

BCCPAC DPAC Summit
November 19-20, 2021 on Zoom
Attended and Summarized by: Christa Porter, DPAC Director

This was my first experience at a DPAC Summit. Usually there are only a few spots per DPAC, held in person, but since it was virtual, any DPAC Executive Member could attend. We had 6 from SD57: Andrea Beckett, Gillian Burnett, Tara Gauthier, Richard Parks, Laura Weller, and myself. From what I could tell, there were 27 DPACs represented, with very few representatives from Northern BC. One rep from the Peace River South and one from Nechako Lakes. The 6 of us from SD57 tried to attend as many sessions as we could but didn't catch all of it. A brief summary of the agenda is below.

Friday

1. Representative for Children and Youth - Dr Jennifer Charlesworth
2. Métis Nation BC - Lauren Petersen, K-12 Education Manager
3. First Nations Education Steering Committee - Mary Mollineaux, K-12 Policy Manager
 - Discussions on how to incorporate indigenous culture in education as: PAC/DPAC Member, Parents, DPAC/District.
4. Ministry of Education - Jennifer McCrea, Assistant Deputy Minister - Learning Division
 - Opportunity to provide feedback on the Inclusive Education Parent Handbook.

Saturday

1. Governance & Bylaws - Director Klassen
 - Work is being done on BCCPAC Bylaws, discussion on proxy votes
2. Resolutions 101 - President Sinclair
 - Guides the work that BCCPAC does, how to write, what the Committee does to review/revise, and how to present at the AGM.
3. Discussion of Pre-Event Survey - President Sinclair
 - Some understanding from DPACs about how Districts are doing with Covid protocols.
4. Open Session / Q&A

If anyone needs more information, let me know.

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