

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Introductions/Principal
2. Review Agenda and Questions
3. Advocacy Presentation
4. Presentation about Zoom
5. Review SD57 Restart Plan
6. Review PAC Questions and Answers
7. Further Questions?
8. Encouragement and Communications

DPAC is hosting “What PACs will look like in 2020/21” on Zoom. We hope to see representatives from all 41 schools in our District! Let’s collaborate and brainstorm about all the positive ways we can influence our school communities this year.

We have answers to many of your PAC questions:

1. **Can we have PAC Meetings at the school? If space is limited, can we incorporate Zoom for people to attend remotely?**
 - Yes, PAC Meetings can occur at the school. Contact your Principal to discuss an appropriate meeting space and time, attendance limits, and protocols upon entering.
 - Space will be limited so Zoom or other remote connection options should be implemented. Contact DPAC Zoom Administrator for help with setting up a meeting.
 - Require 1-2 meters between people; suggest wearing masks upon entry, once everyone is seated, take mask off to have the meeting, use own pen/paper, no touching.
 - No custodian in the evenings? Principal responsible for wiping down tables/chairs/door handles after everyone leaves.
2. **What can parents/PAC members expect when visiting the school? Do we have to make an appointment? What procedures do we follow?**
 - All visitors including parents and PAC members must make an appointment or if just making a quick visit/pick up, call the office before entering the school.
 - Do a Daily Health Check. If you have a fever or any of the other 6 symptoms, stay home.
 - Upon arrival you will be asked to wash/sanitize your hands, sign in with contact info.
 - You must physically distance while in the building. If 1-2 meter distance can not be maintained, you must wear a mask.
3. **If we host a fundraiser where items are delivered to the school to be sorted and distributed, will volunteers be able to work in small groups in the building? Can we set up areas for parents to pick up items?**
 - Volunteers will be permitted to work in the building. Where masks if in close quarters.
 - Parents can pick up items outside or at an external door.
 - Limit the number of people touching items/interacting with the parents picking up.

- Illness is not transmitted via paper/books but keep hard surfaces and hands sanitized.
- 4. Will there be hot lunches?**
- Yes, food can be delivered to the school and brought in for students and staff providing it is from a restaurant/take-out facility and not homemade items.
 - Small groups of volunteers will be permitted into the building to distribute food.
 - At least one of the volunteers must have a Foodsafe Level 1 certificate or be supervised by someone with a certificate.
- 5. Other than Foodsafe, are hot lunch volunteers required to follow any other protocols?**
- We ask that you wash/sanitize your hands upon entry and wear gloves if possible.
 - Wear a mask when handling/distributing food.
 - Deliver to the classroom door, do not enter a learning space where students are.
 - Dispose of garbage and clean all surfaces before leaving.
 - Follow all guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces.
- 6. Can parents volunteer in classrooms?**
- No, we need to limit the number of non site-based personnel in our buildings.
 - Only people providing a service will be permitted on a case by case basis.
- 7. What about volunteer-led sports and after school clubs?**
- We appreciate parents who volunteer to lead clubs and coach sports. Slow start the year or some clubs may be cancelled. Plan safe activities with the Principal.
 - Parents volunteering for field trips or as drivers will be planned by staff on each form.
- 8. Other than Volunteer Application and Criminal Record Check, are there any other protocols for parents volunteering with children?**
- Parent volunteers must ensure they are following the guidelines as outlined in the Restart Plan.
- 9. How can PACs help students and staff this year?**
- PACs can listen to parent concerns, document, and present solutions. Be a liaison between the Principal/School Admin Team and parents.
 - PACs can help communicate safety and school information to parents.
 - o Offering parent perspectives for initiatives in the Schools.
 - o Provide input into the school-based safety procedures.
 - PACs can fundraise and volunteer.
 - PACs can provide supports to students including supporting unique learning opportunities such as presenters, field trips etc., supporting school initiatives such as reading challenges/events etc. Video talent show for prizes?
- 10. Is there anything that PAC's can't do that they normally would?**
- PACs can't hold large gatherings indoors or outdoors. No BBQs or Movie Nights.

Encouragement from SD57:

This is good information. We continue to receive a lot of questions about meetings and hot lunches, so this really is capturing the need.

The biggest message is that we need to follow the guidelines in the Restart Plan and ensure they understand the site-specific plans at each School.

Thanks for doing this.

Cindy

Encouragement from DPAC:

We need to be COVID-conscious, this illness has serious effects, but we also want students to learn, develop, and thrive! Attending school is important for their educational development, but also mental health, and social/emotional wellness. PACs and parents contribute to the school community in valuable ways, and the District knows that. We want to encourage PACs to advocate and communicate, but also plan creative ways to connect with students and staff and have fun! Everyone loves hot lunch day. We just need to find safe ways to do it. There has been so much information coming from the Public Health Office and Ministry of Education that is changing constantly. A lot of work has had to happen in a short time, which means it takes time to get the information out, for Principals/Parents to understand and digest the implications, adjust expectations, and then move forward. This session is a huge step toward getting accurate up-to-date information. We encourage you to be kind and continue to be patient with the process.

How do PACs get more information from DPAC and SD57?

- Keep in regular communication with your Principal.
- All PAC Chairpersons have access to an sd57.bc.ca email address.
- Follow DPAC Website and subscribe to MailChimp emails.
- Attend monthly DPAC meetings.
- Follow SD57 and DPAC and BCCPAC on Facebook.

Email questions to: DPAC@sd57.bc.ca and/or exec@sd57dpac.ca