



District Parent Advisory Council

DPAC Annual General Meeting WEDNESDAY, November 27, 2024 7:00 PM on Zoom

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY – Nick Horning

ATTENDEES: 47 - Rosey, Jamie, Sherie, Amber, Nick, Veronika Farnell - sd 43 host, District Principal Craig Mah, Trustee Craig Woods, Assistant Superintendent Nadine Tambellini, Hooman M, Maria W., Stanley W, Leah A, Chris H, Maria Walton. **Elementary Schools:** Hazel Trembath, Glen, Pleasantide, Leigh, Porter Street, Smiling Creek, Hillcrest, Coast Salish, Panorama Heights, Kilmer, Central, Eagle Ridge, Irvine, Meadowbrook, Blakeburn, Rochester, Baker Drive, Cape Horn, Glenayre, Alderson, Mary Hill. **Middle Schools:** Eagle Mountain, Kwayquitlam, Moody, Banting, Pitt River, Summit, Minnehada, Maillard, Apex, Scott Creek. **Secondary Schools:** Charles Best, Port Moody, Centennial, Heritage Woods, **Regrets:** Jimmy F

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Smiling Creek, Seconded by Terry Fox

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - From General Meeting October 30, 2024 – Coast Salish; Seconded by Smiling Creek

3. TREASURER'S REPORT - Jimmy Fung

General Account as of Nov 27th = \$36,193.38

Gaming Account as of Nov 27th = \$7,109.79

November Incoming = n/a

October Expenditures that were pending and not have gone through = \$669.97

November Expenditures = Telus + Office + Payroll + Parent Education = \$2,468.06

4. DISTRICT PRINCIPAL REPORT - Craig Mah

- Report given on behalf of Indigenous education council.
- Strategic engagement & welcome centre to support newcomers.
- Indigenous student learning plan with support block at secondary school level. (ie “Take a hike” program at Terry Fox Secondary.
- Indigenous Grade 4 fsa 69% on track higher than Provincial average.

5. VICE PRINCIPAL DIGITAL INNOVATION AND COMPLIANCE - Veronica Farnell

- **This presentation with links will be posted on the DPAC 43 website in the New Year.**
- Digital innovation and compliance
- Provincial expectations- mandate 1 student 1 record
- To log in use 43-email - many forget to add 43- first
- Login expires within 90 days

- BC services card way of logging in does not expire
- Login & basic navigation support is available via school admin.
- Students login using their ID #
- My-Ed holds Published reports- report cards, IEP
- When something new is uploaded parents are emailed.

6. OPEN FORUM

- **My-Ed Cont...**
 - New mobile app interface - ipad, phone, and Sampson user in mind.
 - Encourage parents to log in using their BC service card as no password required; but my-ed has a password time limit.
 - Report cards available until July 31st - all 3 terms.
 - Reports not kept year after year - it's a pdf parents can download them out of my-ed.
 - Parents can reach out to principal to receive a printed copy.
 - Updates ongoing - it's the #1 mandate to work on over the next year to make it more user friendly.
- **Info transfer tips with changes in executive members** - Put passwords into a file to be passed along easily and changed easily. Also important that PACs have an accessible generic email. Have at least 2 signers on the PAC bank account.
- **Can PAC executive member work for sd43?**
 - If within same district or school not recommended, but depends on the PAC bylaws.
 - Can still be involved, but recommend to remove themselves from any major decisions.
 - (Bylaws are a fluid document you can change yearly if needed.)
- **Update re: Square payment method for PAC** - there are new legal requirements for verification - may be mandated in feb?
- **Where to keep constitution and bylaws?** - should be in a PAC folder accessible to school community and that you can share with other members.
- **Washroom situation at schools** - eg) students vaping, privacy issues, staff not allowed to hang around washrooms to monitor students
 - Recommended poster (linked here: [ERASE Poster](#)) highlights how students can access help and resources confidentially
 - Terry Fox Secondary - A QR code installed on walls that students can access anonymously to instantly report any washroom concerns - is successful
- **Vaping** - Remember vaping is illegal on school grounds
 - Required Min Vaping distance from school = often distance to store - can voice concerns to city council about vaping distance from schools
 - Pilot in Ontario - installed equipment that detects vaping in progress
 - Monitoring indoor air quality in general can help with asthma or allergy issues or vaping
 - Rosey can take concern to district to see about cost of air quality monitoring equipment as a district wide initiative
- **Traffic concerns** - voiced by Smiling Creek Elementary - looking for suggestions
 - Had bylaw and police come out - did a speed assessment - report showed only average, not range.

- City saying not much can change because overall limits are being followed
- The louder you are, the better they hear you - can go to city hall and attend a meeting as a group of parents - keep being persistent.
- **Concern about 'in class field trips' where school brings in presenters - and parents charged cost for voluntary experience** - Q: Is this voluntary or mandatory relating to when ok to charge parents?
 - Can reach out to admin about cost, to ask about benefits to students, and how often to plan.
 - What is curricular enhancement vs what is mandatory (requirement to graduate)? Is the presentation providing info used in tests towards grades?
 - Some schools factor in budget to offset cost to parents - all schools have a discretionary fund to pay for parents who can't pay.
 - If not able to get clarification from principal, then contact your schools Assistant Superintendent.
- **Anti-Bullying presentation** - looking to have one in the new year.

7. LOOKING AHEAD

- Let us know what budget concerns to bring forward to the District
- **Wed Jan 29th - Next General Meeting - Stephen Wiffin - Tech 20 - "Role of AI in our Schools"**.
- **Wed Feb 12th - Stand Alone Session Panel Discussion - In person at ELC**
 - **Panel to include:** *Wendy Yu* - District Principal of Diversity and Anti-Racism,
 - *Shauna Martin* - SD43 Coordinator for Well-being & Positive Mental Health,
 - *Shannon Sullivan MEd* - Coordinator of Counselling Services and Supports, Executive Functioning - Teacher support
 - Student Leadership Council representative, - Harpreet Esmail
 - *Jenn Morgan* on restorative practices
 - DPAC executive members.
 - Please see questionnaire Nick sent out to send in questions.
- **Personal Update** - Our own President Rosey Manhas is looking forward to running for school board trustee in the upcoming bi-election - she may need to take a leave of absence as president to avoid conflict of interest.

8. ADJOURNMENT - 8:38 - Smiling creek, Seconded by Panorama Heights

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