



District Parent Advisory Council

# DPAC Pulse

October 2019

## DPAC Executive Updates

Here are a few of the things the DPAC executive is working on:

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### **Mental Health First Aid Night – Parent Ed Presentation**

Free Parent Information Session for all parents and caregivers

Guest Speaker – Donna Bonertz, Certified Career Development Practitioner 28 years experience in the Mental Health Field.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019

**Time:** 6:45 – 8:15 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm)

**Location:** Theatre–Gleneagle Secondary School 1195 Lansdowne Drive, Coquitlam

Online Registration Required (for everyone attending):

<https://dpac43mentalhealthfirstaid2019.eventbrite.ca>

Knowledge is power.  
Information is liberating.  
Education is the premise  
of progress, in every  
society, in every family.

- Kofi Annan

### **Follow DPAC on Social Media and our Website**

Follow us on Facebook (dpac 43 - District Parent Advisory Council) and on Twitter (@dpac43) to stay up to date on things happening with DPAC and the school district as a whole. Also, be sure to check out our website (www.dpac43.ca) for links to community and district resources, presentations from our general meetings, news and much more!

## CONTACT US:

Do you have any questions, comments, or suggestions?

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## President's Corner

### A message from DPAC President

After a busy summer for families and a busier school start up for the fall, we are back to work at DPAC. Our new Executive members are busy planning this year's speakers and activities. A number of parent education nights are already scheduled and our fall roster of speakers for monthly meetings has been confirmed. We hope that you will find the content helpful and informative as we present our theme of *Connecting the Community*.

Our first event of the year was our annual PAC101 orientation night earlier this month. Once again the evening attracted a sizeable crowd of PAC volunteers. The ensuing discussion was a benefit for all. As daunting as it may seem, when you volunteer to take on a roll with your PAC there are numerous resources available to help manage your way to a successful year. Feel free to contact our office for further information and remember that the presentation materials for PAC101 can be found on our website.

This month I also had the pleasure of attending a partner consultation seminar focussing on the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) division of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Parents, Educators and Business' from BC were brought together to discuss the current PISA assessment model and provide feedback for the future of PISA. BC was the last of seven international consultations by PISA and our inclusion attests to the standards of our education system and past performance of our students. The question is how do we make sure these standards continue to guide our children into the future.

Looking forward this month, we have our first DPAC Parent Education event, a Mental Health First Aid Night on November 13th for the parent community. In addition, two of our executive members will be attending the BCCPAC-DPAC Summit on November 15-16. The Summit is certain to be an interesting few days as discussion topics will include SOGI, the funding model, childcare and the new immunization policy. Anticipate a full report at our November general meeting.

We wish all of the PAC's a successful fall as we guide our students through Halloween festivities and mid-terms!

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### DPAC Outreach

If your PAC wants to have a DPAC executive attending one of your PAC meetings to talk about DPAC and what we offer to PACs in the District, please contact the office and we would be happy to schedule an executive to attend one of your meetings.

### Volunteering for DPAC

The DPAC is only as strong as the people who give their voluntary work, so we encourage all those who want to make a difference in our District to consider running for a position on the Executive in May 2020. Maybe you can start to volunteer as a Member at Large? Below is the experience of our volunteer, Corrie Noble.

Corrie is entering his 6th term as a DPAC Member at Large. Corrie has a passion for our community and supports school and community events when he can. He plays a very active role with traffic safety in SD43 and is always looking at ways to get schools involved in the community as well as fundraising initiatives.

As you can see Corrie is very involved, but as a Member at Large you can start with a small involvement and compromise as much as your time allows you. You will have the opportunity to learn and to be a voice for all parents in the District. Please volunteer as a DPAC member!!



## HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!

### Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

A friendly reminder to help keep our children safe out there. Here are a few helpful tips:

1. Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
2. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
3. Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
4. Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
5. Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
6. Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

## What Does That Stand For?

### Making Sense of Acronyms

It's happened to all of us: sitting in a meeting or listening to a presentation and the speaker starts using acronyms or jargon that we haven't heard before and we're left sitting there wondering what that four letter acronym stands for and why everyone in the room is laughing like it was the funniest joke they ever heard. In an effort to save you from laughing along with a joke you don't get or nodding along sagely with everyone else while you quietly try to think of what that weird jumble of letters could stand for, we have assembled a list of common (and not-so-common) abbreviations and acronyms that you may encounter at a DPAC, School Board or other meeting where public education is discussed.

<b>ABCDE</b>	Association of BC Deans of Education	<b>DLT</b>	District Leadership Team
<b>ACEBC</b>	Association for Community Education in BC	<b>DPAC</b>	District Parent Advisory Council
<b>AGM</b>	Annual General Meeting	<b>ECEBC</b>	Early Childhood Educators of BC
<b>BCCPAC</b>	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils	<b>FOIPPA</b>	Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act
<b>BCPSEA</b>	BC Public School Employers' Association	<b>FSA</b>	Foundation Skills Assessment
<b>BCPVPA</b>	BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association	<b>FTE</b>	Full Time Equivalent
<b>BCSSA</b>	BC School Superintendents' Association	<b>GAAP</b>	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
<b>BCSTA</b>	BC School Trustees Association	<b>IEP</b>	Individual Education Plan
<b>BCTC</b>	BC Teachers' Council	<b>IRP</b>	Integrated Resource Package
<b>BCTF</b>	BC Teachers' Federation	<b>LDAC</b>	Learning Disabilities Association of Canada
<b>CAP</b>	Canadian Association of Principals	<b>LIF</b>	Learning Improvement Fund
<b>CAPP</b>	Career & Personal Planning	<b>LWB</b>	Learning Without Boundaries
<b>CASI</b>	Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation	<b>MCFD</b>	Ministry for Children & Family Development
<b>CEA</b>	Canadian Education Association	<b>MDI</b>	Middle Development Instrument
<b>CEM</b>	Commercial Electronic Message	<b>MOE</b>	Ministry of Education
<b>CHSF</b>	Canadian Home and School Federation	<b>NSBA</b>	National School Boards Association
<b>CMEC</b>	Council of Ministers of Education	<b>PAC</b>	Parent Advisory Council
<b>CPF</b>	Canadian Parents for French	<b>PEN</b>	Personal Education Number
<b>CSBA</b>	Canadian School Boards Association	<b>PRO-D</b>	Professional Development
<b>CTA</b>	Coquitlam Teachers Association	<b>SEA</b>	Special Education Assistant
<b>CTF</b>	Canadian Teachers' Federation	<b>SEL</b>	Social Emotional Learning
<b>CUPE</b>	Canadian Union of Public Employees	<b>SLC</b>	Student Leadership Council
<b>DASH</b>	Directorate of Agencies for School Health	<b>TOC</b>	Teacher on Call

### Introducing the Executive

Here is a list of the 2019/2020 SD43 DPAC Executive. You can read more about each executive on our website ([www.dpac.43.ca](http://www.dpac.43.ca)) under the “About Us” section.

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Next DPAC General Meeting is

November 27, 2019

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to  
change the world”*

*-Nelson Mandela*