

Executive Committee

Bonnie M.: Chair, **Melisa D.:** Vice-Chair, **Willa P.:** Secretary, **Jenn C.:** Treasurer, **Elwira, Val, George, Charles, Sarah, and Emmy:** Members at Large

January 16th, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome/Call to Order:1835

a) **Welcome and acknowledgement of the traditional territory**
****Acknowledgement that we are on the territory of the Secwepemc Nation, specifically the territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc People.**

b) **In attendance:** In-Person and Zoom:

Bonnie (DPAC/ Brock), Chris (DPAC/ Valleyview), Willa (DPAC/ Sun Peaks), Jen (DPAC/ Barriere), Val (DPAC/ Westsyde), Sarah (DPAC/ Arthur Hatton), Elwira (DPAC/ ASS/ WSS), Emmy (DPAC/ KSA), Charles (DPAC/ Dallas), Melissa (DPAC/ Haldane), Jessica (Haldane), Sarah (Dufferin), Caroline (Bert Edwards), Jill (RLC), Erin (SKSS), Allie (SKSS), Jelena (Westmount), Elisa (Westsyde), Stephanie (Rayleigh), Will (PacWay), Superintendent Nixon, Trustee Kang, Trustee Hickson, Darcy (KTTA), Terri (KTTA)

2. Review of the Agenda- approved by Chris and Melissa

a) **Indigenous Languages, Storey Telling, Identity, and Voices - VAL**

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting: (see attached)

4. Reports

What exactly is DPAC?

- DPAC stands for District Parent Advisory Council. We are the official parent voice for school District 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).
- Each PAC is encouraged to elect 2 DPAC reps to attend our monthly meetings.
- We elect an executive to conduct business between meetings, but our direction is determined by our members, just like at PACs.

What is the role of DPAC?

- Our mandate, according to the *School Act*, is to advise the Board of Education on any matter relating to education in the school district. We funnel parent input to decision-makers in our district.
- We facilitate communication — we send a lot of information out to the PACs on upcoming events and programs that might interest them.
- We provide training and education for parents, as well as opportunities for exchanging ideas. We host speakers as well as workshops and networking events.
- We function as a resource for individual parents and PACs as they do their work at the school level.



a) KTTA Report-

- **Darcy and Terri:** reported they are grateful to be involved on naming committee for the new Pineview School. Some conversation about numeracy assessments with District. Board meeting last night improvements shown in 6 year graduation numbers. Good news overall.

b) SD 73 Superintendent/Trustees Report-

- **Trustee Hickson:** discussed presentation last night around literacy and reading in district. Positive results in reading through primary students. Available through district site. 5 year completion rates showing increase in rates across all areas. 19.4% increase in on reserve rates.
- **Trustee Kang:** presented the Equity inclusion and Diversity Report which showed growth in students feeling connected, safe, and welcome in schools. Inclusive education teams provided the board with review of key strategies that are continuing to make a positive difference in school communities. PAC workshop held by DPAC was a positive experience and they were pleased to be invited.
- **Dr. Nixon:** discussed the United Way campaign- the board thanked staff for contributing over \$9,000 to the united way for local programs such as Chris Rose Therapy Centre for Autism, Boys and Girls Club programs, Kamloops Cariboo regional immigrants' society, phoenix centre, etc. School district is committed to removing barriers and creating environments that provide accessible and empowering opportunities for all students and staff to thrive.
- **NEW ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE.** Thank you to Bonnie too!

VAL- observation re: 19.4% increase in graduation rates on reserve- 2.4% increase for off reserve. Shows there is still a big discrepancy.

JILL from RLC- can we share accessibility survey link with PACs and schools? **BONNIE-** Yes please!



ERIN- will there be a spring disbursement of the legacy grant?

DR. NIXON- short answer is yes!

- c) **Chair's Report- Bonnie:** not a lot of action over holiday season. Continue to follow up with requests and challenges brought to us from various PACs, such as movie licenses. Continue to work on other issues over the year- communication gaps/flow of information. PAC continues to sit on many committees within the district. Continued to work on our own organizational strengths with regards to succession planning and bylaws for PACs, budget support, gaming grant support. If schools are struggling or have concerns please reach out. Bonnie is putting her name forward for the BCCPAC executive at the AGM in May. If elected would not continue on after our AGM in October.
- d) **Treasurer's Report: JEN-** see attached. DPAC have approved funding for one more FOODSAFE spot. Budget for district funding disclosed. 6 more Foodsafe spots from this as well.

*****Motion to approve Draft budget- Jelena/ Jessica- approved unanimously.*****

5. **Old Business:**

- a) **Foodsafe-** We have had all our allotted spots taken. Have discussed adding 6 additional spots with the district funding- which would include travel if travel is required to take the course.
- b) **DPAC Logo Contest –** Design a great logo win a prize! Deadline is Jan 31st. 3 submissions already which are fantastic!

6. **New Business & Committee Reports:**

- a) **BCCPAC AGM –** Proxy votes and attendance- DPAC typically sends 2 people but have funds to send several more. It is in May in Vancouver and is a great opportunity to learn and network. Please reach out with any questions.



Chris: anyone who is a BCCPAC member can attend. Generally DPAC was short on funds but this year we have subsidized funds from the District to send more people. Proxy votes to be gathered for resolutions and elections for those who are unable to attend in person. Chris will be reaching out with regards to this.

- b) SD73 Accessibility Plan Committee** – Bonnie has nothing to report on this committee as has not met since last DPAC meeting.
- c) DPAC Committee Reports** – Call for committee members

Question- is it mandatory to be BCCPAC member-
answer is no but would be highly encouraged.

Nothing to report from other committees.

Elwira- Community Engagement meetings: community and council conversations are coming up for some areas. Might be good idea to see if there is anything you would like to bring up for discussion. DPAC will continue to have a presence at these meetings ongoing.

d) BCCPAC committee news:

- **Chris-** BCCPAC has struck a facilities committee. Met last night with great representation from many geographical districts. Elections held and Chris was voted co-chair.
- **Val- indigenous family voices for education-** Dr. Nixon provided update that they are continuing to work on their bylaws and once those are completed they will return to general meetings.

Chris: Erin had question regarding the Go Fund me issue?

Dr. Nixon reported that under budget transparency act the Board is unable to support Go Fund Me as it is a private enterprise and makes it very difficult to meet the transparency act requirements.



Bonnie- might be a good idea to discuss this at the next treasurer workshop.

7. **Other Correspondence:** nothing to report at this time

Question from Melissa sent to Dr. Nixon regarding safety resources in the classroom- Bonnie will resend it to Dr. Nixon to be able to look into.

Bonnie hoping to visit Haldane PAC meeting tomorrow.

If anyone wants to have someone from the executive attend their PAC meeting please reach out.

8. **Adjournment:** at 1922 motion by Willa and Jelena and Emmy

*****Reminder Next Meeting: February 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM*****

Thank you for attending!