



**District Parent Advisory Council  
No. 57 Prince George**

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**DPAC Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 7th @ 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 (Beverly Chair/DPAC Rep), Vice-Chair Nick Stevens (Polaris Montessori DPAC Rep), Treasurer Kim Pryschlak (DPTODD Chair), Secretary Tara Gauthier (DPTODD Vice-Chair/backup DPAC rep), Director Neena Bodner (Ecole Lac Des Bois DPAC Rep)

Ariel Saele (Shasti Kelly Road DPAC Rep), Stefanie (Valemount Secondary Treasurer), Kate Galbraith (Duchess Vice Chair/Harwin Chair/DPAC rep), Justine Grebilunas (Hart Highlands DPAC Rep), Suzanne (Heritage Elementary DPAC Rep)

- 1) Call to order, Territorial Acknowledgement, Introductions
  - 2) Adoption of Agenda – April agenda - Motion from Jamie, seconded by Nick. February Agenda (quorum not established at February meeting) Motion by Jamie, seconded by Nick,
  - 3) Adoption of Minutes from previous DPAC meeting – January minutes (quorum not established at February meeting) - Motion from Jamie, seconded by Neena. February minutes - Motion from Jamie/seconded by Kate.
  - 4) Review and Adoption of Executive Reports
    - a) Executive Board Report – DPAC Executive met with Superintendent Aziz regarding 1 million in funds that district is unable to spend yearly, which is for 6 specialist positions in the district. Staff shortages in Education are an ongoing issue not only provincially, but also Canada wide and globally. DPAC requested and attended a meeting with Minister of Education to advocate regarding these challenges. Minister of Education did let us know that there is a travelling team of specialists that are able to come to Districts to assist. We discussed incentives and primarily incentives for staff are offered at the discretion of the district and can be things such as moving costs, signing bonuses and housing.
    - b) Treasurer's Report- Shares - \$49.08, Gaming \$258.65, General \$30,584.46. Motion to accept April Treasurers report from Jamie, seconded by Nick. Motion from Jamie to accept February Treasurers report - seconded by Tara. Motion from Kim to adopt 2025/2026 proposed budget, seconded by Nic. 2025/2026 budget, was being actioned based on 2024/2025 budget but not voted on.
- Adopting the report and budget tabled to the next meeting due to quorum not being established*
- 5) PAC and Parent Engagement
    - a) April 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 to 8:30 DPAC presents a virtual presentation: PAC Governance and Conflict Management with Megan Dykeman from Strategics Canada
  - 6) Old Business -

**7:30pm District Representatives and Guests join the meeting – Representative for Children and Youth - Tracy Eyles – Postponed due to illness. Discussed PAC facts and information.**

Showed improvements to DPAC website including calendar and how to subscribe so you can easily see DPAC events and updates. (Thanks, Neena for this work). Showed SD57 website which is also



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currently undergoing improvements and will be updated with a new version once ready. Working Together Handbook is available under resources which is a living document for PAC's and Principals. Gives timelines of times of year to work/discuss certain topics, responsibilities and roles for schools/pac, how they can work together.

- a) Senior Administration - N/A
- b) School Board Trustee(s) – Shar McCrory -PAC/DPAC are most important people besides students in supporting students. School District 57 is looking for feedback on the 2026-2027 budget. Link to give feedback is open until April 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/apps/news/article/861201?categoryId=12223>
- c) Prince George Principal and Vice Principals Association – Dylan Clifford- Student Learning survey is out. Parents should encourage students to complete.
- d) Prince George District Teachers Association – Katherine Trepanier - Please complete budget survey as feedback is important. PGDTA has asked for partner groups to be included to speak at board meetings.
- e) CUPE 3742 – N/A
- f) District Student Advisory Committee - Max Palmer and Niki Santos - Topic of mental health and sexual health came up as important topics and DSAC members agree that these are definitely resources needed in classrooms for students.

### 8:30pm District Representatives and Guests exit the meeting

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- 7) New Business – Request for DPAC to provide reimbursement for AGM registration and assist with travel costs for Harwin/Duchess Park pac member to attend BCCPAC AGM/Conference. Motion from Jamie to assist in the amount of \$700 to assist the PAC member with registration and partial hotel cost. Tara seconded. Motion carried.
- 8) BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils)
  - Meet the Board Candidates virtual event Via Teams - April 19th at 6pm. Candidates profiles can be found in the AGM booklet. Link to join Teams meeting - <https://mailchi.mp/bccpac/2026-04-02-agm-conf>
  - PAC's are encouraged to review the resolutions in the AGM booklet and express to DPAC how you want your votes we are carrying to be cast.
- 9) Committee Meetings - DPAC Reps at District Meetings
  - a) Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 14, 5pm - Mackenzie Secondary School
  - b) Policy Advisory Committee – Tuesday, April 21, 4pm - virtual (Tara)
  - c) Committee of the Whole – Tuesday, April 28, 4pm –virtual (Jamie & Tara)
- 10) PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Networking & Discussions (as time allows)
  - PAC could look into a presentation from ICBC (contact person is Tracy) regarding road sense
  - As the topic of sexual health came up in discussing topics for parent presentations, PAC could look into a speaker regarding how to have sexual health conversations with their child and answer those difficult questions. Possible presenters include Saleema Noon or Northern Health Sexual Health team. <https://www.saleemanoon.com/>
  - DPAC to discuss with Indigenous Education about having Indigenous Education be the speaker at the September DPAC meeting for Truth and Reconciliation month.

Adjournment At 8:32- **Next meeting is Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**