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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

January 31, 2024: DPAC General Meeting, via Zoom at 7pm

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

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! I trust everyone enjoyed a pleasant break amidst the current weather conditions.



As the school district's budget process unfolds, it is a pivotal time of year. Excitingly, various partner groups, including DPAC, have been invited to engage with the board ahead of the draft budget. Recently, I met with the board, and I am pleased to report that they are actively addressing concerns raised by both parents and students.

I will be presenting our letter to the Board at the special public meeting on February 13th, sharing updates on the district's budget proposal thereafter.

Our recent parent presentation on January 17th featured Family Smart, offering insights into dealing with ADHD, emotional supports, and family concerns.

Join us for our upcoming general meeting on January 31st, where Assistant Superintendent Gerald Shong will discuss Kindergarten registration and cross-catchment processes. Additionally, Stephanie Maki, the District Principal of Indigenous Education, will present on the Indigenous Advisory Committee.

Looking ahead to February, Westcoast Families will share Effective Parenting Strategies.

We look forward to your participation on Zoom at our next meeting.

Rosey Manhas
President DPAC 43

Indigenous Advisory Committee

Stephanie Maki

Stephanie Maki is currently the District Principal of Indigenous Education in SD 43. Prior to joining the Coquitlam School District in November 2022, she worked in the North Vancouver School District. She has 26 years' experience in education including Vice Principal, teaching K-12, and was a member of the Indigenous Education team in NVSD. While in SD44 Stephanie was an Indigenous Academic Support Teacher and Indigenous Secondary Resource Teacher. She holds a Masters of Education in Leadership: Indigenous Education. Stephanie has previously presented at Indspire: the National Gathering for Indigenous Education, various school districts and at the National Indian Education Association Conference in the USA. In addition, Stephanie has contributed to many curriculum initiatives including co-authoring materials for the National Film Board of Canada, Pearson Inquiring Minds: First Peoples and European Contact and Global Issues and Governance. She also has a published chapter in Learning, Knowing, Sharing: Celebrating Successes in K-12 Aboriginal Education in British Columbia. Stephanie is on a journey of reclamation as a Métis woman.