



SD33 DPAC GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

FOR May 25th at 7:00pm

HELD in hybrid format:

- (1) in person at the School Board Office – 8430 Cessna Drive
 - (2) over Zoom Meeting ID: 615 4456 8687 / Passcode: 680012
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1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Ensure Quorum
 - Quorum of Executive members met.
- 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
 - THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.
- 1.3. Approval of Minutes
 - THAT the minutes of the DATE General meeting be approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS

- 2.1. Chair Report
- 2.2. Trustee Report
- 2.3. Treasurer Report
- 2.4. Community Committee Reports
 - Chilliwack Healthier Communities Committee (CHC)
 - Chilliwack Youth Committee (CYC)
 - Middle Years Committee
 - Sexuality and Gender Equality Committee (SAGE)
- 2.5. District Committee Reports
 - Advisory Committee for Inclusive Education (ACIE)
 - Budget Committee
- 2.6. DPAC Committee Reports
 - BCCPAC
 - Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC)

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 3.1. Advocacy Update
- 3.2. Middle School Eating Update
- 3.3. Affordability Fund Update
- 3.4. DPAC Policy Update

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. Plans for Next Year
- 4.2. Elections

5. DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 5.1. September



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6. ADJOURNMENT



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Members Present:	Katie Bartel	DPAC Chair & ADR DPAC Rep
	Stacey Gould	DPAC Secretary (on phone)
	Jessica Clarke	DPAC Treasurer
	Deirdre O'Connor	DPAC Member at Large (on phone)
	Vrushali Khot	DPAC Member at Large & LME DPAC Rep Alt
	Matthew Brown	Evans Elementary DPAC Rep
	Allyson Hockin	Tyson DPAC Rep
	Matthew Stevenson	McCammon DPAC Rep
	Kristi Dryden	RTCS DPAC Rep
	Angela Wilkinson	Vedder Elementary DPAC Rep
	Sher Grater	Cultus Lake Community DPAC Rep
	Tai Weatherhead	VMS DPAC Rep
	Kendy Micholostc	Sardis Elementary DPAC Rep
	Diana Heidinger	CMS DPAC Rep

Guest: David Manuel, SD33 Assistant Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:02pm)

1.1. Welcome and Ensure Quorum

- Let's first acknowledge that we are privileged to be meeting here on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Stó:lō Coast Salish peoples. As we do our DPAC work let's strive to deepen our understandings, challenge the legacies of colonialism, and reframe our responsibilities to this land and to this community.
- Quorum confirmed (at least 6 voting members).

1.2. Approval of Feb 23 general meeting minutes

- MOTION by Kristi THAT the minutes of the October 27th General meeting be approved as distributed.
 - Seconded by Sher
 - PASSED.

1.3. Adoption of Agenda

- MOTION by Tai THAT we the agenda be adopted as amended.
 - Seconded by Kendy
 - PASSED.

2. GUEST PRESENTATION - David Manuel - strategic plan update. [[Strat Plan Update December 2022 \(sd33.bc.ca\)](#)]

- 2.1. Three times a year the strategic plan is updated.
- 2.2. Numeracy, literacy, and human and social development are the themes.
- 2.3. Trauma informed practices are held by the District and education for all staff is available.



2.4. Competency based IEPs are being implemented through the district implementation plan.

- Paula and Kirk have requested that all Principals review all IEPs.
- Moving from smart goals to competency-based goals is a big shift for teachers as well as parents.
- There is support for principals who need it for understanding the IEP changes that are needed.
- The biggest change with competency-based IEPs – competency-based language has to be done with RT and classroom teacher.

2.5. Ministry has been looking at other jurisdictions (e.g., Finland) that have implemented competency-based education.

2.6. Teachers up to grade nine will use competency-based grading. After grade 9 there will be percentages.

3. REPORTS

3.1. Chair Report

- Congrats to Trustee Westerby on his wedding today!
- DPAC met with the School Board Trustees to advocate and discuss some of the top concerns parents bring to DPAC.
 - Communication from the District, Inclusive Playground Policy and Procedure, and Bullying/dysregulated behaviors were the biggest conversations. There was a lot of interest in the Playground policy idea so that may be something DPAC will pursue next year.
- DPAC is doing a lot of work figuring out and advocating for enhanced communication from and with the District. There are conversations happening regarding PAC and DPAC's role as advocates and establishing operating norms. Some principals think fundraising is PACs main purpose.
 - An operating norms document is expected in the coming months and we are hoping this will be done by September 2023.
- DPAC membership directed DPAC to participate in the advocacy around a federally driven school food program. Bowls of Hope initiated this advocacy and DPAC participated on behalf of parents in hopes that the government support and mandate an equitable school food program.
- DPAC membership directed DPAC to write advocacy letters to the Ministry of Education regarding practices around the FSA administration and the situation with our district hiring untrained Educational Assistants. Because the DPAC executives volunteer time is limited these letters have not been completed yet but there is still full intention too. These are both ongoing issues and being followed closely by DPAC.
- DPAC hosted a Gender Education evening from Christina Billingham which was well received. She decided to do this for us for free, so a huge thank you to Christina!



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- DPAC hosted Kim Barthel who talked about Conscious Parenting. It was an invaluable night with incredibly important information for parents. Huge thank you to Kim and her partner Bob.
 - This wasn't recorded. Not recording can help people feel safer in this kind of space.
 - We will revisit the potential for recording presentations next year.
- Katie Bartel, DPAC chair, is being sent to the Public Education Conference on May 12-13 by the Chilliwack Teachers Association. We have a great working relationship with CTA and we are excited to learn more about the teacher perspective and advocate for parents.
- Katie Bartel, DPAC Chair, is going to the BCCPAC Conference and AGM May 5-7. This will be a weekend of networking and learning from other PACs and DPAC's across the province as well as guiding the work of BCCPAC through Chilliwack voting rights at that table.
 - Please have proxy forms submitted by April 28th.
 - Sometimes the resolutions change on the floor. If you are doing the proxy form some direction would help Katie know how to vote if changes occur.
- The DPAC Policy has been accepted by the Board for review and it should be sent to EPAC in May. We are hoping this update will be more in line with other district practices, particularly around the financial contributions from the District and can be passed by the Board in June.
 - DPAC has made a strong case for how out of line the funding is compared to other districts.
 - Katie Bartel, DPAC Chair, will try to see the draft before it goes to EPAC and our DPAC Executive will advocate at EPAC around the policy and these procedures.

3.2. Trustee Report

- Trustee Reid sent her regrets and did not submit a written report.

3.3. Treasurer Report

- See Appendix I

3.4. Committee Reports

- **Chilliwack Youth Committee**
 - Vacant seat. No report.
 - These meetings occur on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:00 - 11:00am, often on Zoom.
 - You do not need to be a DPAC Rep to do this role! Please share with your PACs and ask them to email dpacsecretary@sd33.bc.ca or message on Facebook to express interest or ask more questions.
 - This committee is under CHC. They put on different events. Runs access to doctors programs. They do different things each year.
- **Middle Years Committee**



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- Focuses on ages 6-12.
- There have only been three meetings this year.
- **Chilliwack Healthier Communities Committee (CHC) – Deirdre**
 - Deirdre was absent from the meeting and did not submit a written report.
- **Sexuality and Gender Equality Committee (SAGE) – Stacey/Deirdre**
 - There wasn't a meeting last month.
- **Advisory Committee for Inclusive Education (ACIE) – Katie**
 - The Accessibility Committee requirements were introduced. All the info can be found on Let's Talk through the district website [[Accessibility in the Chilliwack School District | Let's Talk SD33 \(letstalksd33.ca\)](#)] and on the DPAC page.
 - District Requirements:
 - District must create a committee who will assist the organization in identifying barriers and advise how to remove or prevent the barriers for people with disabilities who are part of the organization and for people with disabilities who interact with the organization.
 - Develop an accessibility plan to identify, remove and prevent barriers. It should be focused on a lot of different barriers, but it is focused on physical barriers.
 - Due date is today to apply to be on this committee.
 - Meeting schedule has been set.
 - Establish a process for receiving public feedback on the accessibility plan and identification of barriers to accessibility.
 - Accessibility Committee Requirements
 - The committee will include members from inside and outside the District, and have at least one Indigenous person
 - At least half of the members should be persons with disabilities or represent an organization that supports persons with disabilities.
 - Timeline – committee selections made in May - feedback will be ongoing.
 - This is a living document that should be reviewed and updated every 3 years
 - Work has been moving forward with the Inclusion Policy
 - It was sent back to ACIE from EPAC for more work but they are hoping to have it ready for the May EPAC meeting, so it gets to the Board by June.



- **Budget Committee – Jessica**

- Budget Presentation for 2023/2024 done April 18 at Board meeting
- PDF version can be viewed here:
<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/sites/sd33.bc.ca/files/2023-04/2023%20Public%20Budget%20Presentation%20-%20Final%20as%20Posted.pdf>
- Recording of the presentation can be viewed here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jr2YJYY-eXU&ab_channel=ChilliwackSchoolDistrict
- There is a new affordability fund of about \$1.769 million next year specifically for school food programs, but it's not enough money for a fully funded food program.
 - Schools are being surveyed to gather information regarding food needs.
- The proposed budget is balanced with an estimated accumulated surplus of 2.75% but the policy states the surplus should be 3.5%.
- Competency-based IEPs are being implemented 2023/2024
- Oct 6 will be a district-wide Pro-D Day focused on Truth and Reconciliation. All staff will be expected to take part in this.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 4.

- **Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) – Jessica/Meghan**

- Policy 291 Environmental Stewardship and Policy 315 Weapons were referred to the Board for adoption.
- Policy 313 Safe Schools; Policy 310 Student Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities; and Policy 314 Substance Abuse all referred back to staff for reworking.
- Next meeting is May 15.

- **BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) – Alicia**

- Gaming Grant Applications
 - PACs and DPACs are reminded to apply online for Gaming Grants NOW for funds in Fall 2023. NEW this year - Schools with <100 students will be provided a base rate of \$2,000.
 - Must apply between April 1 - June 30 to receive funding.
- Premier's Awards for Excellence
 - The Premier's Awards for Excellence is accepting applications until May 5. This is your opportunity to celebrate those who make a real difference in BC schools.
- BCCPAC announces the retirement of their CEO, John Gaipman, effective Sep 30. John has been devoted to parents, guardians and caregivers looking for assistance and advocacy for their children.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- 4.1. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Deirdre and Jenna



- Good progress is being made and DPAC Executive is hoping to disseminate information soon

4.2. Affordability Fund

- Emails have gone out to the Principals to get a better picture of how much money is left spend. It has not been announced that the funds can be carried over to next year.
- BCCPAC wants a distinction between the original program (\$1.5) and the one being rolling out since the new one is only for food security.
- If principals spend all of their money they can go to the District and ask for more money.
 - The District also hasn't spent all of their money.
- A separate program is expected to be rolled out for buying equipment.
- As of February only \$400k has been spent from the current program.
- Ministry was very clear that the District shouldn't take their foot of the gas and anything unspent funds need to be reflected in the budget.
- Two districts had their trustees direct the District to spend the money.

5. Middle School Eating Time

- 5.1. Middle schools will get 40-45 mins with 15mins of that for eating time in their class, hallway or multi-purpose room supervised by noon hour supervisors.
- 5.2. Parents feel there is not equity across the district with respect to where the students get to eat. For example: some kids eat in hallways on the floor; some teachers allow kids to eat in the class; some kids will be expected to leave their portables.
- 5.3. Katie will follow-up with Rohan.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Swim Program Feedback

- This program is invite only for students with support needs and those who have IEP goals that fit within the abilities of this program.
- Parents have concerns about the segregation of this program and the lack of inclusivity though some parents really like the opportunity it presents regarding access and support.
- This is complex as this program supports students that have higher needs and aren't eligible for typical swimming lessons. This program fills that void.
- It would be good if DPAC Reps ask parents about this.

6.2. PAC Support

- DPAC understands that there was a directive from Action4Canada to "infiltrate PACs" about a month ago.
 - This is a group that is very upset about certain learning resources and SOGI in our schools.
- There have been reports of people trying to get into PAC Facebook groups who are not parents.



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- DPAC Executive wants to make sure that PACs are aware of this potential issue, especially when it comes to voting rights for PAC and electing new executives. DPAC is available to support PACs as needed. Please reach out to dpac@sd33.bc.ca
 - PAC meetings do not have to start until all people at a meeting are confirmed as true PAC members.

6.3. Nominations Committee

- DPAC will explore a hybrid option for the AGM. If that doesn't work then the meeting will be online.
- If parents want to run for a position as DPAC executive, they are not permitted to be on the nomination committee.
- Allyson Hockin has volunteered to head the nomination committee

6.4. Planning

- What did DPAC do well this year?
 - The Blanket exercise was well received.
 - Newsletter: Christmas and Spring Break.
- What could DPAC do better at?
 - Collaborate with other DPACs regarding parent presentations.
 - Hybrid meetings.
 - We will see if we can do this for the May 25th meeting.

7. UPCOMING DATES

7.1. May 25th at 7pm - DPAC Annual General Meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT (9:09pm)

Prepared By:

x Stacey Gould

Stacey Gould
DPAC Secretary

Draft Approved By:

x Katie Bartel

Katie Bartel
DPAC Chair



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APPENDIX I – Treasurer’s Report

**CHILLIWACK SCHOOL DISTRICT
 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPEDITURES
 JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30TH, 2023**

	Gaming Account 1465970	General Account 1465954
Bank Balance as at July 1st, 2022	4,374.97	4,506.92
2022/23 Province of BC DPAC Grant	2,500.00	
Donation		
DPAC Summit Reimbursement		128.71
SD33 BCCPAC Conference		
Total Funds Available	6,874.97	4,635.63
Expenditures Paid		
<u>BCCPAC Membership Fees</u>		
<u>DPAC Workshop Costs</u>		
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>		
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
Outside Pin Consulting Shelley Moore Presentation chq#99	1,575.00	
Jessica Clarke BCCPAC Membership chq#98	150.00	
Jessica Clarke White Hatter Reimbursement chq#100	577.50	
Total Expenditures	2,670.00	- 197.10
Closing Bank Balance March 31, 2023	\$ 4,204.97	\$ 4,438.53
<u>Expenditures Committed:</u>		
Total Commitments on Account	-	-
NET Adjusted Bank Balance	\$ 4,204.97	\$ 4,438.53