



## SD33 DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

For January 30th, 2024, at 7 pm

In Person at the School Board Office and on TEAMS [Join conversation](#)

Meeting ID: 257 178 693 359 / Passcode: PxDY5k

**Executive:** A/ Chair & Vice Chair Deirdre O'Connor, Secretary Stacey Gould (Stitos DPAC Rep), Indigenous Liaison Gina Phillips (DPAC Rep Alt Imagine), Member at Large 1 Vrushali Khot, Member at Large 2 Matt Stevenson (DPAC Rep McCammon), DPAC Treasurer Jessica Clarke

**DPAC Rep/Alt:** Katie Bartel (DPAC Rep ADR), Rachel Swedgan (Robertson Rep), Jen Hooge (CSS Rep), Diana Heidinger (CMS Rep), Cary Moore (Strathcona Rep), Dana Drope (Cultus Rep), Angela Wilkinson (Vedder Elem Rep), Jaime Kampman (Yarrow Rep), Kendy Michaloski (Sardis Elem Rep), Kate Healey (Central Elem Rep), Rosa Sages (DPAC Rep Leary), Sheryl Grater (DPAC Rep Cultus & Mt. Slesse), Alison Esau (Promontory DPAC Rep)

**Parents:** Brandy, Jessica Armstrong, Jessica Edwards, Kalena O'Brien,

**Special Guest:** Rohan Arul-pragasam

### 1. CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME, HOUSEKEEPING and INTRODUCTIONS

#### 1.1. [Housekeeping for Hybrid Meetings.docx](#)

### 2. DISTRICT PRESENTATION – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ROHAN ARUL-PRAGASAM

#### 2.1. Strategic Plan Refresh Update and Next Steps

- Click [here](#) for the Strategic Plan Refresh Website
- The Strategic Plan refresh was also featured on the cover page of our December Newsletter – [here](#).

### 3. AGENDA and MINUTES (@ 7:39pm)

#### 3.1. Adoption of Agenda

- Motion THAT this agenda for January 30th, 2025, be adopted as circulated.
  - MOTION - Karine
  - Seconded - Rachel

#### 3.2. Adoption of Minutes

- Motion THAT the minutes of the November 28th, 2024, General Meeting be adopted as circulated.
  - Motion - Diane
  - Seconded - Rachel

### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 4.1. Chair Report

- Katie is now on a LOA.
- District communication manager has been hired, Amy. Figuring out where the gaps are to identify focus areas.
- Will work with DPAC to enhance communication with parents.
- Deirdre was invited to a district AI presentation.
- District is ahead of the game and will be bringing this presentation to parents.



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### 4.2. Trustee Report

- During the December board meeting, trustees held a chair and liaison election. trustee Swankey was acclaimed as chair and trustee Westerby was acclaimed as vice chair as well as Bcpsea representative, trustee Procee as alternate. Trustee Reid was acclaimed as BCSTA representative and trustee Bondar was acclaimed as alternate.
- The board cancelled our January 28th public board meeting because the business scheduled for the January meeting had to be postponed due to the provincial government's amended budget timelines for this fiscal year and there were no anticipated actions items on the agenda this month.
- The Chilliwack school trustees are part of a branch trustee member association, encompassing trustees from the Fraser Valley - Maple Ridge, Mission, Abbotsford, and Fraser Cascades (Hope area). Trustee Swankey served as the president over the past year and stepped aside this year. Trustee Gabriel Liosis from maple ridge was acclaimed from his role as vice president last year to the role of president this year. Trustee Margaret Reid was acclaimed as vice president.
- The board is actively working on our strategic plan and expect to have more to share in the coming few months. This work will actively inform our policy review and new policies in the future.
- There is a by-election being held with general voting day on March 1st to fill the vacant seat left by trustee Maahs. Details can be found in the city of Chilliwack and Chilliwack school districts website.

### 4.3. Treasurer Report

- Updates on Gaming Grant Application Process in BCCPAC Report (see page 7).



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	Gaming Account 1465970		General Account 1465954	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Bank Balance as at July 1st, 2024	342.69	342.69	5,989.22	6,191.82
2024/25 Province of BC DPAC Grant	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Donation				
DPAC Summit Mileage Reimbursement				
BCCPAC Conference Mileage Reimbursement				
SD33 Funding			5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>2,842.69</b>	<b>2,842.69</b>	<b>10,989.22</b>	<b>11,191.82</b>
<b>Expenditures Paid</b>				
<b><u>BCCPAC Membership Fees</u></b>	<b>200</b>			
Katie Bartel - BCCPAC Membership e-transfer		200		
<b><u>Miscellaneous Office Supplies &amp; Printing Costs</u></b>	<b>500</b>			
Katie Bartel - Cardstock chq#111		19.63		
e-transfer service fee bank		1.25		
<b><u>BCCPAC Conference</u></b>			<b>2,000.00</b>	
(23/24) Gena Phillips - BCCPAC Mileage chq#80				152.6
<b><u>BCCPAC Conference Travel Expenses</u></b>	<b>500</b>			
<b><u>BCCPAC DPAC Summit</u></b>			<b>500</b>	
(23/24) Vrushali Khot - Per Diem DPAC Summit chq#83				50
<b><u>Guest Speakers and Guest Speaker Recordings</u></b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		<b>3,000.00</b>	
Katie Bartel - Sue Robins Nov 21 2024 Presentation chq#111		525		
Safeteen: Powerful Alternative to Violence Corp Chq#112		420		
<b><u>Workshops/Training Seminars for DPAC/PACs</u></b>	<b>500</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b><u>Update DPAC Logo</u></b>			<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b><u>Honorariums for Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers</u></b>			<b>500</b>	
Katie Bartel - Honorarium - Peggy Janicki chq#82				100
Katie Bartel - Honorarium - Shawnee Kruger chq#82				150
<b><u>Refreshments for Meetings</u></b>			<b>500</b>	
<b><u>Bursaries/Gifts</u></b>			<b>300</b>	
<b><u>Social Media Marketing</u></b>			<b>100</b>	
Katie Bartel - Facebook Ads Sep 15 chq#82				6.3
Katie Bartel - Facebook Ads Sep 16 chq#82				6.3
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>	<b>1,165.88</b>	<b>8,900.00</b>	<b>465.2</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balance December 31, 2024</b>		<b>\$1,676.81</b>		<b>\$10,726.62</b>
<b><u>Expenditures Committed:</u></b>				
Gina Phillips - Sep 2024 Meeting Refreshments Chq#81				18.8
<b>Total Commitments on Account</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>18.8</b>
<b>NET Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>\$1,676.81</b>		<b>\$10,707.82</b>



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### 4.4. BCCPAC Report

- Community Gaming Grants Branch - How to Apply [Webinar Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30pm](#) - Important changes this year – please advise your PAC Exec/Treasurer to attend!
- See BCCPAC report Appendix I

### 4.5. Committee Highlights (See Appendix II for more detail)

- Budget Committee
- ACIE
  - Katie stepped down during her LOA as the ACIE DPAC Exec Rep but remains on the committee in the parent seat.
  - Deirdre attended the January meeting to fill the DPAC Exec Rep role.
  - ASSAI – district can apply for funding to support students
    - ASSAI, alone, funds up to grade 8. District has put their own fund into this so that the program could be expanded up to grade 12.
    - Principals are aware of this program.
    - In and after school programming support.
    - Limited funding – need to use it and demonstrate value.
- IDEA
  - Priority focus is anti-racism right now.
- CHC
  - Food resource cards will be handed out.
- CYC:
  - Parent events coming up for kids. ADR and Slesse schools will be host. February 20th for Slesse and February 27th for ADR.
- SAGE
  - Resource cards are done and will be shared with people who would like to distribute them within schools and community.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### 5.1. DPAC Logo

- Short an executive so the DPAC logo committee is on pause.

### 5.2. DPAC Advocacy Action Plan and Next Steps

- Anti-bullying and racism letter.
  - PACS are encouraged to discuss this letter with their membership to consider signing. DPAC will firm up this letter in our February 27th general meeting.
  - Please let us know if your PAC is interested in signing by the end of the February 27th meeting.
    - Signing can be conditional. Ex: specific amendments required.
  - Feedback to date largely rests on: the increase of incidents and lack of consequences.
  - People want more accountability in the letter.



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- Once the letter is sent then we can consider what the next step is.
- Survey developed – drop down list is bullying your family – yes or no. Happening inside or outside of school.
- EA letter has been drafted and is being reviewed by DPAC executive before sending out to PACs for review and signing consideration.
  - The process will follow what we used for the anti-bullying and racism letter.
  - Anticipate sharing the draft with PACs by February 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Check-in on PAC membership engagement at February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - DPAC will firm up this letter in our April 24<sup>th</sup> general meeting and will be looking for PACs' decision to sign or not.
    - Signing can be conditional. Ex: specific amendments required.

### 5.3. Outside Agencies in Schools

- Following up with District Principal of Learning Services. Update will be provided next month.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1. [2025 School Trustee By-Election | Chilliwack School District #33](#)

#### 6.2. Band Busing

- Next steps:
  - Deirdre will bring this information to Rohan to review.
  - Survey will be reopened to continue to collect feedback.

#### 6.3. December Newsletter – Feedback and Discussion – Draw! \$25 GC to Amble Coffee

- No significant feedback.

## 7. Round Table - Emerging Concerns

- Constitution and bylaw concerns
- Strathcona has concerns about traffic safety and crosswalks.
  - Contact transportation through the city.
  - PACs can also invite the district transportation staff to PAC a PAC meeting to hear concerns.

## 8. DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- General Meeting – February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7pm
  - In person at the School Board office and online via TEAMS
- General Meeting – April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7pm
  - In person at the School Board office and online via TEAMS

## 9. ADJOURNMENT (9:17pm)



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### APPENDIX I - BCCPAC Report

Nov Online Summit - "One Step at a Time: Strengthening Connections, Shaping Our Path"

Held online this year, and was opened to not just DPAC Execs, but any parent from a school that was a BCCPAC paid member. Thank you to the Rep from Cheam, who attended alongside Katie, Matt, and Deirdre. They have released the Summit Guides, as well as copies of the slide decks, and presentations, for those of you that are interested in following along!

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/summit/summit-resources>

(I particularly enjoyed the presentation from Susan Wilson, on starting a DPAC Advocacy group, if you are looking for a recommendation.)

BCCPAC AGM AND CONFERENCE will be held May 23-25<sup>th</sup>. As of now, that is the only information that we have been given. No updates on pricing, location, speakers etc. yet. We will update when we have more info. If your school is a paid member in good standing (membership dues were paid before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>), you are likely eligible to attend! We will update sooner to that date to see if you or someone from your PAC may be interested, if not, we will be in touch with info on Proxy Voting when that info is released also.

By-Election Results – Congrats!

- 1st Vice-President: Alicia Rempel, SD35 (Langley)
- 2nd Vice-President: Jennifer Rak, SD37 (Delta)
- Treasurer: Chase Leushner, SD8 (Kootenay Lake)
- Director: Tisha Krafte, SD35 (Langley)
- Secretary: *unfilled*

Regarding the unfilled position - The Board will be reviewing the next steps and further updates will be provided as decisions are made.

#### AGM Elections

Nominations for the Annual General Meeting Board Elections open January 24<sup>th</sup> – if you are interested in seeking a position, make sure you are signed up for their [mailing list](#) to stay up to date directly for the most current info.

Language Matters!

#### Language Modernization of the Inclusive Education Policy Manual

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has updated terminology in policies and guidelines to reflect inclusive language for students with disabilities or diverse abilities. The updated [Inclusive Education Services Manual](#) and a [Language Modernization Guide](#) for school districts are now available.



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ERASE – Online Family Info Sessions – Only 5 Sessions Remaining!

Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

- [February 4](#) - [February 26](#) - [March 12](#) - [April 8](#) - [May 7](#) \**Register now!*

- Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. (60-minute session) [More Info](#)

New Mandate Letter - MOECC

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/mandate\\_letter\\_lisa\\_beare.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/mandate_letter_lisa_beare.pdf)

From BCCPAC - "We are pleased to see several areas of focus that reflect the resolutions passed by our members, advocacy concerns raised by parents connecting with us for support, and our strategic goals. Some examples include:

- Increasing classroom supports, such as education assistants and counseling resources.
- Addressing equity in education, with a focus on continuing to improve Indigenous graduation rates.
- Improving foundational learning through enhanced literacy and numeracy interventions.
- Accelerating school construction to meet growing needs in communities.

... Thank you for your ongoing dedication to strengthening public education in BC."

Gaming Grant Application – Changes to Process!

Community Gaming Grants Branch - Program Grants - How to Apply [Webinar Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30pm\\*\\*](#)

You will now require a Business BCeID or Basic BCeID to access the application. Please be aware of this, and let your PAC Executive, especially Treasurer know of this in advance. We have been advised the [application](#) itself is quick, but that it can take a few weeks to process, so don't delay. Information on the new process, and guidelines can be found [here](#).

**\*\*We strongly recommend someone from your PAC to attend this webinar, to prevent delays or issues with Gaming Grant Fund Applications or payments.**



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### APPENDIX II – Detailed Committee Reports

#### ACIE

ASSAI Update - The ASSAI Grant (After School Sport and Arts Initiative) is a Ministry grant that school staff can apply for if they have a **new** after school program they want to pilot. • The features of the grant include: 1. New Sport or Art initiative 2. Minimum length of the program: 8 weeks 3. Grant covers initiatives at K-8 4. Occurs directly after school 5. Dollars for EA support can be included in the applications •

**SD33 Enhancements being made this year to the ASSAI Grant:** 1. New Sport or Art Initiative • Schools can apply for EA support for existing programs that may or may not be ASSAI Grant initiatives (for example, Beyond the Bells is already running at middle school) as well as new initiatives (ASSAI or other), that occur directly after school. • Schools can apply for EA support for programs based on Arts, Sports, or social opportunities. • Schools can apply for EA support for a student to participate in Extra-curricular sports at elementary or middle school. This is unique to SD33 and a pilot project within our district! Funds are limited, so we encourage you to connect with your Admin/Resource Team asap to make use of any programs that may fit into this exciting update!

Transitions Doc:

<https://careereducation.sd33.bc.ca/sites/careereducation.sd33.bc.ca/files/2024-05/Career-Life%20Transitions%20Framework%20-%20draft.pdf>

#### CHC

##### Food Council:

- Thank you to those who participated in the annual Plant a Row tradition! – 7,000 pounds were harvested on Harvest Day in October, and about 75,000 pounds were harvested over the growing season. Please keep us in mind as you begin to plan your gardens soon, as this year's goal is to bring in 100,000 lbs of produce from the community this year!
- Over the holidays, saw record demands, with over 2k hampers and 5k people served, not including other community, church, and toy programs in the city
- Even given the above, through focused efforts, and better coordination this year, feedback shows that most folks were able to be served; thank you for that.
- Challenges & Demands – Streams Foundation is seeing a 50% increase in their emergency hamper program, so the need is continuing into the New Year.
  - Highest areas of need: Seniors, the working poor, newer to Canada
- DTCM: (Downtown Chilliwack Community Market) Will be moving to Saturdays this season! This should assist with obtaining more meat/protein vendors. <https://chilliwackmarket.com/>
  - The market nutrition coupons are in a renewal year, they won't find out until April if they are eligible.
  - Approx 100k in fresh foods flows into our community yearly through this program





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- Bowls of Hope - has a newly updated website - check it out!

Next In-Person Meeting – Feb 25th at Cultural Centre

Next Partner Meeting – March 25th - Hybrid

### CYC

#### Annual CYC Conversation 2025

- Save the date of **April 25<sup>th</sup>** for Pathways to Resiliency, this year's 33rd annual **CYC (Child & Youth Committee) Conversation on Chilliwack's Children and Youth**. Keynote presenter Dr. Paula Jacobs will speak about building resiliency through relationships. The planning committee is arranging interesting workshops on various topics. Location will be Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary/Middle School 8:30am-pm. Registration and full details are coming soon.
- CYC Website - Chilliwack CYC – Together We Can Please have a look at the refreshed website!
- **Beyond Blankets: A Stó:lō Lands Exercise** - The Peace and Reconciliation Centre at UFV is able to offer this opportunity to CYC members. This is a new interactive lesson, initiated by Grand Chief Clarence “Kat” Pennier and Dr. Keith Thor Carlson. *Beyond Blankets: A Stó:lō Lands Exercise* offers a powerful and immersive learning experience, focusing specifically on Stó:lō culture, history, and connection to the land. Participants will journey through key moments in Stó:lō history, including life before first contact, the impact of smallpox epidemics, the fur trade and gold rush eras, colonialism in the Fraser Valley, and Stó:lō resurgence. This exercise aims to foster deep understanding, compassion, and motivation towards positive action. Workshop will be held either on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March (during Spring Break) or Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 9am to 11:30 am, location to be confirmed, and limited to 35 participants.
  - If you are interested in this, please connect with Deirdre at [dpacvp@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:dpacvp@sd33.bc.ca) to confirm if there is available space

### Middle Years/Youth Matters

- The Middle Years and Youth Matters have amalgamated into one group due to low partner attendance.
- The Middle Years will be hosting 2 parent nights: February 20th @ Mount Slesse Middle School and February 27th @ AD Rundle from 6 - 8:30. These events will be a sharing circle for youth and parents/ guardians to listen and learn from the youth.
  - Reach out to Kristy Jones if you would like further info: [kjones@pcrs.ca](mailto:kjones@pcrs.ca)
  - Please share this within your PACs to increase awareness and attendance!
- BC Youth Week is the first week in May. Planning is underway for Chilliwack's 2nd annual “kick-off” event with YMCA BC on Thursday 1st May Cheam Centre and activities are planned for each day. Closing BBQ on Wednesday, May 7th north of the highway location.  
<https://www.bcyouthweek.com/>



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### Early Years

- Planning has continued for the Early Years Fair, which will be on June 4 from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Sardis Library.
- Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR) provided an update that adequate childcare spaces throughout the city are available in daycares. What is currently unknown is if they are in the correct locations that families need them to be, as some of them are in concentrated regions. This will continue to be monitored and assessed.
- The Chilliwack School District is working to strengthen its support networks for families and children by partnering with various service providers. They have initiated connections with the Early Years District Principal and childcare in schools, which has led to further collaborations with Sardis Doorway. Through Sardis Doorway, the district is reaching out to new moms who have recently had babies and are struggling to get their older children to school. Additionally, the district is connecting with the Bridge team to support children who are not attending school and to link families with necessary service providers. These efforts aim to ensure that families receive comprehensive support, helping children transition back to regular school attendance.

### SAGE

- Resource Cards are finally available! The digital copy is linked, and we would like to invite any reps or individuals who would like to have physical copies of these in their school or community to please do so. You can contact DPAC, or your school's SOGI-lead and they should be able to connect you. Additional resources can be [found here](#).
  - As these links are plentiful, please let us know if any updates are required, the intention would be to update them every 6-12 months, or as the edits are deemed necessary.
- We did not meet in Dec or Jan, as we are waiting for the launch of an internal survey to CHC partners, which should be going out shortly.
  - Next Meeting TBD