



SD33 DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

For January 25th, 2024

HELD in person and via Zoom [Registration Link HERE](#)

Members Present:	Katie Bartel	DPAC Chair & ADR DPAC Rep
	Meghan Reid	DPAC Vice Chair & SSS DPAC Rep (online)
	Jessica Clarke	DPAC Treasurer
	Stacey Gould	DPAC Secretary & Stitos DPAC Rep
	Deirdre O'Connor	DPAC Member at Large & Promontory DPAC Rep (online)
	Vrushali Khot	DPAC Member at Large & LME DPAC Rep Alt (online)
	Cary Moore	DPAC Indigenous Rep (online)
	Erin Enns	DPAC BCCPAC Rep (online)
	Rachel Swegdan	DPAC Rep Robertson
	Jen Hooge	DPAC Rep CSS
	Sher Grater	Cultus DPAC Rep (online)
	Tai Weatherhead	VMS DPAC Rep
	Tanya Cannon	Cheam DPAC Rep
	Kendy Michaloski	Sardis Elementary DPAC Rep (online)
	Jamie Fitzpatrick	ADR DPAC Rep (online)
	Gina Phillips	Imagine DPAC Rep (online)
	Jessie Kik	Tyson DPAC Alt (online)
	Karine Lemay	Rosedale DPAC Rep

DPAC Trustee Liaison: Margaret Reid

Parent Participants: Esther Maloney, Mollie Swankey, Athea Moniz, Jamie Graves, Meaghan Heinricks

1. **CALL TO ORDER (@7:03)**

1.1. Ensure Quorum

1.2. Hybrid Rules:

- Taking turns when talking. Wait your turn so there isn't talking over each other.
- People at home are muted. No one in the room except Vrushali and Katie should be online managing Zoom.
- Please, no side conversations as it gets picked up on the mic and can be disruptive.
- Please project your voice so everyone can hear you.

1.3. Adoption of Agenda

- Tai MOTIONS THAT the January 25th agenda be adopted as circulated.
 - Rachel seconded
 - PASSED

1.4. Approval of Minutes



- Meghan MOTIONS THAT the minutes of the November 30th general meeting be approved as circulated.
 - Rachel seconded
 - PASSED

2. REPORTS

2.1. Chair Report

- A surplus of funds was identified in the District budget. The budget was amended to increase line items to disperse the identified surplus.
 - School budgets - \$/student - was increased. This hasn't happened in a long time.
 - Amendments that align with DPAC advocacy efforts are:
 - Funding to hire a communications manager.
 - Funding for the district to install portable air conditioners in all the portables. A memo informing principals went out at the end of November.
- Plans for the Rosedale site. Rosedale may become a middle school, but plans are not finalized. Approximately 18 months before school completion there will be a boundary review and the final decision will be made then.
- DPAC has booked has parent/caregiver education presentations coming up:
 - **February 8th, Suzanne Perrault @ 7pm online.** Suzanne will cover understanding the language surrounding IEPs, how to advocate for your child, and a Q&A section with audience participation.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/285246804558515?ref=newsfeed>
 - **March 7th, White Hatter @ 7pm – online**
 - The White Hatter is a digital literacy and internet safety education specialist company facilitating workshops and providing presentations on technology safety and privacy subjects.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/718338277029907?ref=newsfeed>
 - Len Pierre, who advises and trains on Indigenous Cultural Safety, Reconciliation, Decolonization, & Anti-Racism, is in the process of getting booked. - <https://www.lenpierreconsulting.com/>
 - Hazel Woodrow, who teaches on the hallmarks of hate and how it is interwoven in our schools, is also getting booked. - <https://www.antihate.school/workshops>
 - *If you have any other suggestions for workshops or presenters that you are interested in having us investigate booking, please forward the information to dpac@sd33.bc.ca - websites and links are helpful, as well as topics and names of specific speakers!*



2.2. Trustee Report

- Safety plan for meetings.
- EA info has been gathered with respect to job satisfaction.
- Superintendents review is underway. Policy will be rewritten.
- SD33 Code of Conduct needs to be amended to close gaps.
- Amended budget. Had extra funds to spend as mentioned in Chair report above; thankful to our Secretary-Treasurer Simone Sangster.
- SD33 CBIEP implementation will be audited (external).

2.3. Treasurer Report

CHILLIWACK SCHOOL DISTRICT		Gaming Account 1465970		General Account 1465954	
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPEDITURES					
JULY 1, 2023- JUNE 30TH, 2024					
Closing Bank Balance December 31, 2023			\$ 4,005.89		\$ 8,299.58
Expenditures Committed:					
Katie Bartel - Per Diem DPAC Summit	chq#71				50.00
Erin Enns - Per Diem DPAC Summit	chq#74				50.00
Vrushali Khot - Per Diem DPAC Summit	chq#72				50.00
Deirdre O'Connor - Per Diem DPAC Summit	chq#73				50.00
Deirdre O'Connor - Facebook Advertising	chq#73				25.61
Deirdre O'Connor - PAC Café prize	chq#73				25.00
Total Commitments on Account			-		250.61
NET Adjusted Bank Balance			\$ 4,005.89		\$ 8,048.97

2.4. Community Committee Reports

- Chilliwack Healthier Communities Committee (CHC)
 - Deirdre couldn't attend the last meeting on Tues, Jan 23rd due to scheduling conflicts, will provide any relevant updates from the Minutes at the next meeting.
 - If you would like to be an alternate rep for this Committee, the format is generally as follows: Last Tuesday of every month at 9am. Hybrid Zoom with In-person at Dogwood room at City Hall (approx 1-1.5 hours max) next month is in-person (presentation and networking) - generally at Chilliwack Cultural Center 9-11am. You do not have to be the DPAC rep for your school to be a Committee Rep. Please email or message us with questions!



- Next Meeting: Feb 27th 9-10:30 (Doors at 8:30am) - Registration is required, if you would like to attend, please email Deirdre dpacmal1@sd33.bc.ca

Topic: Inclusion, Diversity & Accessibility

- This interactive workshop is for people who have at least one disability or know colleagues, family, friends, program participants or clients who do. The presenters will challenge participants to:
 - think about prominent perceptions and norms
 - learn about “supporting actions” that lead to inclusion and accessibility
 - identify what individuals, organizations and businesses can do better.
 - Presenters: Julia Lamb, Advocate, and Debbie Denault, Chilliwack Community Member.
- Sexuality and Gender Equity Committee (SAGE)
 - Resumed meeting after a small hiatus, continued conversations about updating pamphlets and handouts in the community and what would be more helpful on those items.
 - Now in the Info gathering stage to ensure all resources in community are up to date, still operating, and then will meet again to work on the next steps in the process.
 - Discussed possible Lunch and Learn topics for Businesses and Community Members and what they would like to see / benefit from – Gender 101/201 has been done in the past. Allyship and “ask an uncomfortable question in a safe space” type events were discussed. Evening meetings are often difficult to attend. We are always open to topics, presenters, ideas - message Deirdre with suggestions.
 - If you would like to be a part of this team (lived experience is wonderful, super allies welcome!) or have design skills to lend, let us know!
 - Next Meeting: Feb 26th on Zoom

2.5. District Committee Reports

- Advisory Committee for Inclusive Education (ACIE)
 - SD33 Accessibility Plan is live - [2023-09-26 Accessibility Plan.pdf \(sd33.bc.ca\)](#)
 - Grounded in legislation
 - Diverse voices on the committee
 - Prioritizes:
 - Identify, remove and filter barriers
 - Public feedback plan
 - Focuses for 23/24:
 - Shift in focus is District Culture Shift - The “Why”
 - Social model over Medical model



- Create tools for consultants re: Complete barrier Scans
- Raise awareness
- To provide feedback, which has been quite low, on the plan you can go here - [Accessibility in the Chilliwack School District | Let's Talk SD33 \(letstalksd33.ca\)](#) or email accessibility@sd33.bc.ca.
- Budget Committee
 - Given the budget surplus, the district can now put 3.5% in contingency for the operating budget. This is in policy but hasn't been done in a long time.
- Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC)
 - Not meeting right now because policy review has been completed.
- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Committee (IDEA)
 - IDEA committee is a new district committee that has now met twice. Partnership with many different community voices: CTA, CUPE, Indigenous Ed, DPAC, PVP. All working on inclusion, diversity equity and accessibility.
 - The focus of this group will vary and change as the needs of the community and the district grow; right now, there is a focus on [SOGI / SOGI123](#), next year it could be anti-racism, truth and reconciliation, bullying etc.
 - Launched new section of school district website which can be accessed by selecting "Inclusive Schools" under both the "Parents/Community" or "Student" tabs from the main District webpage. You can also reach it independently by searching: inclusiveschools.sd33.bc.ca/
 - We would love your **FEEDBACK!** - <https://t.ly/j4doV>
Please take this quick survey to let us know what you think and then *share it in your networks.* *Open until Feb 10th at midnight.

2.6. DPAC Committee Reports

- BCCPAC
 - Townhall – Resolution
 - A Resolution Townhall was held on January 16th. If you are interested in learning about Ordinary and Special Resolution and the process to submit a resolution, you can find the slides and video on the BCCPAC page under Events and then Townhall – Resolutions.
 - <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/2024-01-town-hall>
 - Submission Deadlines for Resolutions
 - Special Resolutions submissions must be submitted by February 24th.



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- Ordinary Resolution submissions can be submitted up to and including at the AGM, but the BCCPAC requests them by March 15th.
- Award Nominations
 - Award Nominations are now open. You can find information about these under the Members tab.
 - <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/awards>
- Next Townhall
 - **February 27th** - The Inclusive Education and Anti-Racism Committees are planning discussion to seek feedback from membership. Join us to brainstorm and help shape what *parent advocacy training* might look like
 - You can register for the event here - <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/2024-02-town-hall>
- Anti-racism committee needs more volunteers. Speak to Gina Philips - Imagine DPAC Rep – at ginamckennasmile@yahoo.com
 - Last meeting was January 27, 2024.
- Emergency Preparedness Committee
 - On pause over the holidays but have been chatting this week with Jenna Noppen (former DPAC Exec) and we have been working on this behind the scenes. She works in this space for Sumas Nation and ESS, so has lots of connections.
 - Networking with a staff member from SD36 (Surrey) re: their next steps and rollout to see what our next steps will be.
 - Have also gathered some info from other districts
 - Changes coming to School Act and Bill 40 may also affect how this Committee proceeds; plan to discuss further with District Admin in subsequent meetings, or email follow-ups once we can gather some more information.
 - As always, we are looking for volunteers, in any capacity, who wouldn't mind giving a few hours a month at their discretion to help with research or assist with this much-needed work. Feel free to reach out and chat.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1. Bussing Advocacy Update & Check-in

- Letter to the city to enhance bussing infrastructure has been sent (APPENDIX I)
 - Bussing issues within the district are still being followed up on by DPAC.

3.2. Feeding Futures Update & Check-in

- DPAC followed up on Feeding Futures First initiative and gave feedback that PACs were not seeing differences as of December.



- DPAC is told that the work up until now has been figuring out what the need is, what has been happening in schools and what they can address. Plans, training and contracts have been the priority, and we should be seeing some of the fruit of that work in the coming months.
- Three initial goals of the Coordinator were / are:
 - Breakfast / Lunch / Safe Food Handling at all sites.
- For up-to-date info on this program, follow along [here](#) (also available under the new Inclusive Schools Website!)

3.3. Menstrual Health and Roll-out

- Menstrual health products have been made available in all washrooms across the district. Some are still in baskets as dispensers are backordered, will be installed as soon as available.
- Recognize that teachers weren't well prepared for the conversations that were prompted (students and parents) from this initiative. We have communicated this to the District.
- Parents/caregivers are also encouraged to send emails to the district / board in this regard.
- Teachers should have key messages from the District or Ministry to support their conversations with students and parents.
- No garbage cans in stalls for menstrual products.
 - Trustee Reid will take the info back and follow-up.
- Dispenser location in some schools is not very private.
- [Project AIM](#) provides menstrual and incontinence products to the public. They also accept donations of opened, individually wrapped items.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. PAC Gaming Grants

- Many schools in the district were late with their submissions, and late submissions weren't approved.
- Can DPAC advocate in some way?
- DPAC will send out email to PACs re: reconsideration information.

4.2. White Hatter Presentation

- Which presentation would parents like? There is a DPAC poll currently active.
- <https://thewhitehatter.ca/parents-caregivers/>
- Make sure you go to the DPAC fb page to vote for what session you would like to see DPAC host.



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Chwk DPAC presents: The White Hatter!
Broadcasting to Chilliwack on March 7th at 7pm!
You get to help decide which presentation we bring. See full descriptions here: <https://thewhitehatter.ca/parents-caregivers/> and vote below!

<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Literacy and Internet Safety for Parents and Caregivers	12% >	✕
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Youth Being Targeted by, Aggression, Cyberbullying, Threats, Hacks, and Violence	12% >	✕
<input type="checkbox"/> Teen Sexting, Nudes, Distribution of Intimate Images, and the Law	26% >	✕
<input type="checkbox"/> Online Sexual Predation and Exploitation: What Is the Threat, and What Can Caregivers Do to Help Minimize the Risks	12% >	✕
<input type="checkbox"/> Online Porn, Radicalization, Shaming & Disinformation	1% >	✕

4.3. Round Table

- Fire safety in schools.
 - Most kids are going home to an empty house and making snacks.
 - Children going off to college – dorms etc with no ‘life-skills’
 - It isn’t just about the drills in school.
 - Deirdre: There are a few companies that provide “Stay Safe at Home” classes in person and online. Some PACs even partner with them as a fundraiser, often on Pro-D Days. (Please investigate these further at your discretion) - [Stay Safe – First Aid Hero](#) is one... Community Schools also offer these regularly ([Promontory](#), [Central](#) and [Rosedale](#)). [Home Alone Program – Canada Safety Council](#)
- Would like to see a presentation on drug awareness.
 - [Mountainside Harm Reduction Society \(mtnsidesociety.ca\)](#)
 - What about a drug cheat sheet that educates parents?
 - Pacific Community Resource is another organization. [Pacific Community Resources Society \(PCRS\)](#)
 - [Chilliwack CAT |](#) (C-CAT /Chilliwack Community Action Team) - is also a great local resource for harm reduction and training.

5. DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 5.1. February 8th, Suzanne Perrault @ 7pm - online
- 5.2. Feb 29th, DPAC General Meeting @ 7pm - Hybrid
- 5.3. March 7th, White Hatter @ 7pm – online



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6. ADJOURNMENT (@8:48)

x Stacey Gould

Stacey Gould
DPAC Secretary

x Katie Bartel

Katie Bartel
DPAC Chair



APPENDIX I – DPAC Appeal to the City Regarding Better Bussing for Student.

**To encourage better collaboration between the City and the School District, DPAC addressed the letter to Mayor Ken Popove, but also Cc'd MLA Kelli Paddon, MLA Dan Coulter, and Councilors Jason Lum and Chris Kloot from the City's transportation committee.



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City of Chilliwack
8550 Young Road Chilliwack, BC V2P 8A4

Subject: Urgent Appeal for Improved Bussing Infrastructure to Support Student Transportation

Dear Mayor Ken Popove,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of the Chilliwack District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC), representing the collective voice of parents within our community. Our organization is deeply invested in the well-being and educational success of our children.

We would like to draw your attention to a matter of pressing concern—the need for enhanced bussing infrastructure in Chilliwack to ensure that students can access schools safely and efficiently. As you are undoubtedly aware, the landscape of our city is evolving, and the demand for reliable and accessible public transportation has become more critical than ever. Due to the city's development in size and layout, the Chilliwack School District's transportation budget is one of the highest in BC. Because of the lack of infrastructure support within the city of Chilliwack additional strains are put on the students and families.

Our primary concerns are as follows:

- **Limited Accessibility:** Many students, particularly those residing in outlying areas, face challenges in accessing public transportation. This limitation hampers their ability to attend school regularly and participate in extracurricular activities.
- **Safety Concerns:** In the absence of comprehensive bus coverage, some students are compelled to use alternative, less secure modes of transportation, which poses safety risks. Ensuring that our children have a safe and reliable means of commuting to and from school is paramount.
- **Educational Equity:** Disparities in transportation options can contribute to educational inequalities. Students without convenient access to reliable transportation may face obstacles in fully participating in the educational opportunities available to them. The strain on families to drive students contributes to financial inequity as well.

We recognize the budgetary constraints and logistical challenges that the City of Chilliwack may face. However, we firmly believe that investing in an improved bussing infrastructure is an investment in the future of our community. Therefore, we urge the City to consider the following actions:



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- **Comprehensive Route Review:** Assess the current bus routes to identify gaps in coverage, with a particular focus on areas with high concentrations of students.
- **Collaboration with the Chilliwack School District:** Work closely with school district administrators to synchronize bus schedules with school hours, ensuring that transportation aligns seamlessly with the academic day.
- **Engagement with Stakeholders:** Seek input from parents, students, and educational professionals to gather valuable insights that can inform decisions on bussing infrastructure improvements.
- **Exploration of Funding Opportunities:** Investigate potential funding sources and grants that could be used to enhance bussing services for students and continued advocacy to the Ministry of Transportation for financial support in this matter.

The Chilliwack Parent Advisory Council is ready and willing to collaborate with the City in addressing these concerns. We believe that by working together, we can create a transportation system that meets the needs of all students, fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to seeing positive developments in our city's bussing infrastructure. Thank you for your dedication to the welfare of our community's youth.

Sincerely,

 *Katie Bartel*
DPAC Chair

Chilliwack District Parent Advisory Council

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