



District Parent Advisory Council

DPAC General Meeting
WEDNESDAY, October 30, 2024 – 7:00 PM
In Person at the Education Learning Centre
(1080 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam)

ATTENDEES: Anmore, Baker Drive, Blakeburn, Castle Park, Central, Coast Salish, Eagle Ridge, Glen, Glenayre, Hampton Park, Hazel Trembath, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, Kilmer, Moody, Mundy Road, Panorama Heights, Pleasantside, Porter Street, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Walton, Westwood, Banting, Eagle Mountain, Hillcrest, Maillard, Maple Creek, Minnekhada, Montgomery, Moody, Pitt River, Summit, Centennial, Dr. Charles Best, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Inquiry Hub, Port Moody, Terry Fox

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY - Jamie Manchester

Approval of Agenda - approved Mundy Road; seconded Smiling Creek

Approval of Previous Minutes May 29, 2024 - approved Smiling Creek, seconded Glen Elementary

TREASURER’S REPORT- Jimmy Fung

- As of September 30th - General account = \$39,361.23; Gaming account - \$4609.79
- Spending - Telus + Office + marketing/communication = \$970
- Received Sept - \$20,000 district schoolboard funding

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Nadine Tambellini

- MyEd Presentation - Veronika Farnell - postponed to next General Meeting
- **Opportunities for Parents :**
 - **Dec 3rd - K program of choice - 6pm here at ELC** - Kindergarten programs, Montessori, French immersion.
 - Reach out to Nadine at 604-939-9201 for more info
 - Shauna Beaton-Ray Montessori program - Kelsy Keller : ? Immersion?
 - **Dec 2nd - Late French Immersion Intro - 7pm at Monty Middle School** - will have teachers from hosting schools
 - **Public Speaking** - New name = “**Miked Up**”
 - High school level starting soon before Christmas; Elementary & Middle will hear about it in spring around spring break -
 - Planning more short presentations at General DPAC meetings
 - 10 min presentation on Enhanced Student Learning Framework - next DPAC General Meeting

DISTRICT PRINCIPLE OF ANTI-RACISM UPDATES - Wendy Yu

- **Overall Goal** - to connect teachers to each other - form and informal roles
 - April 2025 - Goal is to have a panel of experts to ask Qs to
- **BLC program**- (building leadership capacity) - available for teachers interested in equity - completed June 2024
- **Invited to schools to present** - pro Ds, staff meetings, etc.- this is the work of all
- **Invited to present at 2 schools to kids**
 - - “What Is Racism?, and What is your Role?” - tools to ease classroom discussion
- **Launched “Sharepoint website”** for teachers - with tools, videos for teachers
- **Highlights** -Every school encouraged to approach this work independently
 - **Miller Park** - Welcome poster of equity and diversity in multiple languages;
 - **Moody Elem** - Krystle dos Santos presented & sang of famous black women in Canada; & Bulletin Board classroom displays/posters & had a family open house
 - BC Lions presented at **Maillard Middle School** to whole school - free presentation
 - **Eagle Mntn Middle** - school wide presentation power point - how to be discerning & do research with consideration to antiracism
 - **Centennial Secondary** - 1st student run Black History Month schoolwide assembly
 - **Pinetree Secondary** - assigned Department Head of Equity and Diversity formal role - monthly displays and newsletter student run
- **Challenges** - Racial slurs problematic, especially at middle school level
- **What’s Next**
 - Training video for all new employees
 - District Advisory Committee - CUPE, DPAC, VPS and Ps starting January 2025
 - Survey coming in new year
- **Supporting your child** - encourage to ‘stand Up’ and report racism incidents
 - Do some research and reflection on your own of your own lived experiences
 - Open communication
- **As parents, you are so important to equity work, Thank you.**

EXECUTIVE MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Learning Services Committee - Jimmy Fung**
 - Chaired by Paul McNaughton - Assistant Superintendent - Attendees include Family Smart (<https://familysmart.ca/>) , Kinsight (<https://kinsight.org/>) and DPAC
 - Literacy support focus - \$30 Million over 3 yrs to use in province
 - Increase financial support for early screening of literacy focus - lowering focus down to grade 2
 - More accountability to increase attendance and follow students
 - Next meeting in February of 2025
- **Student Achievement Advisory Committee - Amy & Rosey**
 - Intro to Framework of Enhanced Student learning
 - Next Meet - Feb 2025
- **French Advisory Committee Meeting - Sherie Bohorquez and Andrea Burgoyne**
 - **Late FRIM (FRench IMmersion) Parent information session, December 2nd - 7pm**

- **Kindergarten FRIM Parent information session**, December 3rd at 6pm at the ELC.
- **Directions 2030** will be developed this year. May seek input from this advisory committee.
- Terms of Reference and District Principal Report, Craig Mah
 - **Program of Choice registration dates:** Thursday, January 9th to Wednesday, January 15th.
 - New on-line application form will give parents a better experience.
- **Teacher Report**
 - Montgomery will be partnering with Banting for a Quebec trip.
 - Upcoming in-person visits to each Grade 5 class in district to promote Late FRIM.
 - **French Mentor Support teacher** working with 15 teachers. Designating more time to new teachers but checking in with other teachers. Mentor teacher also helping with the Classroom Based Assessments.
- **Canadian Parents for French**, Robyn Doig
 - Robyn is new president of CPF after September AGM.
 - CPF has hosted events in partnership with SD43
 - Hoping to increase membership. *Support needed to reach out to all FRIM schools for a parent volunteer.*

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Wed Nov 13th - Stand Alone - Inclusivity in the Classroom - on Zoom invite is to ALL Parents through the DPAC Reps. - pls share**
- **Next General Meeting - Wednesday Nov 27th - Zoom**
 - Craig Mah & Veronika Farnell
 - Open Forum for parents
 - Budget Season coming - please let us know what budget concerns to bring forward to the district
- *No General Meeting in December*

Q & A SESSION

- **Request for AntiRacism Presentation at Elementary Schools - YES!** - Wendy or colleague can come to present to your PAC or School about antiracism
- **BCCPAC** - several members resigned - bi-election coming up - If you have registered utilize your vote.
 - **DPAC Summit** changed to online platform - virtual session on a Saturday only
 - Encourage parents to reach out directly to BCCPAC with Qs - their minutes are now updated online on their website.
 - **Speakers & Resources** - provide resources and contacts throughout province ; if your PAC has registered - can book speakers through them for free
 - HVAC systems in schools - talked about potentially doing a presentation about HVAC?
- **Q - Any learning session planned around digital literacy?** - Rosey & Carol Todd looking at early in the New Year about online safety
 - Technology presentation about AI - Booked for January 29th General Meeting
- **Q - Emergency Supplies expire this year** - does PAC pay for it or the school - district's responsibility , PAC often help with cost and resupplying, but not mandatory. Work with principal.

- **Q - Do the districts communicate with each other about digital strategies? Why do different districts & classrooms use different tools and apps?**
 - District 43 - Assistant Superintendent of Technology - Stephen Whiffin - has tightened up guidelines = screened in district 43 to be efficient and safe
 - Goal is to give Teachers and schools freedom to choose among approved apps and tools to use what works best for them.
 - For provincial guidelines see the Ministry of Education and Childcare Website
 - Server is in Canada, and not the US to keep info on students in Canada.
- *Reminder that we as DPAC Reps - need to bring info & invites back to your school, to your PAC social media, through school admin, etc.*

Meeting Adjourned - 8:11pm , Smiling Creek, Seconded Porter Elementary

Next DPAC General Meeting - Wednesday November 27, 2024 on Zoom

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