



## SD33 DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

for FEBRUARY 23, 2023

HELD via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 679 3190 4624 / Passcode: 474019

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Katie Bartel</b>	<b>DPAC Chair &amp; ADR &amp; Leary DPAC Rep</b>
	<b>Meghan Reid</b>	<b>DPAC Vice Chair &amp; SSS DPAC Rep</b>
	<b>Jessica Clarke</b>	<b>DPAC Treasurer</b>
	<b>Alicia Fleetham</b>	<b>DPAC BCCPAC Rep &amp; LME DPAC Rep</b>
	<b>Deirdre O'Connor</b>	<b>DPAC Member at Large</b>
	<b>Vrushali Khot</b>	<b>DPAC Member at Large &amp; LME DPAC Alt Rep</b>
	Brian Leong	Promontory & Stitó:s DPAC Rep
	Kristi Dryden	RTCS DPAC Rep
	Allyson Hockin	Tyson DPAC Rep
	Joanne Johnson	Robertson DPAC Rep
	Kristin Kelm	MSMS DPAC Rep
	Angela Wilkinson	Vedder Elementary DPAC Rep
	Tanya Rath	Cheam Alt Rep
	Gena Phillips	Imagine DPAC Rep
	Jessica Masse	Yarrow DPAC Alt Rep
	Cary Moore	Strathcona DPAC Rep
	Kendy Michaloski	Sardis Elementary DPAC Rep
	Shantini Klaassen	Yarrow DPAC Rep
	Diana Heidinger	CMS DPAC Rep
		(Non-Voting)
Anders Lunde	Parent	
Jessie Kik	Parent	
Dave Swankey	Parent	

**Trustee Liaison:** Trustee Margaret Reid

### 1. CALL TO ORDER (7:06pm)

- 1.1. Welcome and Ensure Quorum
  - Quorum confirmed.
- 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
  - MOTION by Shantini THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated
    - Seconded by Gina
    - PASSED.
- 1.3. Approval of Minutes
  - MOTION by Brian THAT the minutes of the Jan 26, 2023 General Meeting be approved as circulated.
    - Seconded by Angela
    - PASSED.



## 2. REPORTS

### 2.1. Chair Report

- This has been a short and busy month for DPAC.
- Hopefully, we can lay the discussion and false information that has been circulating regarding the books in our school libraries to rest. The Learning Resources Policy 601 was passed by the board on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and consequently, a frivolous police report was filed by a community member about criminal books being in our libraries. Parents can be assured that the materials in our school libraries are appropriate for students.
  - THIS Progress article highlights the findings.
  - Should parents/guardians have further concerns with materials in school libraries, please follow the administrative regulations for challenging material. That document explaining the expectations around Challenging Materials can be found HERE.
  - Through all the conversations, the Reconsideration Committee has only been called upon one time that we are aware of in recent years.
  - HERE is the form that you need to file to have the Reconsideration Committee address your concerns.
- Furthermore, if parents have issues with *any* policies, you can advocate through motions with your PAC and DPAC or to your school's Assistant Superintendent and the School Board Trustees. Through motions, the Trustees can publicly call to change these policies. As mentioned, we have yet to see that utilized on the above issue.
- Likewise, at the school level, clear communication can also resolve many misunderstandings early. These are on the SD33 website also.
  - It is helpful to know your options, and the steps on where to start - that place is very often with your teacher or Principal / VP – the SD33 Communication Brochure is a great resource! - *please share*
  - Each school has an Asst Superintendent & Trustee Liaison Assignment
- DPAC also made some requests for information regarding childcare partnerships within our District. SD33 has prioritized Before and After School Care partnerships in order to utilize space. The district has reported that only 6 elementary schools do not have before and after school care on or immediately beside district grounds. Childcare spots are limited and does continue to be a concern for many families and something DPAC is continuing to monitor and advocate for where appropriate.
- DPAC is doing a lot of work with figuring out and advocating communication from and with the District. There are big and hard conversations happening regarding PAC and DPAC's role as advocates and operating norms. An operating norms document is expected in the coming months.
- DPAC will be meeting with the School Board Trustees next week to advocate and discuss some of the top concerns parents bring to DPAC. We've asked for the agenda items to include Communication from the District, Parental authority vs Principal



authority, Inclusive Playground Policy and Procedure, the Affordability Fund, and Bullying/disregulated behaviours.

## 2.2. Trustee Report

- The budget passed all three readings.
- The Board meeting layout was amended to allow for public participation after information on action items.
  - Board meetings are not town halls. Please review Bylaw 5 for meeting structure and expectations.
- The policy renovation project continues
  - The learning resources policy passed.
  - The motion for a Parental Rights Policy did not pass
    - There is some Board discussion on how to educate parents outside of a policy
- Affordability Fund
  - An update on fund spending was given at the last meeting
  - The District is asking for an extension on spending the funds (as is BCSTA)
- The board participated in the first ever meeting with First Nation's Leaders
  - It went very well. Learning outcomes of Indigenous students were discussed as well as mental health, academics, etc.

## 2.3. Treasurer Report

- Last Meeting was Feb 2 and Jessica was unable to make it due to work commitments
- Amended Budget was approved by the school board Feb 21
- Next Meeting is Apr 13 and Public Budget Presentation is Apr 18
  - ⇒ Attachment #1 for Treasurer Report

## 2.4. Committee Reports

- **Chilliwack Healthier Community Committee (CHC) – Deirdre**
  - Between meetings due to short month, will meet in person on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Advocacy Request: Chilliwack Bowls of Hope is asking for your help to put school food in Budget 2023 by contacting your local MPs, speaking to the media & spreading the word that we need to #NourishKidsNow See how you can be involved: [School\\_Food.pdf](#)
    - Visit: [Coalition for Healthy School Food | Canada](#) for more information on this National campaign and watch for the release of the BC and Federal Budget Announcements for updates.



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- Bowls of Hope - Community Roots Garden Applications memberships officially open March 1<sup>st</sup>. [Apply now!](#)
- Update on the Bowls of Hope Cards for a Cause Christmas Card Campaign - raised \$2600 for their [Feed the Children Program](#) – this is the program that is in most of our local schools, so thank you to everyone that supported and shared!
- [The Family Resource Guide](#) for 2023 has been released. The PDF will also be circulated on the DPAC Facebook group. Please take a look and *share this valuable document* as it contains the contact information to so many Programs and Supports in our community – ones you may not know exist, and may even be free, or low barrier.
- **Chilliwack Child & Youth Committee (CYC) - Vacant**

The Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee is a partnership of agencies whose purpose is to improve outcomes for children, youth and families in Chilliwack. Sub-committees then branch off to serve specific needs ei: Middle Years

  - These meetings occur on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:00 - 11:00am, often on Zoom. - If you are free during this time, reach out!
- **Middle Years Committee - Vacant** *Identifying the unique needs of children 6–12*
  - Meetings generally occur one Tuesday of the month 9:30-11am.
  - You do not need to be a DPAC Rep to do committee roles! Please share with your PACs and ask them to email [dpacsecretary@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:dpacsecretary@sd33.bc.ca) or message on Facebook to express interest or ask more questions. We appreciate your time!
- **Sexuality and Gender Equality Committee (SAGE) – Stacey/Deirdre**
  - The last meeting was on February 13, 2023.
  - The Strategic Plan was discussed with work on defining the Purpose, Vision, and Mission statements.
    - Priorities and objectives are to *Increase* overall participation, Education, Resources and Facilitating – Gender 101 presentation, Indigenous Partnerships/ Two-Spirit Community, Lived/living experience and expertise, SOGI oriented teacher course (CTA – has a course that schools could implement that is SOGI related)
    - DPAC Reps are requested to *share with your PACs* that the SAGE Committee is looking for overall increased participation. ∞ This is a City Committee that falls under CHC, and is looking to expand with many voices, not just those from DPAC. All walks of life, ages, and lived experiences are welcome! Please reach out!
- **Advisory Committee for Inclusive Education (ACIE) – Katie**
  - We finished working on the Inclusion policy and it has been sent over to EPAC for consideration.
  - The Inclusive Education Guide is public and ready for circulation -
    - [SD33 Guide to Inclusive Education](#)
    - While this document was created to maximize the needs of our most diverse students, it is an excellent resource for all learners! Please take a look and post for other guardians.



- **Budget Committee – Jessica**
  - Budget amendments passed
- **Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) – Jessica/Meghan**
  - Policy 250 Volunteers (was 225 at last meeting) – referred to the board
  - Policy 360 Inclusion – referred back to ACIE with feedback (next meeting Apr 3, 2023)
  - Policy 291 Environmental Stewardship (formerly 719 Environment) – sent back to staff for revision.
  - Policy 310 Student Expectations, Rights, and Responsibilities – sent back to staff for revision and to be more inclusion-focused
- **BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) – Alicia**
  - The 2023 AGM will be held in person on May 6 & 7, 2023 in conjunction with the Parent Leadership Conference on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - PACs are encouraged to read the [Resolutions Guide](#), to help members better understand the process and how to create and write a resolution. The deadline to submit special resolutions is **March 7, 2023**
    - PACs should review the [Resolutions Policy](#) for submission of proposed resolutions for presentation at the AGM.
    - Members must submit proposed resolutions using the current [Resolutions Form](#).
    - **Special Resolutions** are resolutions that:
      - provide for the amendment of the BCCPAC Constitution or Bylaws, calls for the removal of a BCCPAC Director, seeks authorization for the Board to issue debentures, seeks to restrict the borrowing powers of the Board until the next AGM
  - Ordinary resolutions advocate for changes to our public education system or give direction to the Board of Directors. These can be submitted anytime; however, its recommended they be submitted as soon as possible
  - More information, [Resolutions Policy 4020](#) and [List of Resolutions](#) can all be found on the [BCCPAC website](#).
  - The BC Ministry of Education is presenting a 90-minute parent session “Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent in Our Communities.” On February 27 and March 8 from 6:30 – 8:00pm via Zoom.
    - In this session, the topic of consent, and the dynamics of gender-based violence will be explored. The current state of gender relations faced by our children in both the physical and digital landscape, as well as the potential for exploitation within these relationships will be discovered. The trainers will provide Parents/Caregivers tips and tools on to how discuss these topics with their children to create positive family connections.
    - Registration is required. Links are embedded in PDF posted to the DPAC Facebook page as well as [HERE](#).



### 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 3.1. Middle School Eating Time

- This will be on the agenda to discuss with the District Admin this upcoming month.

#### 3.2. TOC/EA Advocacy Motion update

- With this being a short and busy month for DPAC Executive the letter of advocacy has not been written yet. This is a priority in the next few weeks.

#### 3.3. FSA Advocacy Motion update

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#### 3.4. DPAC Board Policy Update

- DPAC has asked the Board, through our DPAC Trustee Liaison, to review and update Policy 221 as the current policy is limiting.
- We have asked for this policy revision to bring DPAC into better alignment with comparable school districts of our size. This would allow the DPAC annual grant to more accurately reflect the number of students, our district's growing budget, and yearly inflation.
- Specifically, DPAC has requested more funding with less restrictions, to allow us to better support our Parent Advisory Councils, create more opportunities for parents to connect and learn about the education system, and to continue to do the good work of DPAC in a fast-growing district.
- DPAC expects that this consideration is prioritized as we would like to anticipate funding for the 2023/24 school year.

#### 3.5. Emergency Preparedness Committee

- Meeting will be open for any parent who is interested in helping to develop a guiding document for PACs to help them decide what emergency supplies are needed onsite.
- Scheduled on Zoom, Monday March 6 at 6pm.
  - Join Zoom Meeting - <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/66557017093?pwd=R0orQUNoem9sSEITNjhOa3dzcnFBZz09>
    - Meeting ID: 665 5701 7093      Passcode: 229989

#### 3.6. Seizure Med Training Follow – up

- Training is complete at the school level, under the new access rules. If there are any further concerns, please contact [dpac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:dpac@sd33.bc.ca).

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### 4.1. DPAC AGM Nominations Committee

- DPAC will strike a Nominations Committee at the next general meeting April 27th and needs a volunteer or two to handle the nominations and elections of the DPAC Executive for the DPAC AGM being held on Zoom on May 25<sup>th</sup> at



7pm. \*\*Volunteers should not be seeking a nomination or position themselves

4.2. Childcare during meetings

- Do PAC's provide childcare during PAC meetings?
- Would childcare during in-person DPAC meetings be helpful?

4.3. Parent Presentation

- In response to some of the protests in Chilliwack regarding the Gender Support Alliance's GLOW dance DPAC wanted to take an educational approach and would like to invite Christina Billingham to present on the fundamentals of allyship, along with a deep dive into the concepts, and terminology necessary to create a safe and inclusive environment for gender-diverse people. Christina is a queer, gender-fluid visual artist, researcher, teacher, facilitator, youth-advocate, and parent to 4 queer children. She teaches high school English, and Arts at Chilliwack Secondary School, and runs the Gender Support Alliance there.
- Motion by Katie Bartel THAT DPAC spend up to \$90 on Christina Billingham to present her workshop on creating safe and inclusive space for gender-diverse people.
  - Seconded by Gena
  - PASSED.

**5. DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS**

5.1. March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm online – Dr. Shelley Moore →

[youtube.com/@FiveMooreMinutes](https://www.youtube.com/@FiveMooreMinutes)

- Join Zoom Meeting -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89971928567?pwd=MFFvQ3BXOTM5amNjclF6KzRQWnNvQT09>

▫ Meeting ID: 899 7192 8567 Passcode: 762076

5.2. March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm online – DPAC Emergency Preparedness Committee

- Join Zoom Meeting - [https://sd33-](https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/66557017093?pwd=R0orQUNocm9sSEITNjhOa3dzc)

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5.3. March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm online – Christina Billingham on Creating Safe and Inclusive Space for Gender-Diverse People

- Join Zoom Meeting - [https://sd33-](https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/68262574148?pwd=NWd6RThHUIRUTVhzKzFmVHR)

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▫ Meeting ID: 682 6257 4148 Passcode: 509955

5.4. April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm online - Kim Barthel → [kimbarthel.ca](https://www.kimbarthel.ca)



- Topic: Conscious Parenting: How Understanding Yourself Supports your Child's Emotional Well-Being
  - Online link will be distributed closer to the date.
- 5.5. April 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at 7pm - all welcome!
- In person at the Board Office - 8430 Cessna Drive

## 6. ADJOURNMENT 8:10pm

Prepared By:

x *Deirdre O'Connor*

Deirdre O'Connor  
DPAC MAL

Draft Approved By:

x *Katie Bartel*

Katie Bartel  
DPAC Chair





Attachment #1  
 Chilliwack DPAC January 2023 Treasurers' Report

			<b>Gaming Account</b>	<b>General Account</b>
			1465970	1465954
<b>Bank Balance as at July 1st, 2022</b>			<b>4,374.97</b>	<b>4,506.92</b>
2022/23 Province of BC DPAC Grant			2,500.00	
Donation				
DPAC Summit Reimbursement				128.71
SD33 BCCPAC Conference				
<b>Total Funds Available</b>			<b>6,874.97</b>	<b>4,635.63</b>
<b>Expenditures Paid:</b>				
BCCPAC Membership Fees				
DPAC Workshop Costs				
Miscellaneous Expenses				
Saleema Noon	Sexual Health Presentation Nov 2022	chq#97	367.50	
Katie Bartel	DPAC Summit Dinner	chq#60		35.96
Deirdre O'Connor	DPAC Summit Dinner	chq#59		32.43
Katie Bartel	DPAC Summit Mileage	chq#61		128.71
<b>Total Expenditures -----</b>			<b>367.50</b>	<b>197.10</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balance January 31, 2023</b>			<b>\$ 6,507.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,438.53</b>
<b>Expenditures Committed:</b>				
Jessica Clarke	BCCPAC Membership	chq#98	150.00	
Outside Pin Consulting	Shelley Moore Presentation	chq#99	1,575.00	
Total Commitments on Account			1,725.00	-
<b>NET Adjusted Bank Balance</b>			<b>\$ 4,782.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,438.53</b>