



District Parent Advisory Council

No.57 Prince George

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DPAC Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 4th @ 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 Tenneh First Nations, McLeod Lake Indian Band and the Simpcw First Nation.

Executive: Director Jamie Giede (Beaverly Chair/DPAC Rep), Treasurer Kim Pryschlak (Acting Secretary for this meeting), Nick Stevens (Polaris Montessori)

Stefanie (Valemount Secondary Treasurer), Ariel Saele (Shasti Kelly Road DPAC Rep), Neena Bodner (Ecole Lac Des Bois DPAC Rep), Simon Zukowski (Ecole College Heights Elementary DPAC Rep), Gabrielle Parker (Morfee Elementary PAC Chair), Bailey (Westwood Elementary DPAC Rep), Codi Sawan (Glenview Elementary DPAC Rep), Delaney Danroth (Beaverly Elementary Vice-Chair)

- 1) Call to order @ 6:31 p.m.
- 2) Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by Neena, Seconded by Kim
- 3) Adoption of Minutes from previous DPAC meeting
Motioned by Nick, Seconded by Neena
- 4) Review and Adoption of Executive Reports
 - a) Executive Board Report – Resignation of Bonnie White.
 - b) Treasurer's Report- As of October 30th, Gaming Account \$1370.65, General Account 31104.29, Shares (\$47.88)
Motion to accept from Nick Seconded by Jamie
- 5) PAC and Parent Engagement
 - a) Presentation through Teams on Parent Advocacy at a Government Level by MLA Sheldon Clare
 - i) First and foremost: Be involved and show interest in your child's education
 - ii) Encourages engagement in your child's school, with your government representatives and with the School Board
 - iii) Letter-writing to MLAs is the best way to go.
 - (1) Specific and personal, not form letters
 - (2) Mail them
 - (3) They get so many emails and form emails/letters that they don't pay them much attention.
 - iv) Town halls can be effective
 - (1) Partner with other groups who may have a shared interest, more experience and wider reach
 - (2) Working with schedules can be hard (ex. Don't schedule when Parliament is in session)
 - v) Advice or questions, feel free to email Sheldon.clare.mla@leg.bc.ca

6) Old Business

a) Executive Positions

- i) Jamie was nominated for the Chair position (interim, until the AGM)
Nominated by Nick, seconded by Kim Acclaimed
- ii) Nick was nominated for the Vice Chair position (interim, until the AGM)
Nominated by Jamie, seconded by Simon Acclaimed
- iii) Neena put her name forward for Director (interim, until the AGM)
Motioned by Kim, seconded by Jamie Acclaimed

Feeding Futures update from Harmen Kailay and Partner Group Reports

7) a) Feeding Futures presentation – Harmen Kailay

- i) Goals: Feed students if they are hungry.
 - (1) equitable access
 - (2) elimination of the fear of judgement
 - (3) addressing food insecurity
- ii) Service students with school-based lunches, a centralized lunch program and 'grab-and-go' style food (or classroom bins for K-3)
- iii) Currently providing roughly 4800 snacks, 620 catering lunches, 1000 meals from school-based lunches prepared on site, 2300 breakfasts, per day, throughout the District.

b) Senior Administration – Lee Karpenko

- i) Feeding Futures: Noted that the program had changed from targeting individuals to now making food available for all who want it

c) School Board Trustee(s) – Sarah Holland

- i) Feeding Futures: Asked if there was any movement on giving elementary school kids more time to eat, Harmen said some elementary schools are extending lunch into instructional time
- ii) Trustee Elections are coming up next October, time to start thinking about putting your name forward!
 - (1) Questions about the Trustee role, contact her (or any Trustee)
- iii) Policy Advisory Committee will be coming up.

d) Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association – Dylan Clifford

- i) Feeding Futures: Noted that better access to equipment is very helpful and makes things easier

e) Prince George District Teachers Association – Katherine Trepanier

- i) Feeding Futures: Supports extending eating time with supervision and said that having food available for all kids is great for learning.

f) CUPE 3742 – Paula Bass

- i) Feeding Futures: Appreciates this as a parent too. Noted that implementing the program is staying with CUPE workers, which is also appreciated.

- ii) Report: asked if PACs had any feedback on the new automated system for absences (Elementary). Encouraged parents to reach out to Admin with any comments or concerns.
- g) District Student Advisory Committee – Martina (PGSS) and Max (Duchess)
 - i) Feeding Futures: Culinary Arts program at Duchess makes a lot of meals for the program. Also, it's nice to have the food in a separate, private area so kids don't feel intimidated.
- 8) New Business - none
- 9) BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils)
 - 1. Membership Summit – Virtual event held on Saturday, November 25 from 9am to 5pm. The theme is “Leading Together: Building Stronger School Communities”. This event is open to all parents and caregivers from member PACs and DPACs. Sessions will offer tools, insights and training in governance, advocacy and effective leadership within your PAC or DPAC. Further presentation details are coming soon. Sign-up at <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/summit> . Deadline to sign up: Nov. 7th
- 10) Committee Meetings - DPAC Reps at District Meetings
 - a) Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 18th (Tara and Jamie)
 - b) Policy Advisory Committee - TBA
- 11) PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Networking & Discussions
 - a) Reminder to PACs to send their Bylaws and Constitution to DPAC for additional safekeeping (info@sd57dpac.ca)

Adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 6th, 6:30 pm. Theme: Inclusive Education