



District Parent Advisory Council

DPAC Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 – 7:05pm

In Person - Education Learning Centre (ELC)

1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam BC

ATTENDEES: Stephen Armstrong (Kwkwetlem First Nation), Superintendent Nadine Tambellini, Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Clarke, Trustee Craig Woods, Trustee Chuck Denison; Jamie Manchester dpac, Chris Hilliker dpac, Jimmy Fung dpac, Sherie Bohorquez dpac, Alaina Milicevic dpac, Nick Horning dpac, Madiha dpac, Darin Wong dpac, Todd Gelinac dpac, Andrea Burgoyne dpac admin.

Schools: Elementary: Blakeburn, Castle Park, Coast Salish, Eagle Ridge, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Hazel Trembath, Heritage Mountain, Kilmer, Lord Badel-Powell, Meadowbrook, Mountain Meadows, Mountain View, Mundy Road, Nestor, Porter Street, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek, Westwood. **Middle:** Citadel, Eagle Mountain, Maple Creek, Minnehada, Montgomery, Summit. **Secondary:** Charles Best, Heritage Woods, Riverside, Terry Fox.

1. WELCOME: **Stephen Armstrong** (Elder of Kwkwetlem First Nation)

- “We all have that equal responsibility to take care of *all* of our youth... I encourage *all* of our youth to hang on to your cultural backgrounds. ”
- “Our culture provides a vessel that grants a safe environment to allow our youth to be able to share [about themselves].” “They will become our future leaders.”

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA : Motion to accept by Smiling creek, 2nded by Harbourview.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - From General Meeting April 29th, 2026.

Motion to accept by Montgomery Middle, 2nded Riverside Secondary.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT - **Jimmy Fung**

Income Statement May 2026

General Account: \$36,450.40

Gaming Account: \$7,166.05

Costs for May 2026: bccpac conference, telephone, payroll. **Total** = \$1,595.92.

2026/2027 Budget Proposal

Proposed Budget: Total \$35,000.00 for 2026-2027 year.

DPAC Initiative - \$5000.00 - spending TBD - will go towards an initiative that benefits *all* schools.

Budget Accepted by Smiling Creek, 2nded by Westwood Elementary.

Gaming Grant - date **deadline** is **June 30**.

- Need to create a new ID - we recommend to use a business/organization ID to allow it to transfer more easily.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Learning Services Advisory Committee - Alaina Milicevic - Met May 13th, 2026.

- District projected a decline in total number of learners of ~320, but expect an increase in students needing more assistance in the classroom.
- **Staffing updates:** hired a new Principal of learning Services, a new District Counsellor, and ~50 EAs, with additional positions still being recruited. There are no teacher layoffs in the new budget.
- **Summer learning programs** now available online. Summer camps will be offered through 3rd party providers. Unfortunately, a change is that the district can no longer provide funding for summer program EAs.
- **Unified Sports Program** - included successful volleyball, basketball, and track seasons, and are expanding into middle schools. They also participate in the One Ability Games.

- **Roundtable reports included:** Successful student transitions between schools, and concerns about access to programs for students identified as being both Gifted and as having a 2nd learning designation, and concerns about summer camp supports for children with additional needs.

Safety & Wellness Advisory Committee - Chris Hilliker - 3rd and Final Meeting May 13th.

- Attendees included representatives from: CUPE, CTA, CPVPA, SD43 & DPAC43.
- DPAC43 was able to share concerns of parents.
- Discussed next September agenda.
- Talked about student experience, ways of making sure classrooms are healthy spaces.

6. LOOKING AHEAD - 2025/2026 Recap and Recognitions - Jamie Manchester

Presenters and Guests

- October - **Your DPAC. PAC 101 Presentation.** “Everything You Need to Know About PAC”.
- October - **Shazya Karmali (PhD)** from Concussion Alliance. “Concussions and Kids”.
- November - **Bonita Squires (PhD).** “The Multilingual Brain: Language Learning in Today’s World!”
- January - **BC’s Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael Harvey.** “Online Privacy Awareness for Children and Youth” and a Q&A Session.
- February - **SD43 Principal of Career Programs Ben King.** “TRAIN in Trades”. Trades programs and opportunities in secondary school.
- April Stand Alone - **BC Minister of Children and Families Jodie Wickens.** Special Presentation and Q&A Session.
- April - **SD43 Assistant Director of Communications Ken Hoff.** “Communication with SD43 Parents & Caregivers” & DPAC Social.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE! (Thank You!! Chocolate Bar for your rep. if can attend the AGM too!!)

Elementary: Castle Park, Central, Glen, Hampton Park, Hazel Trembath, Irvine, Mountain View, Nestor, Westwood, Panorama Heights, Smiling Creek, Westwood. **Middle:** Maple Creek, Montgomery Middle. **Secondary:** Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Port Moody.

Registering your PAC for the 2026/2027 school year

If you have anyone leaving, send an email to Andrea at admin and she will remove that person from the mailing list.

7. MOTION TO END GENERAL MEETING: 7:35PM - Westwood Elementary, 2nded by Citadel Middle.

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AGM ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 43 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVES

Election Host - SD43 Trustee Craig Woods

- Review of constitution and bylaws
- Term - July 1st to June 30th

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Vice President - Nominee *Chris Hilliker*.

Secretary - Nominee *Sherie Bohorquez*.

- Need to confirm by vote if ok for Sherie to run for 3rd term. - *Approved*.

Treasurer - Nominee *Jimmy Fung*.

- Need to confirm by vote if ok for Jimmy to run for a 3rd term - *Approved*.

Newsletter Editor - Nominee *Alaina Milicevic*.

DPAC Communications Liaison - Nominees *Melanie Moore & Hannah Chow*.

Members At Large Nominees - Up to 4 Positions available.

- *Hannah Chow* (Roy Stibbs dpac rep, running for 2 positions);
- *Maxence Solomon* (Nestor dpac rep);
- *Pamela Chan* (Charles Best dpac rep, Montessori trained teacher and ESL teacher - does not work for sd43);
- *Angie Lee* (Porter dpac rep; looking to help to keep kids engaged);
- *Todd Gelinis* (running for 2nd term);
- *Madiha Kaleem* (running for 2nd term).

Congratulations To Your DPAC Executive for 2026-2027!

RESULTS:

President: Jamie Manchester

Vice President - Chris Hilliker

Secretary - Sherie Bohorquez

Treasurer - Jimmy Fung

Newsletter Editor - Alaina Milicevic

PAC Communications Liaison - Melanie Moore

Members at Large - Hannah Chow, Angie Lee, Madiha Kaleem, Todd Gelinis.

Motion to destroy ballots - Moved by Smiling Creek, 2nded by Monty Middle.

DRAW for the book ‘THE AMAZING GENERATION’ by *Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price*:

(“Inspired by the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Anxious Generation*, this new book for kids is a handbook for living a happy and exciting life that isn’t hijacked by a smartphone.”)

Congratulations to Zainab Khareghani from Mountain Meadows Elementary.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the AGM and especially to those who ran for a position! Your DPAC43 thrives because of your support and engagement!

ADJOURNEMENT

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