

Minutes - DPAC General Meeting**Monday June 3, 2024 @ 6:30 pm 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 Teneh, and we recognize McLeod Lake Indian Band, and the Simpcw First Nation within our district.

Executive: Chair Laura Weller, Vice Chair Christa Porter, Tara Gauthier (DPAC Rep - DP TODD), Rickie Mitchell (DPAC Rep – Blackburn), Bonnie White (Duchess Park Chair), Cherrisse Reink (Glenview DPAC Rep), Kim Pryschlak (DP TODD Chair)

PAC Representatives and Parents: Gillian Burnett (DPAC Rep - Shas Ti Kelly Road), Chrissy Wasstrom (Pineview DPAC Rep), Shae Wittig (Ecole College Heights DPAC Rep), Jamie Giede (Beverly DPAC Rep), Jodi Wilson (Heritage DPAC Rep), Krystin Dubuc (Spruceland Elementary School of the Arts DPAC Rep), Ingrid Cosio

1. Call to order, Territorial Acknowledgement, Introductions – no introductions
2. Adoption of Agenda – Addition of Executive Election after number 4 and Handbook update under number 5. Carried
3. Adoption of Minutes from previous DPAC meeting - Carried
4. Review and Adoption of Executive Reports
 - a. Executive Board Report
 - a. Budget – DPAC Exec generally pleased with how the budget ended up. Need more consultation with rural communities.
 - b. BCTF Public Education Conference (May 10) Summary (Bonnie) - very engaging and informative, happy to attend. Speakers on inclusion, anti-hate, and media.
 - c. Note from Laura – Darryl Beauregard (BCTF) has stepped down as President and moved to a role at CNC. Katherine is acting President. Invite new rep to our meetings in the fall.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$32,246.88 General including uncashed cheques; Gaming is spent; Shares \$46.49
 - b. Primarily BCCPAC expenses and Exec meeting with new Superintendent Aziz
 - c. SD57 Budget showed \$9000 to DPAC but it was only \$8500. Reduced to \$4500, so a little more than half.
5. Executive Election
 - Jamie Giede – expressed interest, seconded by Christa. Voted in by acclamation.
6. PAC and Parent Engagement
 - a. Food Programs Committee – Fruit and Veggie program discussion (Chantelle/Christa); Need Committee to provide more parent/PAC input to Monica Berra on how to spend Feeding Futures funding, many facets of the program; also looking at Nutritional Toolbox with dietitian recommendations. Schedule an in-person meeting in June.
 - b. PVP/PAC Best Practices Handbook – Updated document shared and discussed (Kim/Christa), meeting with Lee Karpenko to finalize on Jun 12. Discussion on PAC Spending Guidelines: PACs have autonomy to spend the money they themselves have raised.

7. BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
 - a. Parent Conference (May 3) –
 - a. Life All Over the Spectrum (Tara)
 - b. Back to Basics (Rickie)
 - c. Advocacy Support Training (Christa)
 - b. AGM (May 4-5) – Annual Report; Board Election Results; Resolutions Results (Chantelle)
 - a. Importance of membership and voting
 - c. Gaming Grant Resources (Apr 23 webinar) - shared location on the BCCPAC website
 - d. Membership fee increases – PACs \$100 (from \$75), DPAC \$200 (from \$150)

7:30pm District Representatives and Guests enter the meeting

8. Partner Group Reports & Discussion – **Theme: Inclusion**
 - a. Senior Administration –
 - Presentation from Andrew Bond, Director of Curriculum Innovation – Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EDBI) and Anti-Racism Action Plan
 - Presentation from Beth Chng, District Resource Teacher – SOGI resources
 - Update on cell phone use next year from Assistant Superintendent Kap Manhas – Ministry Mandate that must be implemented. Elementary will be bell to bell (bus students can have cell phones when travelling to/from school but put away during the day). Secondary will be restricted during instructional time and only brought out at the teacher's discretion, can have at lunch and break times. Incorporated into the Student Code of Conduct for the district and at each school. Not going straight to discipline, staff will be coaching students to reduce cell phone usage.
 - b. District Student Advisory Council (DSAC) – 3 students from CHSS and STKR and PGSS
 - Summary of Leadership event (May 27)
 - Thoughts on EDIB groups and Anti-Racism
 - Cell Phone use in secondary schools
 - c. School Board Trustee(s) – Shar McCrory
 - d. Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association – not in attendance
 - e. Prince George District Teachers Association – not in attendance
 - f. CUPE 3742 – Paula Bass

8:30pm District Representatives and Guests exit the meeting

9. Old Business
 - a. Digital Communications Assistant (Christa) presented the job description and answered questions.

MOTION: To post the Digital Communications Assistant position as presented and include \$2500 in next year's budget for the contract. Carried

10. New Business
 - a.

11. Committee Meetings - DPAC Reps at District Meetings
 - a. Education Committee – June 4th at 4pm – CANCELLED
 - b. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee – June 11th at 12pm – Christa, Cherrisse
 - c. Calendar Feedback due June 12th – email ebryden@sd57.bc.ca (for 2025 and 2026 school years; 2024 next year's calendar already approved)
 - d. Advisory Committee – June 18th at 4pm – Jamie, Tara
 - e. Board Meeting – June 25th at 4pm – Laura, Jamie

12. PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Networking & Discussions (as time allows)- tabled

Adjournment – **Next meeting is September 9, 2024 at 6:30pm**