

## Welcome Back, PAC!

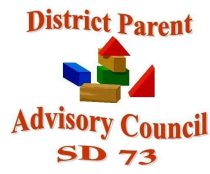
The Executive at DPAC hopes you had a great summer. We are excited to start another great school year.

DPAC is your District Parent Advisory Council, and we represent the Parent Voice of all 16,000+ student families in the district. Every PAC has a voice at the DPAC table, where we sit with the Superintendent and Trustees from the Board of Education. The District's PAC's purpose is to support, encourage and improve the quality of education and the well-being of students in School District No. 73 by:

1. Exchanging ideas and information among Parent Advisory Councils in the School District.
2. Providing information regarding educational and community matters to parents and Parent Advisory Councils.
3. Providing the parental voice to education decision-making organizations affecting the School District.

Our general meetings during the school year are on the third Tuesday of every month (except December and March, which usually fall during breaks). The DPAC meetings are **open for all parents to attend**—you don't have to be elected by a PAC to attend our meetings. However, only elected DPAC reps can cast a vote at meetings, and each PAC can elect two official DPAC Representatives to vote on the PAC's behalf. Due to our District's large geographical size we plan to continue to offer a Zoom option to attend our meetings for the 2023/24 school year.

Much like your PAC, the DPAC has an Executive Committee. It is made up of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 6 Members at Large. Your PAC's two official DPAC Representatives are eligible to join the Executive team, and the



Executive usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Our AGM and elections are held in October, which gives your PAC enough time to have a September meeting and decide who will represent your school's parents at the District PAC level.

This year we have several executive members graduating or moving on so there should be plenty of opportunities for you to join. In addition to an executive position, we have several sub-committees that anyone is welcome to join. These sub-committees include Sexual Health Education, Capital Funding, and Transportation.

Please request to be added to our email contact list to ensure you receive agendas, minutes, and information about our parent education meetings. Our general e-mail is [sd73dpac@gmail.com](mailto:sd73dpac@gmail.com) . We hope you can join us this year and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to email or call. In addition to our general email, you can reach the Chair, Chris Ponti, at [chrisponti1@gmail.com](mailto:chrisponti1@gmail.com) or at 250-572-6521. If you'd like to use the DPAC Zoom account to book your PAC meetings this year, please reach out to our Zoom Coordinator at [sd73dpaczoom@gmail.com](mailto:sd73dpaczoom@gmail.com) .

Sincerely,

Your DPAC Executive Team