



DPAC Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 @ 6:30pm at Van Bien Training Centre and on MS Teams @ 6:30pm

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: Chair Jamie Giede (Beaverly Chair/DPAC Rep), Vice-Chair Nick Stevens (Polaris Montessori), Treasurer Kim Pryschlak (DPTODD Chair), Secretary Tara Gauthier (DPTODD Vice-Chair), Director Neena Bodner (Ecole Lac Des Bois DPAC Rep)

Ariel Saele (Shasti Kelly Road DPAC Rep), Merilee Hoffman (DPTODD DPAC Rep), Codi (Glenview DPAC Rep)

- 1) Call to order, Territorial Acknowledgement, Introductions
- 2) Adoption of Agenda – quorum not established.
- 3) Adoption of Minutes from previous DPAC meeting - quorum not established.
- 4) Review and Adoption of Executive Reports
 - Executive Board Report - DPAC will be booking Megan Dykeman at Strategics Canada for a workshop for PAC's regarding governance, using our preapproved parent education budget. Looking to book in April, preferably Thursday evening.
 - The district is looking to host an event in Fall for parents on sextortion as was done last school and there is interest in having it again.
 - We have issued notice to our paid contractor who was performing the role of Digital Communications Assistant that her contract is terminated with two months' notice to officially end April 2nd. A volunteer has stepped forward (Neena) to take on these duties, per the contract this allows us to end the paid contractor.
 - Treasurer's Report- General Account \$34,218.41, Gaming Account \$880.65, Shares \$49.08 Budget 2025/2026 not voted on, and we were working on the same amounts allocated in 2024/2025. The 2025/2026 budget has been entered based on the 2024/2025 budget. Adopting the report and budget tabled to the next meeting due to quorum not being established.
- 5) PAC and Parent Engagement
 - a) N/A
- 6) Old Business - None

7:30pm District Representatives and Guests join the meeting – Paula Bass – CUPE: How Parents Can Support at Home

Senior Administration

- Senior Administration - N/A
- School Board Trustee(s) – Erica McLean – Educational Assistants enhance classroom experience, not replacement for teacher, it is a partnership and includes parents.

- Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association – Dylan Clifford - Thanks to all EA's and parents for their support.
- Prince George District Teachers Association – Katherine Trepanier-Important for parents to maintain communication with teachers. Be consistent with sleep and devices, not in rooms at night to ensure proper sleep. The best thing you can do for kindergarten is help kids be independent with tasks such as tying shoes, open bags, snacks, etc.
- CUPE 3742 – Paula Bass – CUPE employees in schools include support staff, clerical, youth care workers and EA's. Important for parents to keep communication open, remember that parents' main communication is with teachers and limited contact with EA's due to contractual obligations. Remember to speak respectfully about staff in front of children. If parents volunteer in school, just remember that volunteers should not replace CUPE staff. Volunteers have a positive impact at school to help build connections and culture.
- District Student Advisory Committee – Max- Appreciates the support staff that help provide a foundation for learning and communication skills. Martina - positive communication from parents regarding classroom and staff is best for kids to set an example for respect.

8:30pm District Representatives and Guests exit the meeting

- 7) New Business - None
- 8) BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
 - DPAC Chat – Feb 18 – 7pm (Kim or Neena)
 - Board Information Session - Feb 10, 7pm – Nick (Learn about board roles, responsibilities, time commitment and the nomination process)
 - BCCPAC AGM Attendees (Neena, Tara, Nick, Jamie, Kim)
- 9) Committee Meetings - DPAC Reps at District Meetings
 - Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 10th 6pm (Jamie and Tara)
 - Policy Advisory Committee - Tuesday, February 17th 4pm (Tara)
 - Calendar Committee - March 3, 3pm Jamie and Nick
April 21, 3pm Jamie and Nick
- 10) PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Networking & Discussions (as time allows)

Adjournment - **Next meeting is Tuesday, April 7th, 6:30 pm**

Meeting Guidelines

The purpose of the Council is:

3. To communicate with parents and Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) on District policies,

programs, and activities, and other educational matters.

4. To promote a spirit of co-operation between PACs in the School District.
7. To provide a link between Parent Advisory Councils and all educational stakeholders and rightsholders, the Board of Education, the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, the Ministry of Education, and other organizations with an interest in education.

Bylaw 2: Membership

1. Each Parent Advisory Council in the District is a voting member of the Council.
2. Council members are each entitled to one (1) vote per PAC.
3. A Parent Advisory Council will be represented on the Council by their DPAC Representative(s).

Bylaw 3: Meetings

5. Council meetings are not a forum for the discussion of personnel matters or personal and confidential information about students, parents, teachers and other employees or members of the School community.

Bylaw 4: Voting

1. A quorum shall consist of at least 20% of the voting membership, represented at a duly called general meeting.
3. Questions, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, shall be decided by a simple majority vote of votes cast.
4. Members vote through their DPAC Representatives. A DPAC Representative must be present at a meeting to vote.
7. Each member PAC has one vote, regardless of the number of DPAC Representatives at a meeting.

Duties of DPAC Representatives has a full description of the role during and between meetings.

DPAC Representatives attend DPAC meetings on behalf of their PAC and are chosen by each PAC on the basis of their own bylaws and policies. DPAC Representatives are expected to act on behalf of the PAC they represent, but are free to exercise their own judgment unless instructed otherwise by their PAC.

Between DPAC meetings, it is suggested that a DPAC representative should:

- Report back to their PAC on the DPAC meeting
- Gather the PAC's views on issues to bring forward to the DPAC

During DPAC meetings, a DPAC representative should:

- Try to speak up more often and offer insights and ideas, if you tend to hold back.
- Learn to hold back comments and listen more often, if you tend to dominate a meeting.