



**DPAC General Meeting
Wednesday, January 31st, 2024
Zoom**

Rosey M. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

38 Schools with a representative in attendance:

Elementary: Anmore Elementary, Blakeburn, Central Elementary, Coast Salish, Coquitlam River, Eagle Ridge, Glenayre, Hampton Park, Hillcrest, Irvine, Kilmer, Kwayquitlam, Mary Hill, Mountain View, Mundy Road, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Porter Street, Ranch Park, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek, Westwood Elementary.

Middle: Citadel Middle, Eagle Mountain Middle, Maple Creek Middle, Minnehada, Montgomery, Moody Middle, Scott Creek Middle, Summit Middle.

Secondary: Charles Best, Centennial, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Pinetree, Port Moody, Terry Fox.

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

Special Guests: Assistant Superintendent Nadine Tambellini, Assistant Superintendent Gerald Shong, Indigenous Education Principal Stephanie Maki

Minutes taken by: Marcela de la Pena

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

Territorial Acknowledgement – Jamie Manchester

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION moved by *Mary Hill*, seconded by *Mountain View*, to accept the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Previous Minutes – Nov 29th, 2023

moved by *Mary Hill*, seconded by *Rochester*, to accept the minutes from the November 29th 2023 General Meeting

CARRIED

3. Treasurer's Report

- Jamie Manchester

- Combined expenses November & December \$2,278.29 (Javahat, payroll, BCCPAC membership, GM refreshments, office equipment, zoom license, Eventbrite for stand-alone, & phone)
- General account balance \$29,398.90
- Gaming account balance \$5,999.79

4. Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Gerald Shong

- Registration process.
- French immersion, Montessori, Mandarin, Emilia Reggio. Early French Immersions has catchment area. Draw for all programs together. For programs of choice, parent can list which programs they want and their priority. Random selection where people get the best choice they can get if they are selected. If a family has a sibling, they try to keep them together. French immersion is short on teachers. For middle school, if students are already in Montessori, they get priority to continue.
- New student registration. Need proof of residency in the tri-cities, guardianship, child's age. All online. They are reviewed by administration and will get an email saying that they have seen them, but they don't keep them. This process started during covid and it is faster and easier, so it is staying.
- It is possible that schools are full. SD43 will take all registrations. 1st priority to siblings, remainder will be in a draw. If a child is not in their catchment school, they will be assigned to the closer school with space. They will be on waitlist for 1st school of choice.
- Cross catchment process. Families can request to go to a different school, if there is space. By draw, siblings have priority.
- There is an appeal process. But the reasons should be enough to make the change, Assistant Superintendent Gerald Shong oversees the process.
- 1200 students moved to our District. Located around housing hubs like around Glen elementary, Burk Mountain area.
- SD43 receives funding based on students registered on Sep 30th
- If parents change school from their catchment, those rights do not carry over for their middle school or high school. This needs to be considered if parents decide to change schools.

5. Indigenous advisory committee

- Stephanie Maki

District Principal of Indigenous Education.

- New district committee, each group member has their selection process.
- Represent students and families first nations in SD43, they meet 4 times a year. Topics: budgets, how are we doing, annual report on how are we doing, connection with post-secondary education instituted to provide options for youth.
- Equity Project – to improve indigenous student success across BC. All 60 School Districts are engaged. 4 pillars ruling all initiatives. Include what youth have to say. The committee had several presenters to different topics and discussions.

6. Looking Ahead

Posting for Administrative Assistant – member of the community - 11 hours a week. Applications until Feb 7th. DPAC is a volunteer position.

Thank you to DPAC Representatives. Budget process. 4 topics: Air Conditioner in classrooms - climate change and climate control; extra staff – noon hour supervisors, parents, grandparents. Washroom safety and privacy (middle and high school) urinals not having barriers between them. Unsafe for kids if vaping is happening in school's washrooms. Many children are not using the washrooms. Safe space for e-bikes and scooters, theft prevention and weather appropriate. PACs can raise money but DPAC would like to see this in all district.

Other

Clarification of assessment - extending – is not an A. they are not letter equitable. Emerging – initial understanding; developing - partial understanding. The goal is proficient - complete understanding of the concept. Extending – sophisticated understanding of the concept, they can explain it to a friend.

1,200 new students – many from outside of Canada. SWISS working support. In services, orienting people into their community and navigating SD43, living in the tri-cities. Connect parents with employment opportunities, continued educations, postsecondary education. Have resources on the website for families that are new. The support will be in person as well as links on the site. School District admin can have orientation for SD43 website for DPAC. Schedule 15 minutes at the next DPAC meeting.

Regarding Hazel Trembath Elementary, there is a petition to have the school rebuilt in a timely manner. SD43 leadership team and City of Port Coquitlam are involved.

Provincial exams grade 10 & 12 grades. Similar to FSA, for the ministry to assess where kids are at. Not linked to a course, it is an overview of where the kids are at. Identify if there are any issues. Results are used by districts.

Discussion on PAC's options for running movie nights and sells.

Make sure to apply to the gaming license if needed, normally when you have 50/50, raffle baskets. Not silent auction.

If groups and clubs in school are using funds from the advising account – treasurer is not aware and can't have the information for revenue report. Important to coordinate. Jamie will have this information on the February DPAC meeting.

How long do you need to keep the minutes – good practice 5 years, if there are any changes make sure they are reflected (C&B, make sure to check the bylaws, some PACs might have requirement information there).

Westcoast family will be presenting Wed Feb 28th – pink shirt day supporting antibullying initiatives.

7. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by *Nick-DPAC*, seconded by *Porter*, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

CARRIED