergarten Registration

- Kinder - opening Feb 2-5th.

Budget Consultations

- Board of Trustees, Secretary Treasurer & Superintendent - meet up with CTA, CUPE, CPUPA, ICE, DPAC and other partners.
- **February** - Special public meetings receiving input in preliminary budget.
- **April - Draft Preliminary Budget** - based on enrolment numbers.
 - End of April - Final budget - determine staffing of schools for next year.
 - **Please share suggestions to Jamie - to bring to the meeting.**

Communication Networks - How to bring info out to whole sd43 community

- Ken Hoff will send out a **PAC Survey** in March to parents. DPAC will send survey to all PAC reps to bring to their schools for discussion.
- Request for same survey also sent to school principals, to send out to school community as well.
- **Survey review** will occur at April DPAC meeting.
- Possible weekly communication idea in discussion - may be called "**43 Footnotes**".

Directions 2030 update

- **October 2025** - Community surveys asked 3 Questions - Do these priorities resonate with you? How well are we doing these things now? What are we missing?
- **Draft Framework Model** - will bring forth *new version on Feb 10th*. Shared with sd43 communities after that and at next dpac meeting.
- **November-December 2025** - Focus Groups
 - Rcvd feedback from 8 committees, DPAC, admin and managers, student leadership.
- **February 10 2026** - Publishing Directions 2030 Strategic Framework diagram.
- **February-March** - Develop Action Plans - what the district is going to do to support District 2030. - will be reviewed and adjusted yearly.
- **April** - publish final plan on sd43 website.

6. GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION: BC's Information and Privacy Commissioner – Commissioner Michael Harvey

Introduction

- Appointed 2 years ago.
- **Is 1 of 9 Officers of the Legislature** - Are non-partisan and all independent of government.
 - Appointed by the legislature by consensus with all parties. Held to oversee actions of government and political parties. He is also on the registrar of lobbyists.

His Job - to oversee the province of BC's laws of Freedom of Information regarding:

- **1 - Freedom of Information** (provide oversight of process)
- **2 - Privacy** - municipalities, agencies, boards, commissions, health bodies and so on - he oversees that process.
- **Personal Information Protection Act** - applies to every private organization in province **not** subject to federal law. (**Eg. Not** rcmp, airports, banks etc) (**Yes** to churches, charities, non profit).
 - His office will investigate and work to resolve complaints about freedom of information process. Most handled informally.
 - Unlike a court, he also has advocate abilities.

Privacy Awareness Related to Children and Youth

- Last 2 years, visited 7 cities around province to hear concerns. Informed by BC's diversity.
- **Developed 3 Year Strategic Plan** that addresses the issues of:
 - **1 - Trust and Transparency** - way do work and how it promotes trust.
 - **2 - Trust and Invasion** - rapidly evolving technologies, many which rely on personal info. We are not going to trust tech. if they don't respect our rights. (Eg. AI, Surveillance, Digital Health.)
 - **3 - Rights Equity** - re. those not equipped to advocate for their own rights - Children & Youth.

The World Our Kids Live In Today

- Today's kids are the 1st generation of '**Digital Natives**': have lived with an online world since birth.
 - 'We' grew up 'alongside' the internet - but they don't know what life's like 'before the internet'.
 - **Online World vs 'IRA'** (In Real Life). BUT ... is no 'offline world' anymore - technology is so immersive we *don't need* to create an online world.
- **Time kids spend online** - ... for many kids/youth #hours = the time they are awake?
 - Concern that many kids not getting enough sleep *because they are online*.

Myth #1 - 'How keep kids safe online' should change to 'How to keep our kids safe period.'

- Recommends the book '**The Anxious Generation**' by **Jonathan Haidt**
 - Charts increase in anxiety parallel to the emergence of the smart phone.

Myth #2 - Chronically Online Kids Have No Conception Of Privacy

- Actually... this generation of kids is often sophisticated about how their identity is reflected by their online presence - They often consider 'brand building' to create their online image.

- **Eg. Instagram - Originally** to share pictures with friends and family.
 - **Today** - Instead, kids put up posts in 'Reels' category because 'Reels' disappear after a while.
 - **Today** - Kids may have multiple accounts on different platforms for different purposes. (Eg. Instagram for one thing, Snapchat to communicate with friends, TikTok for entertainment, etc.)
 - **Today** - Kids may keep secret some of these social media accounts.
- **BUT - Social Media platforms (eg. TikTok) know who they are**, who their friends are, who their parents are, and *will build a profile* of them including address, family's purchasing power, interests, where they've been, biometric info (facial recognition), etc.. and use that info to send them customized ads and content. **This is the basic business model of social media platforms.**

**"Kids are more privacy protective than we give them credit for ...
... but are not as smart as they think they are." BC'S Privacy Commissioner Michael Harvey**

Tiktok * Note: Tiktok user age limit is 13 years old *

- Privacy Commission office looked at & investigated how TikTok collected information and what they used the info for.
- **Findings:**
 - Purpose of information collection was/is to influence the user's behaviour and keep the user engaged with the platform.
 - TikTok was removing about 1/2 million kids per year from the platform - many were repeat kids.
 - *Means* - kids could create another account and TikTok *knew* these kids were on the platform for a time period before removing them.
 - *Method used to ID kids under 13* was to look at the videos they were uploading.
 - Found as well that the Privacy Notices are not appropriate for youth. Did not develop age appropriate age consent policies.
- **Made recommendations to Tiktok about these issues including:**
 - To use more sophisticated technologies to ID users that should not be on the platform.
 - TikTok responded with talk of some innovative technologies to screen/filter id and remove kids from the platform.
- **Privacy Commission Office will continue to monitor TikTok.**

Advice from Commissioner Harvey

- *Does not believe we can have EITHER Technological Innovation OR Privacy.*
- *Would like kids to have the ability to make videos - (anime, dance, etc.) as an outlet for their creativity; but safely, without being manipulated by platforms, and, where kids can be safe from each other.*
- **Believes we have the capacity in Canada to shape the society that we want to live in.** That there should not have to be a choice *between* privacy vs being safe online on social media.

Q&A SESSION WITH COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HARVEY

(Please note answers given by Commissioner Harvey are paraphrased. Any mistakes are my own)

- **Q: Bullying issue - how do you find people who are harming others? A.** The exposure of kids to online bullying and keeping kids safe fall under several bodies (police, school boards, etc).
 - Also, Commissioner Harvey believes privacy does *not* mean true anonymity. Privacy is not the absence of information, but the control of information. Guard rails needed.
- **Q. With movements around the world legislating changes and bans to children's access to internet and social media - is it possible that those kinds of movements will impact everyone, including here in Canada? Will kids adapt and find their way around regulations? A.** Possibly. Will have to monitor how some regulations (eg. In Europe) have increased standards for privacy globally.
 - **Eg.** European request to ban 16yr and younger - are waiting to see if it is possible and desirable. Will see if social media companies then change their business models.
- **Q. Why talk about TikTok? A.** Chose to investigate TikTok company because of high usage by children.
- **Q. Kids are using morse code and other ways to communicate with each other on Roblox to avoid the age checking. Advice? A.** Recommends the following podcast about Roblox - **New York**

Times podcast called “Hard fork” recorded Nov 21, 2025 - Is a discussion with CEO of Roblox. (<https://www.nytimes.com/search?query=roblox>)

- **Q. Is it common to post public servants salaries online? A.** Yes. Sunshine List Legislation in BC. Public servant salaries over \$80,000 is posted online.
- **Q. Are you working with gov. to develop more comprehensive and widespread programs with parents and educators about how to educate youth to protect themselves?** (Is interested in what is happening elsewhere around the world.) **A.** Not directly. We know platforms use algorithms to manipulate our kids. The Online Harms are concerned about and investigating include - normalization of gambling, sexualized content, content that promotes eating disorders.
- **Q. Guard Rails around AI. What is your perspective about where we are at in the debate around regulations and guard rails? A.** Much has changed just in the last year. Children’s safety was a top priority, but the political focus has changed. The current approach to regulating AI technologies is to champion AI as an economic imperative. More attention needs to be placed back on children safety again, and believes it will in time. Is still prioritizing this at his office.
- **Q. Are there changes in the # of FOI Application requests (Freedom Of Information records) since the change in the application fees? A.** Yes. Gov report shows that since the intro of a \$10 fee for an FOI request - the number of requests continues to decrease. Concerned that people are losing faith in the FOI system. Public bodies are also slower getting concerns out the door, and some missing their timelines. We can’t afford to lose our level of trust in our democracy.

“Don’t lose sight of the fact that as a public body, transparency is a part of your business.”
BC’s Privacy Commissioner Michael Harvey

7. LOOKING AHEAD - *Jamie Manchester*

- **BCCPAC – Special Resolution Submissions - Submissions Due Feb 14th.**
 - More info bccpac website (<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm/agm/resolutions>)
- **BCCPAC Parent Award Nominations.** (<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/awards>)
 - Are 4 Awards that bccpac gives out - **Nominations due Feb 28th.**
 - Ben Hosker Motivational Award; George Mathews Award for Excellence; Life Membership Award; Education Award - goes to a grade 12 student
- ***Rescheduled to April 8th* - Stand Alone Presentation with BC Minister of Children and Families - Honourable Jodie Wickens.**
- **April 29th General Meeting - Back in person :D** - DPAC social at 6:30pm. Meeting starts 7pm.
 - Presentation by Nadine Tambellini & Ken Hoff about ‘Directions 2030’, followed by Open Forum.

Next General Meeting is February 25th 2026 on Zoom - Guest Speaker is **Ben King: Principal of Career Programs in SD43** - on **Careers in Trades.** (*We look forward to seeing you there!*)

8. ADJOURNMENT - 8:24 - Motioned by Sherie (DPAC secretary), 2nded by Pitt River Middle.

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