



District Parent Advisory Council No.57 Prince George

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Minutes- October DPAC Monthly Meeting

Monday October 2, 2023 @ 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: Chair Laura Weller (DPAC Rep - Ecole Lac Des Bois), Tara Gauthier (DPAC Rep - DP TODD), Christa Porter, Rickie Mitchell (DPAC Rep - Blackburn)

PAC Representatives and Parents: Bailey Bouwman (Westwood parent), Gillian Burnett (Shas Ti Kelly Road DPAC Rep) Candace (Morfee Elementary DPAC Rep, Mackenzie Secondary DPAC Rep), Susan Heyland (Polaris Montessori Elementary DPAC Rep), Justine Grebliunas (Hart Highlands DPAC Rep), Cherrisse Reink (Glenview DPAC Rep), Christina Wasstrom (Pineview DPAC Rep), Jodi Wilson (Heritage Elementary DPAC Rep), Richard Parks (Lac Des Bois parent), Emilia Smith (Ron Brent DPAC Rep), Don Sabo (Community member, previous DPAC executive).

1. Call to order, Territorial Acknowledgement, Introductions 6:33pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes from previous DPAC meeting
4. Review and Adoption of Executive Reports
 - a. Executive Board Report

Survey Monkey had over 100 responses, collating the data (with possible upgrade of software subscription), and sharing with the Board, District Admin, and PACs.

Board Meetings are tense because of protests in the gallery so seating is limited. Anyone can address the board but must request through the "publicinput" email address a week before the meeting. Understanding SOGI 123 and what it is and isn't. Input from Don a former DPAC Executive.

b. Treasurer's Report – Budget Approval

September - No spending from gaming account.

General account \$28.88 in expenditures.

Expected Revenue for 2023/2024 \$42,883.78 including surplus from last year. Projected budget for 2023/2024 approved \$33,774.00. Projected surplus for 2023/2024 \$9,109.78.

Increase subscriptions (Survey Monkey), promote travel subsidies for out-of-town parents to attend FoodSafe or PAC Café, possible trip for DPAC Exec to Mackenzie and/or McBride and Valemount. Get business cards, look at other promotional items.

Snacks for meetings and Wellness Fair.

Motion from Tara to approve budget as presented, seconded by Gillian. Carried.

5. Review the Constitution and Bylaws
 - a. Rationale, discussion – remove "interested parents"; remove quorum of 40%
6. Election of the Executive Board Members
 - a. Directors - 4 positions available. Call for interest. Gillian expressed interest in joining. Vote taken, elected by acclamation. Candace expressed interest and information will be provided to her.

7. PAC and Parent Engagement

- a. Wellness Fair (Oct 18) Cherrisse helped to coordinate with Intersect. 2pm to 6pm at John McInnis.
- b. Food Safe (Oct 21) 8am to 4pm. Thank you Richard for organizing. \$25 to sign up on Eventbrite. See DPAC Facebook for registration link.
- c. PAC Café - planning to schedule for November. Need a virtual option.

7:30pm – District Representatives and Guests join (*topics are prepared in advance*)8. Partner Group Questions/Reports & Discussion - **THEME PAC Engagement and Support**

- a. Senior Administration – Not present.
- b. School Board Trustee(s) –
Sarah Holland - Sees a desire on the board to work together to support the district.
Cory Antrim - In an important time right now, hiring a Superintendent. Important to listen to the problems being brought forward. Number one issue is funding for solutions.
Shar McCrory – Catchment and capacity is an important issue as is recruitment and retention. Important for all parties involved to work together.
- c. Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association – Not present.
- d. Prince George District Teachers Association – Not present.
- e. CUPE 3742 – **Paula Bass** - As you meet with other parents that are struggling with lack of support, be talking to Principals and school board, take action at Provincial level that current funding model is not sufficient. There is not enough funding to provide for EA's outside of those provided for students with designation.

District Representatives and Guests exit the meeting

9. BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils)

- a. BCCPAC Executive Director Announcement – Tracy Humphreys is new Director.
- b. DPAC Summit (November 17-18) Registration and Travel (2)

10. Old Business

- a. Website update (Andrea) - not discussed

11. Committee Meetings - DPAC Reps at District Meetings

- a. Education Committee Tues Oct 3 4-6 pm (Christa and Gillian)
- b. Indigenous Education Partner Groups Wed Oct 11, 10am-1pm
- c. Advisory Committee Tues Oct 17 4-6pm – bring Policy 5119 up for revision
- d. Board Meeting Tues Oct 24 (Laura) 4-6pm

12. PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Networking & Discussions –

Adjournment 9:25 pm - **Next meeting is November 6, 2023**