



District Parent Advisory Council No.57 Prince George

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DPAC Monthly Meeting

Monday November 4th @ 6:30pm at Van Bien Training Centre and on MS Team

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: Vice Chair Christa Porter, Secretary Tara Gauthier (DPAC Rep – DPTODD), Director Bonnie White (Chair - Duchess Park), Director Cherrisse Reink (DPAC Rep - Glenview), Director Jamie Giede (Chair – Beaverly)

Andrea Blakeney (Chair - Ecole Lac Des Bois), Bailey (Parent - Westwood), Brianna Hornby (DPAC Rep - Heather Park), Rebecca Lee (Vice Chair - Ecole Lac Des Bois), Katie Stymiest (Co-DPAC Rep Hart Highlands), Chrissy Wasstrom (DPAC Rep - Pineview), Aimee Omit (DPAC Rep - Pinewood), Susan Umstot (McBride Elementary/Secondary), Shae Wittig (DPAC Rep - Ecole College Heights), Jodi Wilson (Heritage), Tianna Klein (DPAC Rep - Morfee), Dana Strilkiwsky (Vice Chair/DPAC Rep - Quinson/Parent Duchess Park), Johnell Stafford (DPAC Rep – Spruceland Community School of the Arts), Jacqueline (PGSS), Kandis Kiland (DPAC Rep Shas Ti Kelly Road), Jessica (DPAC Rep - Ecole Lac Des Bois), Andi Duperron (DPAC Rep - Edgewood)

1. Call to order at 6:33pm, Territorial Acknowledgement, Introductions
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes from previous DPAC meeting
4. Review and Adoption of Executive Reports
 - a. Executive Board Report –
 - Executive duties, Chair Vacancy-reviewed meeting guidelines, discussed chair vacancy and board trying to fill in as best they can
 - Technology and communications – Morris working away on list of PACs that have requested a District email. Communication from PACs to parents must go through school for privacy reasons, if using a tool like Munch a Lunch, PAC's can send communication through these tools as well. People have to opt-in each year.
 - Board meetings - McBride, Oct 8; Mackenzie- May, get lots of parents in-person
 - Provincial Election, DPAC posted a letter template to send to candidates. Next step - possibly approach 3 MLA's - host a virtual Town hall to ask about their education platform.
 - Traffic safety town hall – hosted virtual one in 2021 with a panel of people – looking to offer again - Feb/Mar.
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Gaming account \$2116.25 General account \$36,705.27, Integris Shares \$46.49. Expenses still to come for PAC Cafe.
5. PAC and Parent Engagement
 - a. PAC Cafe (Oct 26) - 15 people from 9 different PACs including McBride and Mackenzie. Great discussion and networking.
 - b. Virtual PAC Cafe - Will post a date soon.
 - c. Bylaws Workshop – November 13th, 6:30pm Print your bylaws and come ready to work. Van Bien/virtual. Doors open at 6pm, there will be food. Google form set up to sign up. Anyone from your PAC executive is able to attend and do this work.



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- d. DPAC Food Programs Committee – Friday November 15, 12pm (virtual) - Introductory meeting to provide info. Sign up so we can provide the link. School Ambassador (1 or 2) from each school hopefully will be able to participate helping us gather info regarding Feeding Futures money to help us ensure the program meets the needs of students and schools. 1 hour meeting.
- e. FoodSafe – Sat Nov 16 8am at Duchess Park \$25 Is option online for those who can't attend. DPAC will reimburse up to \$85 for those who can't attend the in-person session.

6. Old Business

- a. Chair Election- Ongoing vacancy. If you are interested, please contact us for more information.

7:30pm District Representatives join the meeting - Theme: Communicating Student Learning

7. Presentation from Andrew Bond, Director-Instruction, Curriculum, and Innovation - Parents can expect 5 communication events during the school year.
 - 2 written learning events
 - 2 flexible learning updates (parent teacher interview, Interims, student led conference)
 - 1 written summary
 - a. Senior Administration – not in attendance
 - b. School Board Trustee(s) – Shar McCrory – Recognizes it is a big change from letter grades and can be hard on parents/kids who used to old system. Can go to principal or website to learn more about the new system.
 - c. Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association – Liza Arnold (Hart Highlands) - Big change and purpose is to move children from kindergarten to graduation and beyond from fixed mindsight to growth mindsight. Parents - if you have concerns, please talk to the teacher or principal for clarification on where a child needs support. When struggling, is it an issue of will or skill?
 - d. Prince George District Teachers Association – Phil Rice (PGSS) piloted this program before it was required by the Ministry, so there was experience and feedback in our District on it prior to implementation.
 - e. CUPE 3742 – Paula Bass - This system tends to work better for Diverse learners; they can see progress based on their learning abilities.
 - f. District Student Advisory Council – China (DP TODD) - Students think this system creates instant action and changes in marks, they have more control and what they can do to move forward. It supports different types of learning and creates good dialogue.

8:30pm District Representatives and Guests exit the meeting

8. New Business

9. BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
 - a. Virtual Membership Summit (Nov 30) Presentation on provincial updates, Feedback from PACs across province.
 - b. By-election – Virtual Voting on 5 positions (Dec 8)

10. Committee Meetings - DPAC Reps at District Meetings

- a. Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 12th 6pm (Jamie, Tara)
- b. Advisory Committee – waiting to confirm structure and our involvement

Adjournment 8:50 pm- **Next meeting is December 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm – Celebrating PACs**