

**DPAC General Meeting**

**Monday June 7, 2021 @ 6:30p.m.**

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***Acknowledging that this meeting is being held on the beautiful unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh.***

**Attendance:**

**DPAC Executive: Andrea Beckett (Chair), Laura Weller (Vice-Chair), Arlene McKibbin (Treasurer), Rickie Mitchell (Secretary), Gillian Burnett (Director), Christa Porter (Director)**

**PAC Representatives and Parents: Andi Duperron (Edgewood), Julie Anderson (ELDB), Tara Gauthier (Spruceland), Kim Prysclak (DP Todd), Kaitlyn Anderson (Buckhorn), Wendy Wedman (Pineview), Alison Hudyma (Glenview)**

1. Call to order 1830 hours, Territorial Acknowledgement
2. Adoption of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes from May 2021 DPAC meeting
  - Agenda - Christa motions, Gillian seconds
  - Minutes - Gillian motions, Christa seconds
3. PAC Networking & Discussions - *deferred to Town Hall portion of agenda*
4. Review and Adoption of Executive Reports - *as circulated - see note\*\**
  - a. Chair/Vice-Chair Report - Andrea Beckett
  - b. Treasurer's Report - Arlene McKibbin
  - c. Gillian Burnett motions to have Kim Prysclak and Trudy Klassen removed as signing authorities, Laura Weller seconds - All in favor. Motion passed.
    - i. Andrea Beckett nominates Gillian Burnett to be DPAC signing authority, Gillian Burnett accepts. Arlene seconds - All in favor. Motion passed.
    - ii. Arlene McKibbin nominates Laura Weller to be DPAC signing authority. Laura Weller accepts. Rickie seconds - All in favor. Motion passed.
    - iii. Andrea Beckett volunteers to stay as signing authority. All in favor.
    - iv. Arlene McKibbin stays on as signing authority? Yes.
  - d. Advising School District Reports
    - i. Policy and Governance – May 4th, 2021 (Gillian)
    - ii. Board Meeting – May 25th, 2021 (Andrea)
    - iv. Education Programs and Planning Committee – May 18th, 2021 (Nicole)
    - v. Education Services Committee – June 7th, 2021 (Christa)
    - vi. Expanded Committee of the Whole Budget Consultation – May 12th (Gillian & Rickie)

**7:00pm – Traffic Town Hall commences****Town Hall Attendees (in addition to the attendees previously listed), total 45:**

Lyn Hall, Dave Bradshaw, Chris Vliegenthart, Sgt. Kyle Ushock (PG RCMP), Dane Greenwell (PGCC), Tracey James (BCAA Manager), Doug MacDonald (ICBC), Trent Derrick, Tim Bennett, Sharel Warrington, Ron Polillo, Shuruose Valimohamed, Cindy Heitman, Kap Manhas, Karen Wong, Kelly Johansen, Parrish Child, Joanne Hapke, Dawn Jarabek, Erin Anderlini, Jillian, Jordyn M., Barbara Oke, Nicole Botten, Nicole Laferriere, Sylvie Stekelenburg, Marlene, Crystal (Glenview), Jessica's iPhone, Julia M., Bailey Grose, Samantha Kiengersky

What are your experiences as parents around traffic, safety and commuting issues at our schools in SD57?

[School zones Can 'Drive to 5' improve school zone safety? School Zones Should Be The Safest](#)

Round table discussions around the following themes and issues:

- *Safety and traffic: what are the experiences from your school and community?*
- *Barriers that prevent you, your child or family from walking or bicycling to school?*
- *What do you see as potential solutions or interventions to improve the traffic & safety issues currently being experienced at your school? What do you see as needing to change to improve safety and provide better commuting options for students and kids?*
- *What infrastructure challenges have you experienced? For example, sidewalks, crosswalks, crossing lights, etc.*

Sidewalks are being prioritized in school areas or others. An enormous amount of roads without sidewalks, can't prioritize one area over another. A community could help subsidize city updates to neighborhoods. One issue with narrow sidewalks with ditch (very costly) to install sidewalks without first remaking the ditch (can't just be without)

Andrea Beckett: How do we let people know when the meetings are for the public to be a part of the meetings deciding town safety? A: Quite often it boils down to funding,

Rights and responsibilities - part is to get drivers to realize it is not a right to drive, it is a responsibility.

Trent Derrick : school board will look into forming an Adhoc Committee dedicated to keeping this conversation going (on road safety around schools).

Joanne Hapke: Suggests raising awareness among parents and teachers to educate people on the school zone speeds as well as road safety.

How do we know who/where to go? Example if we want sidewalks? Where/who do we start? How? Call...? What is the process?

Kap Manhas: administration should email Kap Manhas and he would put it on the agenda to try (as in PAC bringing it to admin/principal to contact Kap then he takes it to committee & if it's more than a quick email back they might arrange a meeting with that school)

311 for any calls (on questions) locally in the city or use the web site or go through Kap.

Sgt. Kyle Ushock if they receive multiple calls then they (RCMP) can set up a one or two week collection device & determine problem size. He can get in touch with the safety board to see what can be done/what they can do. RCMP non-emergency line 250-561-3300 for PG. RCMP cannot revoke licenses but they can get the attention of those who do with repeat offenders as well as the bad drivers themselves when they get caught. Spoke with Shirley Bond about having both parks and school zones designated as "child activity zones".

Parrish shared a joint newsletter from Admin and PAC from Heather Park that went to parents (on DPAC website).

Shuirose Valimohamed: As PAC chair she used to call the RCMP September, January and after spring break to come as a "reminder" to those individuals who break the law by speeding through the school zone.

Dane Greenwell suggests lobbying for a change in the laws to "catch up to Alberta" and have the speed zones permanent in residential zones (30k all the time, any time of day, 365 days a year).

Andrea has an Action Item for PACs to reach out to the parents communities and get them to join in on the road safety issue and/or education surrounding that.

Dane Greenwell already has it as an Action item on his list (for about 2 years now) and it is difficult. It might be better if we had some parents available during the day. Will be bringing it up with his committee and does like to get it out to PAC (but does not hear from PACs in past).

Cindy Heitman sharing a great resource on their site.

Seems to be 5 main problem schools - Andrea requests any suggestions on how we could "guinea pig" 2-3 of these schools on a "how to" type of example to solve specific safety issues surrounding the road...possibly restructure a committee with parents involved, too. Open invitation to DPAC meetings to all attendees.

#### City & Community Partner Groups:

- Mayor Lyn Hall representing the City of Prince George
- Prince George Fire Department Chief Iverson
- Dave Bradshaw – City's Manager of Transportation and Technical Services and Chris Vliegthart, Transportation Supervisor
- Tracey James – Manager of BCAA
- A representative for RCMP Superintendent Shaun Wright from the Traffic Division
- Dane Greenwell – Urban Director PG Cycling Club & Go By Bike Week PG
- Doug MacDonald, ICBC Road Safety Coordinator for Prince George

#### SD57 school district partner groups:

- Superintendent Cindy Heitman
- Representative from the Board of Trustees/SD57 School Board
- President of the PG District Teachers Association/PGDTA Joanne Hapke
- President of the Principals & Vice-Principals Association of PG – Kelly Johansen
- Karen Wong – President of CUPE for SD57

**Town Hall finishes – City, Community & SD57 Partner Groups leave 9:05pm**

5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Action Items for DPAC as suggested by Gillian Burnett - survey parents and collaborate the information.  
How do we work on congestion to make it into something actionable instead of just a problem? Try to get a parent on the safety group from PAC or DPAC.  
Continued discussion on the road safety issue.
  - b. Laura Weller: [G:\00\\_Transportation\2021\Capital Projects\Sidewalk\2021 Location Map All Capital Sidewalk Confirmed \(1\)](#)  
and  
[Pedestrian Network Final Report](#)  
and  
[PEDESTRIAN CROSSING STRATEGY](#)  
Andrea:  
[Road and Sidewalk Rehabilitation](#)  
Tara Gauthier:  
[Prince George's 2021 road rehab projects total more than 40 km](#)
  - c. Having potential hybrid Zoom/in person meetings for DPAC in the new school year next fall (try Zoom and Microsoft Teams and see which is more stable).
6. Upcoming Committee Meetings
  - a. Policy and Governance – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Gillian)
  - b. Board Meeting – June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 (Andrea)
  - c. Education Services Committee – none (Christa)
  - d. Education Programs and Planning Committee – none (Nicole)

**Adjournment 10:05pm - Next meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm – setting & location TBD**