



District Parent Advisory Council No.57 Prince George

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DPAC Monthly Meeting

Monday February 3rd @ 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: Vice Chair Christa Porter (STKR DPAC Rep), Secretary Tara Gauthier (DPTODD DPAC Rep), Director Jamie Giede (Beverly Chair/DPAC Rep) Director Kim Pryschlak (DPTODD Chair), Director Cherrisse Reink (Glenview DPAC Rep)

Brianna Hornby (Ecole Heather Park DPAC Rep), Chrissy Wasstrom (Pineview DPAC Rep), Justine Grebliunas (Hart Highlands DPAC Rep), Katie Stymiest (Hart Highlands Co-DPAC Rep), Shae Wittig (Ecole College Heights DPAC Rep), Tianna Klein (Morfee DPAC Rep), Andy Duperon (Edgewood DPAC Rep), Jacqueline (PGSS DPAC Rep), Johnell Stafford (Spruceland Community School of the Arts DPAC Rep), Dana Strilkiwsky (Quinson Vice Chair and DPAC Rep, Duchess Park DPAC Rep), Stefanie (Valemount Secondary Treasurer), Tasha Mitchell (Ecole Lac Des Bois DPAC Rep), Shannon Cochrane (Westwood DPAC Rep), Susan Umslot (McBride Elem/Sec DPAC Rep), Melissa Teed (Nusdeh Yoh Parent), Rebecca Lee (Ecole Lac Des Bois Vice Chair), Andrea Blakeney (Ecole Lac Des Bois Chair)

1. Call to order, 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 - Supporting PACs, High School washroom safety, AI Event
 - b. Committee of the Whole – Tuesday Jan 28th 6pm (Tara, Jamie) - Long Range Facilities – discussion on recommendations that may not come to fruition in the next 10 years. General decline in enrollment. Some schools at low capacity could be closed. Looked at the age and maintenance of the buildings. Selling off properties not in use.
 - c. Treasurer's Report - Gaming - \$1,214.43, General \$36,298.94, Shares \$47.88
5. PAC and Parent Engagement
 - a. FoodSafe – Sat Feb 15 8am-4pm at Duchess Park Secondary – met our minimum of 8, register before Feb 13 on Eventbrite. Online course reimbursement of \$85 still offered.
 - b. DPAC Food Programs Committee meeting with Feeding Futures on SD57 Food Security Engagement – Wed Feb 26 12-1pm on MS Teams – good meetings on Dec 11 and Jan 22. Recording is posted on YouTube (need link) to share with interested parents. Need reps from all schools.
 - c. Community Gaming Grant Seminar Feb 4 2-3:30pm virtual regarding 2025 PAC/DPAC Guidelines and new portal to apply for grants and upload reports – Kim will attend and try to provide a summary by email.
6. Old Business
 - a. DPAC Chair Election – call for candidates

7. BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
 - a. Parent Conference and AGM May 23-25 at UNBC in Prince George! Hybrid format - Paula (Administrator) visited PG and had dinner with some executive members. Needs 26 volunteers, preferably parents from non-member PACs who don't need to attend/vote but could be curious as to how things are run. Non-members can register for the conference on Friday. Everything will have a virtual component. Including all voting on a digital device. Check out resources and previous talks on their website.

7:30pm District Representatives and Guests join the meeting - Theme: Mental health/student supports

8. Lisa Horswell, Director of Instruction - Inclusive Education

Inclusive Education will provide a comprehensive overview of SD57's Continuum of Support, with a particular focus on Tier 3 services. This includes detailed information on psychological educational assessments and mental health support.

Detailed PowerPoint presentation that was useful to all parents.

Continuum of Support – Tier 1 (all 80%) Tier 2 (some 15%) Tier 3 (few 5%)

Students could have behavioral or academic issues, social/emotional issues at play in Tier 3.

Understanding processes and priorities for psychological educational assessments in the district.

Intellectual disorder vs learning disability/difficulty; understanding FASD and ASD designations

Funding is less of an issue; it is getting the staff to fill positions. A Psych Ed Review Committee (PERC)

supports consent and checklists (prep and follow up) so Psychologists can just focus on assessments.

Private assessments are available with Dr. Hardy and Bridges in PG and Okanagan Ability Center in Kelowna.

Recommendations are brought forward into an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

“Knowing the school system and operating within it makes you a powerful advocate for your child.”

And DPAC can help you navigate the system and advocate through the proper channels.

- a. Senior Administration – Superintendent Aziz
- b. School Board Trustee(s) – Shar McCrory – important topic, highlights need to share information with parents
- c. Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association – not in attendance
- d. Prince George District Teachers Association – Philip Rice – appreciates non-enrolling teachers who support Inclusive Education in each school
- e. CUPE 3742 – Paula Bass, Denise Neff- Paula recommends asking Administrator if EA is not attending IEP meeting. Encourages parents to advocate for funding with province as funded by diagnosis not need. Denise – important for everyone involved to work as a team including parents and district staff.
- f. District Student Advisory Council – Alaina Skelly, Wajih Mansour - Aware that there are resources in the district, ensure students are aware, some students don't get support at home would benefit from knowing about resources so they can access without parental involvement. Easy to see how many of the students are struggling but it appears some students are able to receive more support than others, while recognizing that it is an issue with funding, designation versus no designation etc. Literacy issues.

8:37pm District Representatives and Guests exit the meeting

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9. New Business - Before and after school presentation – Monday February 24th – details to come
 10. Committee Meetings - DPAC Reps at District Meetings
 - a. Board Meeting – Tuesday February 11th 6pm – Jamie, Dana

Adjourn 8:49pm - **Next meeting is March 3rd 6:30 pm – Rural Schools (Mackenzie, McBride)**