



District Parent Advisory Council
No. 57 Prince George
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Minutes- DPAC General Meeting
Monday December 2nd, 2019 @ 6:30p.m., Van Bien Training Centre

Attendance:

DPAC Executive: Andrea Beckett (Chair), Kim Pryschrak (Vice-Chair/Quinson), Amie Thibodeau (Director), Nicole Laferriere (Director/DPSS), Christa Porter (Director/Glenview)

PAC Representatives or Guests:

- 1) Call to order @ 1840hrs by Andrea Beckett (Chair); minutes being recorded by Andrea Beckett
- 2) Adoption of agenda and Adoption of Minutes from last month(s):
 - i) Adoption of the December 2019 Agenda **Motion:** _____ **Second:** _____
 - ii) Adoption of the November 2019 Minutes **Motion:** _____ **Second:** _____
- 3) Executive, Officer, and Committee Reports
 - a) Executive Board Report (chair and vice-chair)
 - i) Chair and Vice Chair attended the BCCPAC Summit in Richmond in Nov 2019
 - ii) All information, slide decks, and presentations from the Summit (along with previous summits and conferences) can be found on the BCCPAC website, under “Resources”
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/841-2019-dpac-summit-resources>
 - iii) Additionally, the BCCPAC has put together a Leadership Manual, which provides PACs and DPACs with sample forms, constitution and bylaws, and information on how to run effective meetings. Found at: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/523-leadership-manual>
 - Best practice is to start any DPAC or PAC meeting with the local correct Indigenous acknowledgement; simply Google “what is territory acknowledgement for city x” to find it
 - iv) MyEdBC website:
 - Is owned and maintained by the Ministry, but executed by local school districts, meaning each district has ownership over which sections or portions of the website and portal to turn on or off
 - There is both an parent and a student login
 - More information about the portal can be found at: <https://www.myeducationbc.info/>
 - For SD57 specifically:
<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Programs/DistrictDepts/CandI/home/myedbc/Pages/default.aspx#/>
 - BC is the only province to have a singular student information system
 - For the Ministry slideshow presented at the BCCPAC summit:
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/841-2019-dpac-summit-resources>
 - v) Personal Education Number (PEN) by the Ministry of Education: PEN to improve the student experience and journey through the education system and beyond for both students and parents
 - vi) Other topics included Framework for Enhanced Student Learning, The Partnership Model: Before/After School Care, and the Value of BCCPAC and DPAC membership
 - vii) Opening address by the Minister of Education Rob Flemming:
 - There have been no decisions made with regards to the funding model; review of the feedback received showed more review and information gathering was needed to make a decision
 - There are currently 76 active school building projects across the province

- Currently only 2% of the current school workforce is Indigenous; the Ministry is actively working to increase this number
 - Ministry is looking at revising the Education and Inclusivity Policy to make it explicitly clear to the school districts what their expectations are
 - There has been a 23% increase in IEP since this government voted into power and they plan to increase that
 - 37% more classes have EA's than 3 years ago
 - DPAC's are an integral and key stakeholder in school districts, as is BCCPAC in provincial discussion tables and policy development; the Ministry recognizes this and thus has increased funding to support BCCPAC and plans to continue to do so
- viii) Presentations and information on Prevalence Funding Model, MyBC Education Portal, Vaccinations Education and Information in Schools, and other relevant topics
- ix) Questions for Senior Admin and partner groups about their concerns with regards to the Prevalence Funding Model
- b) Treasurer's Report
- i) No pending cheques for gaming or general accounts
 - ii) Travel reimbursements for BCCPAC Summit to be submitted
- c) Directors Reports
- i) Mike Morris and Shirley Bond invited and accepted to Jan 6th
 - ii) Summary of Nutrition and Poverty Committee Meeting attended by Nicole Laferriere
- 4) Additional Committee Reports and Advising School District
- a) Education Services Committee Report –upcoming this week
 - b) Education Programs and Planning Committee Report – attended by Gillian Burnett (attached)
 - c) Policy and Governance - no meeting last month
 - d) Extended Committee of the Whole – no meeting last month
 - e) Suggestions for School Board Report - none
- 5) Plans for upcoming year
- a) PAC and Parent Engagement Initiatives - Parent Café January 18th, 2020 10am to 2pm @ Civic Centre
 - Send out save-the-date via email, mail chimp and Facebook
 - b) Interest is a First Aid course; DPAC to look into putting one on in 2020 – determine cost and vendor
- 6) Partner Group Presentations
- a) District Student Advisory Council – no rep present
 - b) CUPE Report – Karen Wong
 - c) Prince George District Teachers Association Report – Joanne Hapke
 - d) Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association Report – no rep present
 - e) Senior Administration Report (Rod Allen; Cindy Heitman)
 - Meeting with all the district principals on Dec 13th
 - There was an oversight on the part of the district with regards to the hiring of the teacher that was recently disciplined. All applications will now be required to be doubled checked by two people. Any red flags at all in applications will require a 3rd neutral person at the district to review the file.
 - Rod Allen will continue as acting Superintendent until the end of December
 - Anita Richardson will start as Superintendent in January 2020
 - f) Trustee Report – Betty Beckering
 - Nov. 29 Balhats – first one in 73 years; 450 people attended <https://www.sd57stories.com/balhats/>
 - Extremely positive experience. All Clans Balhats was hosted to celebrate the unique partnership between the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and School District No. 57; public contract and agreement on how to move forward. All schools were represented.

(5 – 10 minute snack break, opportunity for further partner group discussions)

- 7) List of questions for partner groups for next month – none brought forward
- 8) Agenda items for next meeting – none brought forward
- 9) Adjournment - Next meeting **Monday January 6, 2020 @ 6:30pm** at the Van Bien Training Centre

Education Programs and Planning Committee
November 19, 2019
Gillian Burnett

This was a great meeting. We began by receiving a presentation on Student Concussions in Schools by Cindy Heitman. She walked us through the why, the what, and the how of District 57's work in this area. She acknowledges that we are behind other districts in completing this work, but we are well on our way now. The next steps are as follows:

1. Work with Learning Innovations to develop a Pro D Strategy
2. Work with Senior Team to create Concussion information tab on the district/school webpages
3. Work with Secondary School Athletic Directors/Coaches to ensure concussion awareness is up to date.
4. Work with district staff to develop a Return to Learn document to support students.

There was some great examples of what this could look like and other ideas about inserting more awareness into curriculum. Very positive work and will look forward to hearing more as the work continues.

The second presentation was a Student Support Services Update. There was data about the percentage of our student population needing support over several years, how assessment is conducted, the tiered approach to provide interventions to students, what the program looks like in district 57, the designation process, heartbreaking information on outside agency waitlists and more. Overall, I would like to report that our district has implemented a Mental Health Clinic and is offering support to students. The need is great and discussion around the disparity of resources available versus the need. Some solutions include more awareness training. I asked that parents be invited to attend workshops or speakers that raise awareness and understanding of mental health literacy as one approach to reducing the burden on our teachers and support workers. Together we can do more.

The final presentation was an Information Technology, Skills, Trades & Career Update. WE received information on several programs in the district and the number of student's benefitting from them. There have been changes to which programs are offered, some have expanded, others have changed and some have been discontinued. There was also information provided about the technology infrastructure and systems used in educational delivery. Some great work being done, some challenges to still address and new ideas to explore.

Next meeting January 21, 2020 (I am available if needed)