



District Parent Advisory Council No.57 Prince George

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Agenda and Minutes - DPAC Monthly Meeting

Monday December 5, 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 Tenneh First Nations, McLeod Lake Indian Band and the Simpcw First Nation.

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

PAC Representatives and Parents: Katie Schmid (Springwood) Cherisse (Glenview), Candice (Morfee), Susan (Polaris), Byaombe (Duchess Park), Jodi (Heritage), Melanie (Hart Highlands)

1. Call to order, Territorial Acknowledgement & Introductions 6:33
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes from November DPAC meeting
4. PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Networking & Discussions – Discussion around fundraisers PACs have used and volunteer recruitment for PACs.
5. Review and Adoption of Executive Reports
 - a. Executive Board Report
 - b. BCCPAC DPAC Summit Report
 - c. Treasurer's Report
6. PAC and Parent Engagement
 - a. Virtual PAC Café - Dec 3 – Another great session with engaging discussions. See minutes for further detail.
 - b. ERASE – Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints, and Cyberbullying (Nov 15 & 30)

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

7. Partner Group Questions/Reports & Discussion - **THEME Celebrating PACs**
 - a. Guest – Brett Apolczer Director, Facility Services
 - b. Senior Administration - Cindy Heitman
 - c. School Board Trustee(s) - Cory Antrim
 - d. Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association – Kristy Greenfield
 - e. Prince George District Teachers Association - Daryl Beauregard
 - f. CUPE 3742 – sends regrets

Playground update: Average cost playground is \$95,000. 2 playgrounds replaced this year in SD57, College Heights and Hart Highlands. Total of 6 replaced in recent years including Glenview, McBride, Valemount, and Van Bien. Priority list of schools for playground replacement has been made including Hixon, Springwood, Beverly, and Morfee. Wood structures have been replaced, not focusing on playground where company is out of business and we can't get parts to maintain to CSA standards. Provincial government committed 5 million dollars in annual funding in 2018 for playgrounds in BC. This was later doubled to 10 million. Playground costs are high, they are now using an engineered wood product instead of pea gravel for accessibility for wheelchair users. This material is trucked in from Vancouver/Edmonton raising costs. There is no ratio of playgrounds versus



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size of school. Typically, schools want separate primary and intermediate playgrounds. Approval is required from Facility services before fundraising for playground or other outdoor equipment like swing sets. Schools usually express interest to facility services 1-2 years ahead.

PACs are a critical component of schools. DPAC is voice for parents in District, supporting parents and getting information to families. PAC is a great avenue for being involved in child's education and becoming educated about things like school planning, budgeting decisions etc. Discussed affordability fund and potential uses for it by schools. Teachers are highly appreciative of funds PACs provide for items like classroom supplies, busing/field trip costs. Cindy to send out email on how parents can access fund as a reminder.

District Representative(s) exit the meeting

8. Old Business
 - a. Website update (Andrea) Website redesign narrowed down to Paratopia Digital. Contract to be signed and deposit paid.
9. Committee Meetings
 - a. DPAC Reps (2) at District Meetings
 - i. Advisory Committee (Nov 22; Jan 24) public can observe online (Christa)
 - ii. Board Meeting (Nov 29; Dec 13) (Laura)
 - iii. Board Education Committee (Nov 8; Dec 6; Jan 10) - need a delegate, observe only. Byaombe to attend Dec 6.
 - b. Ad hoc Working Groups
 - i. Rebrand Advisory Group (Nov 21) (Andrea) - survey going out
10. BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils) - memberships paid Dec 31 (19/41)

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