



# District Parent Advisory Council No.57 Prince George

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## Agenda and Minutes - DPAC Monthly Meeting

Monday November 7, 2022 @ 6:30pm at Van Bien Training Centre and on MS Teams

**Acknowledging that this meeting is being held on the beautiful unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nations, McLeod Lake Indian Band and the Simpcw First Nation.**

*Executive: Acting Chair Christa (Shas Ti Kelly Road), Andrea, Tara (DP TODD), Laura (Ecole Lac Des Bois), Rickie (Blackburn)*

*PAC Representatives and Parents: Cher (Buckhorn), Christina (Pineview), Cherisse (Glenview), Caitlyn (Heather Park), Susan (Polaris), Melissa (Ecole Lac Des Bois), Byaombe (Duchess Park), Kim (Quinson), Jodi (Heritage), Amber (Ron Brent)*

1. Call to order, Territorial Acknowledgement & Introductions 6:32pm 15 parents, 13 schools
2. Adoption of Agenda – no changes or additions to the meeting topics
3. Adoption of Minutes from October DPAC meeting –motion by Tara, seconded by Cherisse
4. PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Networking & Discussions
5. Review and Adoption of Executive Reports
  - a. Executive Board Report
  - b. Treasurer's Report
6. PAC and Parent Engagement
  - a. Food Safe- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Good attendance, 14 or 15 participants
  - b. PAC Café - Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Great to connect in person again. Many meaningful discussions.
  - c. Virtual PAC Café - an option to continue discussions and reach PACs from remote communities
  - d. PVP-PAC Best Practices Guidebook - In progress. Intended to help in building meaningful, collaborative, inclusive and respectful working relationships in our school communities. Emailed to the PAC Café participants, send to meeting attendees.
  - e. Open Parachute - DPAC will see if can post recording of event. Their website is very accessible and has a good online community. District committed to using this program for next 3 years.
  - f. ERASE – Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints, and Cyberbullying - Seminar for Parents (Nov 15, 30 at 6:30pm online)

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**7:30pm – District Representatives join** (*questions are prepared in advance*)

7. Partner Group Questions/Reports & Discussion - **THEME Budgets & Finances**
  - a. Senior Administration - Lee Karpenko
  - b. School Board Trustee(s) - Erica McLean, Corey Antrim
  - c. Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association - Kristy Greenfield
  - d. Prince George District Teachers Association - Daryl Beauregard
  - e. CUPE 3742 - Paula Bass

**Budgets & Finances** - Starts at the end of Jan/Feb where the departments start meeting. Spreadsheet with staffing ratios based on collective agreements with teachers and CUPE. Other grants/funding for special ed, rural education, English Language Learners (ELL), etc. get factored in. Secondary students go by full time equivalent (FTE) because sometimes there are students taking only 1-2



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classes, or taking classes online or elsewhere, so they don't count as a full-time student, but they add up. Final count is submitted Sep 30 and Gov't announces budget in Nov. Advocate to the Ministry of Education to consider inflation in the per student funding or continue the "resiliency" funds that were offered this year. Playground/facility upgrades go through capital asset grants.

Final comments on **budgets for PACs/Parents** - Principals have enough budget to cover all the staff, technology, building/grounds maintenance, and school supplies required. Some stuff may not be high quality or latest technology, but it works. Usually when Principals ask PAC to fundraise for equipment, supplies, technology, etc. it is because they want extra or better-quality items for their school. Or they are choosing to use their excess on more staff. Work with your Principal to understand their budget and prioritize the needs of the students and staff - within reason. PACs should never feel pressure to fundraise for everything... or higher priced items that are big goals. Volunteer parents do their best with the time and resources they have.

**Bus Issues** - SD57 is not happy with the current provider. There were issues with the previous provider. A "back-up" or vendor switch is not easy because the fleet needs to be certified and drivers trained. Currently 3500 students are bussed, around 100-150 are having issues and will continue working to resolve. Parents MUST email [transportation@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:transportation@sd57.bc.ca) every time there is an incident or missed service, the issues are tracked and followed up on. They need it in writing to present to the bus company.

### **8:45pm District Representative(s) exit the meeting**

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8. Old Business
  - a. Website update - Andrea in process of compiling quotes to find a good fit with a business to do this work for us.
  - b. Promotional Item/Banner - looking for someone to assist in getting quotes, etc.
9. Upcoming Committee Meetings
  - a. DPAC Reps (2) at District Meetings
    - i. Advisory Committee (November 22nd) public can observe online (Christa)
    - ii. Board Meeting (October 25); Inaugural Meeting (Nov 7) (Laura)
    - iii. Board Education Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 4-6pm) - need a delegate
  - b. Ad hoc Working Groups (representatives needed, dates/times to be determined)
10. BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils) - memberships due, pay by Dec 31
11. BCCPAC DPAC Summit – Nov 18-19 – Laura/Christa are attending, questions to the Minister
12. DPAC Executive Elections – Directors (4 vacant positions) or Volunteers – explained how to subscribe to our Mail Chimp email list

9:03pm Adjournment - **Next meeting is Monday December 5, 2022 at 6:30pm hybrid**