DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday October 28, 2026
In Person at the ELC - 7:05pm

ATTENDEES: Superintendent Nadine Tambellini, Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Clarke, Trustee Craig Woods, District Principal Wendy Yu, District Principal Veronica Farnell, K. Singian (Fraser Health School Nurse), Jamie M (dpac pres), Chris H (DPAC vp), Jimmy F (dpac), Sherie B (dpac), Madiha K (dpac), Todd G (dpac), Angie L (dpac), Alaina M (dpac), Andrea B (dpac admin),
SCHOOLS: Elementary: Baker Drive, Blakeburn, Castle Park, Central, Coast Salish, Eagle Ridge, Glen, Glenayre, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Hazel Trembath, Heritage Mntn, Irvine, James Park, Kilmer, Lord Baden-Powell, Mary Hill, Meadowbrook, Mntn Meadows, Mntn View, Mundy Road, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Parkland, Pinetree Way, Pleasantside, Porter Street, Rochester, Roy Stibbs, Smiling Creek, Westwood. **Middle:** Citadel, Como Lake, Hillcrest, Kwayhquitlam, Maple Creek, Minnekhada, Montgomery, Moody, Pitt River, Summit. **Secondary:** Centennial, Charles Best, Heritage Woods, Pinetree, Port Moody, Riverside, Terry Fox. **Other Guests:** Leah (Castle Park Elem), Elspeth (Blakeburn Elem), Shreya (Pinetree Sec).

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY: ***Jimmy Fung***
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by Castle Park, 2nded by Smiling Creek, Motion Carried
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: From September 16, 2026. Approved by Mntn Meadow, 2nded by Hampton Park. Motion Carried.

4. TREASURER's REPORT: (Up until Sept 30, 2026) **-** ***Jimmy Fung***
Income - $20,000 approved and received from district;
Costs - DPAC notebooks, Report filing (remittance for payroll).
General Account: $49,860.72
Gaming Account: $5,254.99

5. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT - ***Superintendent Nadine Tambellini***
She gave a good overview of 'what's next' (intentions and goals) over the next year for our district staff and newly elected trustees.

Board of Education
- **Tri-city Elected School Trustees - 9** - Craig Woods (Coq), Chuck Denison (Coq), Rosey Manhas (Coq), Christine Pollock (Poco), Kerri Palmer Isaac (Anmore/Bel). **4 new** - Candace Knoll (Coq), Tracy Green (Pomo), Jessica Morrison (Pomo), Blaire West (Poco). See their bios at https://www.sd43.bc.ca/board-members-trustee-information .
- **Inauguration Meeting - Nov 3rd** - will elect new board chair & vice chair.
- **Trustee Orientation/Training** - Nov through Feb - a comprehensive understanding of their governance role, district operations, education systems, finance, facilities and strategic priorities.
  - Mike McKay (retired from Surrey school district) - hired as training leader.
- **Next Board Meeting - Nov 24.**

Committees 2026/2027
- many have multiple partner groups represented on each - including principals/vp's, teachers, support staff, program directors, partner organizations (eg. Kinsight), and 1-2 DPAC parent representatives.

1. **Anti-racism Advisory Committee** - 2 dpac representatives.
2. **Education & Technology Advisory Committee** - 2 dpac representatives.
3. **French Advisory Committee** - 2 dpac representatives.
4. **Learning Services Advisory Committee** - 2 dpac representatives.
5. **Student Achievement Advisory Committee** - 2 dpac representatives- creates document that lets us know how well our sd43 students are doing compared to other districts.
6. **Student Wellness and Safety Advisory Committee** - 2 dpac representatives.
7. **Montessori Advisory Committee**
8. **Accessibility Advisory Committee**
9. **Indigenous Education Council** - ***need a parent rep for indigenous council for secondary schools***

Other Meetings that support school operations

- **District Leadership Team** - meet Wednesdays.
- **Learning w/o Boundaries -** every 3rd Thursday.
- **Operational meetings** (Thursday between) - district leadership team meet with administrators
- **Classified Staff meetings** - meet 1/month - with managers and maintenance.
- **Facilities and Capital Planning meetings** - at district level ~1/month.
- **Finance and Audit Committee meetings.**

Communication Reports- purpose is to develop better cross departmental communication between all of our partners in the SD43 community.

- **District Digest** - all admin; **Exempt Digest** - all exempt (classified staff) managers; **Trustee Digest** - for/ between all trustees.
- **DPAC Meeting presentations** & **'TOGETHER We are SD43' email update** (every Thursday - can expect one , eg. one came out on e-scooters) for parent/caregiver community - will ask for your feedback in February.

Other News

- In SD43 some people are retiring, leading to:
  - **Interviews** for both new Vice Principals, and VP to Principal positions.
  - Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Clarke = mentor for these new hires.
- **District Leadership Team plans:** Directions 2030 work with consultant Jordan Tinney (former Superintendent of Surrey - bcssa) - hired for 2 sessions, October 16 and November 13.
  - Will report out to community 3x/year - Feb, May & next October.
  - Can expect a large Directions 2030 Report at end of June, and summary report next September end.

6. PARENT EDUCATION - FEATURE PRESENTATIONS

A. ANTI-RACISM COMMUNITY SURVEY FINDINGS & NEXT STEPS. *Wendy Yu* - District Principal of Diversity & Anti-racism and diversity (Contact Email: wyu@sd43.bc.ca).

Gave a summary and explanation of the findings from the Anti Racism survey sent our in February of 2026. Overall found that of those who responded, most (staff, students and families) feel that sd43 is a welcoming and inclusive school district. However, there needs to be some more clarity about the reporting process for concerns and the response procedures.

Anti Racism Survey Findings *(1 page summary info sheet attached to end of Minutes)*

Purpose: To understand experiences, identify strengths and gaps, inform next steps, and align with directions 2030 and beyond. Is the 1st of its kind in our district.

Details:

- 3 surveys, open 2 weeks from Feb 4th-18th, 2026.
- Sent to all staff via email, sent to families via MyEd.
- Mid/Sec students - email and QR code sent to principals to share with students.

Response:

- 259 staff members, 2300 students, 1800 families.
- **Strengths and assets -** Is a strong district for communication and feedback. Is a welcoming environment with commitment to equity.
- **Staff perspectives - concern about lack of clarity in procedures.**
  - Overall committed - strong belief in inclusion.
  - Many have witnessed or experienced racism. Report confidence dropping around responding & dealing with concerns &experiences among staff.
  - Request more training. Many are comfortable in engaging/starting in conversation about inclusivity, but responding in the moment is harder.
- **Student perspective - worry about the social consequences.**
  - Overall response feeling accepted and included. Some fear in labeling as a snitch, or of retaliation if report.

    - Many admit they don't know what the report process involves, and some hesitation in speaking up.
    - Is critical for schools to communicate process to students.
- **Family perspective - concern about the process and outcome.**
    - Overall feel schools are safe and inclusive.
    - Saw many 'I don't know' responses .
    - Reporting process - concerns about procedures involved in the process and what happens next.

Key Priorities moving forward:
- Clear reporting - make reporting safe and simple.
- Consistent responses to community (timely and reliable).
- Accountability (to yourself and others).
- Communication (foster ongoing dialogue and feedback loops).
- Capacity building (training and resources).

NEXT STEPS - Specific actions we are seeing:
- Micro-learning within meetings.
- Mentorship.
- C0-pilot AI agent so staff can run things, ideas & documents through an equity lens to help.
- Getting the student voice beyond the survey.
- Explaining to community what happens.
- Monthly DEI corner in newsletters that schools may use.
- Family learning sessions (via PAC) -
- ***Wendy encourages you to invite her out to your PAC Meetings and for a parent info session.***

Q&A
Q. Does district do anti-racism sessions/info for classrooms and school assemblies? A. Yes! Wendy is happy doing both. This year she has a leadership group of high school students who are developing a presentation for middle schools. ***Contact Email wyu@sd43.bc.ca .***

B. NEW WEBSITE & APP OVERVIEW - *Veronical Farnell,* SD43 District Principal of Technology and Information.

Introduced and identified the features of the new websites for both the sd43 district and its schools. Also introduced the 5 methods now available for parents to receive information from the district (website, email, social media, text messages and push notifications through the new sd43 anonymous App).

Goal is for Mass Engagement - Allows for a message to be available via 5 different methods - website, email, social media, text messages (sms) and push notifications.

New Websites -
- **June 2025 survey results used towards July 2026 rollout.**
    - Survey asked what do we use the website for? : ~1500 responses = calendar & events, attendance reporting, bell schedules, announcements (district, emergency, celebrations etc) , links and forms. Feedback was to keep it simple.
- 'School Bundle' used to build it.
- Streamlined layout (all the school websites have a similar layout), news and notifications (at top spotlight banner for videos and notifications - can click on the banner for more info); at bottom are 'News and Announcements), school stories.

District Site
- Has a robust and detailed search engine.
- **Still inputing and updating resources.**
    - **Eg. Programs & Resources** - Attendance - links to resources for families to help keep kids in school.
    - **Eg**. **Calendars & Events** - month at a glance; year view; shows as many events as possible - can subscribe to the calendar to feed into your outlook or google calendar.

School Sites
- School admin can put on their own notifications.
- Site contains - popular links; Upcoming calendar events; news and announcements etc.
- Does contain an archive for the events.
- Top tabs are school dependent.

SD43 App
- **Anonymous mobile App** (no sign in - can choose what to follow and what you would like push notifications for. **eg.** Strong start dates).
    1. Download the app - on app store and google play
    2. Choose what to follow
    3. Turn on notifications - includes for calendar and news events

Coming Up Next - a dedicated app about the students.
- Sign in - Will connect you to some of your child's info, with district and school communication.
    - **Eg. Attendance** (you can ask for daily attendance report from the school) and student schedules.

Q&A
Q. Will there be report card results on the student app?
A. Going slow with that. Also looking at how MyEd does NOT work for parents.
- Are planning to change the password reset to 1x/year. Otherwise - recommended to sign in with your BC Services Card as that does *not* need a password reset.

Q. Redirects. When the site was launched many pages are on new addresses. Can there be instructions for parents that receive the 'does not exist' message? A. Feedback noted :) Will bring this back. There was 10000 pages on the old website, and are still updating the redirects.

Q. Attendance Report - is there another option planned for the drop down menu? A. Yes, there is a new format planned for after Christmas that is simpler. You will sign in via your students and it will remove the drop down menus.

Q. Will there be another option other than email or phone for secondary students? A. Email & phone is going to continue to be the main method of reporting absences for secondary students so they can track & confirm the source of the absence reports ;)

Q. The Dedicated App - Privacy protocols? A. Info kept in Canada only, and the info is only kept for a short period of time. Will limit the amount of information put on there. Rolling out this slower to consider this. (**Eg**. A students IEP will NOT be on there.)

7. LOOKING AHEAD - *Jamie Manchester*

BCCPAC - ***encouraging all PACS to renew your membership :D We encourage you to attend the Membership Summit coming up soon, and next years AGM and conference.***
- Fee for bccpac registration = school fee $100/year.
- Will list their meetings on their website.
    - The executives are from all over the province, so all meetings are online.

BCCPAC Membership Summit -November 21, 2026 @ 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM - Online via Zoom.
- **Theme** : "*Empowering Parents Strengthening Schools, Supporting Students"* .
- **More info at** https://bccpac.bc.ca/events/fall-membership-summit/
- Membership and registration are required.
- **Register**: 2026 BCCPAC Membership Summit (Registration) Access will be provided following successful registration for the event.

BCCPAC Conference & AGM Dates - April 20-May 2nd, 2027 - Usually at a hotel in Richmond.

- We commit to sending at least 1 member to the BCCPAC AGM in the spring of 2027.
- ***We commit to bring your vote & proxy, and represent your requests & voice to BCCPAC to the AGM.***
- ***If you want to submit a resolution to the bccpac - please reach out to us at DPAC to help you with the process.***

DPAC applied for a non-profit google account.

- This means our **online meetings will transition to GoogleMeet - not Zoom.**
- Have migrated our email to workspace. (Exactly the same email addresses).
- Want to see if it's possible to migrate these services to each school PAC.

ATTENDEE GIVE-AWAYS :D - [$25 Indigo gift card] Congratulations Glenayre & Terry Fox!

Parent Q for SD43. Cell phone restrictions concern - can policy be more strict at the secondary level? Bell to bell vs class to class. A. *Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Clarke* - "At high school level, the expectation is that in class students will respect that cell phone use is under the direction of their teacher. It is challenging to take away a phone for the whole day b/c of diverse rotating class schedules. With 1200-1700 students per school, it makes it difficult to manage that many phones. A teacher can manage 30 phones a bit better. There are expectations that each admin team should work on *with* the teachers. It's not perfect, still working on it. Need good discussions about teacher responsibilities and admin responsibilities."
DPAC - recommends this as one good issue to bring to the bccpac to the province.

NEXT MEETING PRESENTATIONS - ATTENDANCE AND STUDENT HEALTH & WELLNESS

- ***Paul McNaughton & Judy Payne*** from SD43 Student Wellness and Safety Committee.
- ***Adrian Pettyfer*** - SD43 District Energy Manager - districts work on sustairability and Restorative practices in schools.
- ***Kimberley Singian*** - Fraser Health - General student health in the school environment.

Next General Meeting - Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm Online on 'Google Meet'

8. ADJOURNMENT - 8:42pm. Motioned by Glen Elementary, 2nded by Monty Middle. Motion Carried

Thank you!