



DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 16, 2025

Via: Zoom 7:00pm

ATTENDED: Superintendent Nadine Tambellini, Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Clarke, Coquitlam Trustee Craig Woods, Leah Coss, Carol Todd, Simon Kwok, Jamie Manchester dpac President, Chris Hilliker dpac VP, Jimmy Fung dpac Treasurer, Sherie Bohorquez dpac Secretary, Melanie Moore dpac, Madiha Kaleem dpac, Todd Gelinas dpac, Angie Lee dpac, Andrea Burgoyne dpac admin.

Schools: Elementary: Aspenwood, Baker Drive, Blakeburn, Cape Horn, Castle Park, Central, Eagle Ridge, Geln, Hampton Park, Hazel Trembath, Heritage mntn, Irvine, James Park, Mary Hill, Meadowbrook, Moody, Mountain Meadows, Mountain View, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Pinetree Way, Pleasantside, Porter St, R.C MacDonald, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek, Walton, Westwood. **Middle:** Citadel, Como Lake, Maple Creek, Minnekhada, Montgomery, Moody. **Secondary:** Charles Best, Heritage Woods, Pinetree, Terry Fox.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY – Jamie Manchester

We acknowledge that the District Parent Advisory Council operates on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the kwikwəłəx̱əm (' Kwikwetlem First Nation). We thank the kwikwəłəx̱əm who continue to live on these lands and care for' them, along with the waters and all that is above and below. All my relations.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Approved Capehorn, Seconded Mountain Meadows.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 27th General Mtng – Approved Porter, Seconded Central.

3. TREASURERS REPORT: Current balances

General account till end of June - \$30,492.68

Gaming account till end of June - \$5,254.99

General account till August 31- \$30,323

Gaming account till August 31 - \$5,254

• **Phone bill** - DPAC is going to switch over from Telus to Voigt to save \$\$.

Reminders: Gaming Grants! Make sure you apply. - also need to sum up your year. You have 90 days to submit from the end of your fiscal year.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Nadine Tambellini - (has been with sd43 for 8 years)

- **Thank you** to those that work behind the scenes at ELC in HR, & to maintenance and custodial for their work over the summer.
- **School environmental health webinar** - Appreciates dpac VP Chris H. participation. Will share updates with DPAC at a later General Meeting.
- **To Note** - overall enrolment in sd43 is down this year. *Priority* - still advocating for a Burke Mountain Middle school.
- **Hazel Trembath** - August 24 - Groundbreaking event. - Gratitude to Minister Mike Farnworth for his support, and to Hazel Trembath community for their voice.
- Finished **Charles Best** addition = 12 new classrooms and 300 new spaces. French Immersion & electives have moved in.
- **Burke Mountain Secondary** - on schedule - opening sept 2027?
- **Monty Middle School** - went to tender - will build a new school - working with contractors now.
- **Board office**
 - 8 new classrm teachers . Determining support staff needed for students that need extra support.
 - **Directions 2025 Rollup** - moving into Directions 2030. Stay tuned - Will have engagement activities happening about this.
 - **Student Attendance** - priority to increase overall attendance. Want students to feel welcome and comfortable at school.

- **Ken Hoth - Communication with parents** - <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/district-office>
 - New district and school websites.
 - Can now download an App - features still in development - more info soon.
 - Will send out info every 2 weeks to update parents about sd43.
- **Elections** - hosted a session for interested people about - **who/what is a trustee** - Jordan Tinney (former Surrey Superintendent) did a presentation.
 - Visit main sd43 website - Trustee information there at <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/elections>
- **Medical Epipens** - kids with health concerns - expectation is that families provide those tools - AP315 talks about protocols. At this time, ministry will not provide epipens on school sites.
- **Q. Burke Mountain Sec - will it offer French Immersion?** **A.** Going to start as grades 8-10. Will not be French Immersion at this time. Principal at Leigh Elementary school will transfer to Burke Mntn Secondary.
- **Q. Other plans for site?** **A.** There is a space reserved for a possible middle school, but no plans confirmed.

5. PARENT EDUCATION

BUILD A BIZ KIDS - Leah Coss - CEO and Executive Director/Co-founder.

Helping kids develop entrepreneurial skills and confidence; to be 'future ready'.

- Registered charity started in Port Moody.
- **1 - Target Age group - Grades 2-9.**
 - Biz Kids market - 2x year at Lougheed Mall. Parents not allowed!
- **2 - Why Focus on younger age group?** - Skills development to prepare kids *before* high school. Also integrates with the school curriculum. Looking to partner with public schools/libraries etc.
 - 'Canadian Future Ready Education Grant' - teachers can apply for this - *new* this September.
- **Program library** includes - Kid talks, kids creator programs and other how to activities.
- **Flagship courses** - Takes 2-4 months to move through the program. 13 classes - 1-2 classes/wk.
 - Online self-directed courses. **Eg.** "Launch your business"; "Give them a growth mindset".
 - Includes worksheets, videos, labs and games.
- **Fundraising option - New - Available later this year.**
 - **Product:** 2 shorter programs being designed - take 2-4 hours to work through. **Eg.** "Brand Designer", "Great Inventor". Designed for Youtube generation. Step by step programs. About kids teaching kids how to sell.
 - **Profit model** - 40% to fundraising organization (PAC)
 - QR codes used - no product delivery/order taking. Instant access to course once purchased.
- **What we need - would like parent feedback! What do you like? Don't like?** Fundraising cycles, effective incentives, sales tracking goals, course topic wish lists, etc.
- **Lougheed mall event** - Doesn't require finishing the program to apply to attend. Just need to sign up for the newsletter. Can be competitive, apply with photos.
- **Q. Can it be used by high school student?** **A.** Programs marketed to 7-13yrs old - but anyone can take them. [Other organizations - YELL / Junior achievement / league of innovators Ryan Homes / bloom / startsweeps.] For 15yr old and up. Still use the same terminology.
- **Q. How do you track sales records?** **A.** Make QR codes for each school/class/group as requested to track sales. Is still a pilot program, so working on it. Would like more feedback about this.
- **Q. Is it the same program as you would get if bought separately online?** **A.** Same program, but a lower fundraising price with 40% of lower price going to the fundraiser.
- **Q. Can kids revisit the purchased course?** **A.** Yes, can retake the course as many times as you wish.
- **Q. Can customers be outside of sd43?** **A.** Yes, customers nationwide can have access to the courses.
- **Q. Positive feedback from daughter who has attended the kids market. Will there be more market opportunities than 2x year?** **A.** If run the program in a school, the school can then launch their own kids market to their community. B/c are a charity - capacity is the limitation. Also asking if anyone knows of other businesses that might want to sponsor the market events.

DIGITAL WELLNESS & DIGITAL LITERACY. Carol Todd - Digital Citizenship and Supportive Technologies coordinator sd43; & Simon Kwok - STEAM and Resource Innovation sd43.

Carol Todd - Educator for 43 years. Daughter was Amanda Todd who was online harmed.

Simon Kwok - teacher and librarian at Eagle Mntn School.

Digital Literacy

- **Sd43 family and community learning series** - still being established for this year.- tab on website <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/family-and-community-learning-series> . **More info at** <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/digital-literacy> .
- **'How to be Internet Awesome'**
 - There is a *family version* and an *educator version*. - teachers would use this program to guide them in the classroom.
- **Screen time Statistics** - # online users every day? 6 Billion users = 74% of global pop.
 - In 1 minute globally: 3.5 billion snapchats are created, 625 million videos watched on TikTok.
- **Social Media Act** for kids - Australia and UK & EU now have one. In **Canada** - *working on one* - tabled in June and under discussion. Limits some social media apps to 16yrs old and under. Government is asking big tech to take responsibility for online safety on their apps.
- **5 most common Apps kids use** - YouTube, TikTok, Snapchat, Discord, Instagram.
 - 7-8 new social media users join every second = 675,000 users join/day. (All ages).
- **Online facts** - Kids 5-17 yrs old - spend 3-5 hours/day on recreational screen time.
 - 83% of Canadian students in grades 4-11 own a mobile phone.
 - 80% of kids said they rarely/never have an adult in the room when online.
 - **Tip:** Recommend kids *not* be online in a bedroom.
 - 1 in 3 parents report that their kids have asked about inappropriate things they have seen online.
 - Research concerns about affects on kids developing brains. (Eg. Attention span).
- **Screen Time can include:** educational, communication and entertainment activities.
 - Too much = leads to eye strain, sleep problems, reduced physical activity, difficulty focusing.
- **Navigation the digital landscape: risks and wellness** - follow-up needed as risk list gets longer.

What is Digital Literacy? - *"is the knowledge, skills, and habits that help us navigate the digital world safely, critically, responsibly and with well-being in mind. It is not just about using technology. It is about understanding technology's impact on ourselves, our relationships, and society."*

BC ministry of education and child care 2022.

- **Why Is this Important?** Digital literacy = academic success.
 - Assignments, research, communication now happen online. Crucial to know how to evaluate sources for misinformation, and to use digital tools effectively. Supports critical thinking.
 - **Safety and privacy.** Media awareness & propaganda. Understanding how online content shapes opinion and behaviours. Learning to spot bias and algorithmic influence.
 - Learning social skills & communication etiquette on digital devices.
- **Resources** : Recommended websites, podcasts etc. on presentation link on dpac website.
 - **Books:** **'The Anxious Generation'** - written by Jonathan Haidt. **'The Amazing Generation'** - written for kids gr 4-8. Some teachers are using in the classroom. **'The Tech Solution'** - Dr Shimi K Kang - psychiatrist from Vancouver. **'The Dolphin Parent'**
 - **Documentary** recommended- for older kids - **'Childhood 2.0'**.

Q&A: Parent suggests advocating for how companies should **not** profit off of kids using the platforms.

6. LOOKING AHEAD

PAC 101 - Thursday September 24th, 7pm on Zoom.

October 28th ELECTION is before the next in person dpac meeting. Candidate info on sd43 website.

Please remember to vote! For both city representatives and school trustees!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING : Wednesday October 28th - in person - 7pm at the ELC.

October 28th meeting: AntiRacism Presentation - Wendy Yu - District Principal, Diversity and Anti-Racism for sd43. **Superintendent's report** - Superintendent Nadine Tambellini.

Meeting schedule for the rest of the year: November 25 (via ZOOM - 7pm). **January 27** (via ZOOM - 7pm). **February 24** (via ZOOM - 7pm). **March 31** (via ZOOM - 7pm). **April 28 AGM** (in person – 6:30pm). **May 26.**

7. ADJOURNMENT - 8:40pm. Approved by Capehorn, Seconded by Glen.

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