



District Parent Advisory Council No.57 Prince George

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DPAC Monthly Meeting

Monday September 15th @ 6:30pm 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: Secretary Tara Gauthier (DPTODD DPAC Rep), Director Jamie Giede (Beverly Chair/DPAC Rep), Director Bonnie White, Treasurer Kim Pryschrak

Johnell Stafford (Spruceland Community School of the Arts, Vice Chair), Nick Stevens (Polaris Montessori Chair), Andi Duperon (Edgewood DPAC Rep), Tianna Klein (Morfee DPAC Rep), Stefanie (Valemount Secondary Treasurer), Rebecca Martin (Shasti Kelly Road Treasurer), Courtney (Vanway Elementary PAC), Neena Bodner (Ecole Lac Des Bois DPAC Rep), Bailey Bouwman (Parent Westwood Elementary), Justine Grebilunas (Hart Highlands DPAC Rep), Jill Irwin (Morfee Elementary) Kylea Plouffe

1. Call to order, Territorial Acknowledgement, Introductions
2. Adoption of Agenda – Motioned by Jamie, seconded by Nick.
3. Adoption of Minutes from previous DPAC meeting – Motioned by Jamie, seconded by Nick.
4. Review and Adoption of Executive Reports
 - Executive Board Report - Advised membership that we recently had a director step down from the board, leaving us with only 4. Nick Steven's put his name forward to be a director. Motion put forward by Rebecca to accept Nick as Director, seconded by Bonnie. Motion passed by vote (show of hands).
 - Treasurer's Report - General Account \$31,814.07, Gaming Account \$66.78, Shares \$47.88. Gaming grant was applied for, waiting for notification. Motioned by Rebecca, seconded by Johnell.
5. PAC and Parent Engagement
 - Review of resources (School District website, DPAC website, Working Together Best Practices Handbook for School Principals and PAC's).
6. Old Business
 - N/A

7:30pm District Representatives and Guests join the meeting

7. Theme - Back to PAC

- Senior Administration – Lee Karpenko – Working Together Best Practices Handbook, document that answers questions between PACs and Principal and provides guidelines month by month.
- School Board Trustee(s) – Erica McLean – Provincial Highlights - SD57 has a surplus (plan to reserve it in coming years for technology). School Trustees Association - Erica is representative, great to see Northern representation. The focus is on Advocacy work that Trustees association does.

- Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association – Dylan Clifford - Grade 8 camps were well attended to start the school year. Kindergarten kids are getting settled.
- District Student Advisory Committee – Dylan Clifford and Martina Pagnotta - DSAC was involved with unveiling of new District logo, DSAC is partnering with SD57, UNBC, CNC for international student welcome event (help students learn how to use bus, etc). Partnering with Indigenous Education Department for Indigenous Day of Learning. BBQ's happening in community for Community watch groups, DSAC has been attending.
- Prince George District Teachers Association – Katherine Trepanier – Children and Teachers are partners in your children's education, please reach out to teacher(s) for support and to build a relationship. You have an important role as parent advocate and communicating priorities as parents for the district. Teachers are engaged currently in bargaining provincially. Important that education is funded appropriately by Ministry, parents can communicate this need as well to provincial government, MLA.
- CUPE 3742 – N/A
- Indigenous Education -L'Donna Lynds (academic portfolio), Jennifer Pighin (Language/culture portfolio) (District Principals Indigenous Education) - Grateful for partnership with DPAC/PACs, value work can do together. Indigenous Education works to support families/students for success. Great partnership with Otway to provide opportunities for students outside. Check out Indigenous Education Website and Facebook for info. Working to engage with Indigenous parents to be involved with PAC/DPAC. L'Donna Lynds – works with grad coaches, social workers and Indigenous Education works. Family engagement circles will happen in Fall and Spring this year as well as other great opportunities to engage.

8:30pm District Representatives and Guests exit the meeting

8. New Business
 - a. BCCPAC renewal for DPAC - approve \$200 expenditure. Motion from Tara, seconded by Nick.
9. BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils)
 - a. BCCPAC Membership – Renewal time - \$100 PAC \$200 DPAC. Important PACs to register so they can give input and take part in events.
 - b. EGM -held in August. Gave overview of outcome.
10. Committee Meetings - DPAC Reps at District Meetings
 - Board Meeting – September 9th (Tara and Jamie)
11. PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Networking & Discussions (as time allows)
 - As DPAC has a surplus in general account, if anyone has any ideas for speakers, parent education, etc please approach DPAC.
 - Reminder of facebook group for District Parent Advisory Council's - SD57 PACs

Adjournment - **Next meeting is October 6th, 6:30 pm**