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DPAC Pulse

Newsletter from the SD43 District Parent Advisory Council



Please send your beautiful scenic pictures of locations in our SD43 School District to newsletter@dpac43.ca and you could be in our next newsletter.

Executive Updates

February 28, 2024: DPAC General Meeting, OPEN FORUM via Zoom at 7pm

We would like to introduce you to a great parent resource. Be sure to check out DPAC's website for a synopsis of "Cultivating Secure Attachment, Resilience, and Positive Mental Health in Children: A workshop with Susan Stiffelman, MFT, and Dr. Gabor Maté"

HOW CAN THE DPAC HELP YOUR PAC?

Is there any way you would like DPAC to support the work that your PAC does? Please let us know by sending an email to office@dpac43.ca. Meanwhile, you can follow DPAC on Facebook at [DPAC 43 - District Parent Advisory Council](#) to stay up to date on things happening with DPAC and the school district as a whole. Also, check out our website at www.dpac43.ca for links to other useful information.

President's Corner

by Rosey Manhas

As February unfolds, we celebrate Black History Awareness; this month also brings us together for Real Acts of Caring, Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day, and we delve into budget discussions with the Board of Education.



Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent, Gerald Shong, on his retirement. He has been a vital part of our school district and we wish him the best in the next chapter of his journey. We warmly welcome Assistant Superintendent, Anthony Ciolfitto, bringing 17 years of administrative experience to the district.

In regards to the budget this year, we have prioritized several issues, including: climate control management; increased supervision during the lunch break for a safer environment; allocation of funds for a secure storage space for E-bikes and e-scooters*; and crucial washroom safety, addressing vaping and other drug-related concerns.

Real Acts of Caring week was February 11-17, showcasing incredible initiatives, thanks to teacher, Hariette Chang. Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day is on February 28th. Wear pink to promote respect and kindness.

It seems that a lot of PACs are struggling with being back in person and communicating respectfully with each other. I urge everyone to remember the reasons that you joined PACs and DPACs. It's important to remember that we are all volunteering our time and efforts for the betterment of our children's education and our communities.

In our upcoming general meeting on February 28th, we will gather for a crucial Open Forum, providing an opportunity to share and discuss your concerns and questions.

Exciting updates await at our April 3rd general meeting, when we return from Spring Break, featuring guest speaker Shannon Davies from Westcoast Families and a special presentation by Principal of Technology Implementation Dave Sands on STEAM advancements.

Rosey Manhas
President DPAC 43

**Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.
Dalai Lama**

*wording changed due to misinterpretation