



DPAC MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 29TH, 2018

Held at the Chilliwack School District Office

Members Present:	Diane Braun	DPAC Chair
	Jamie Benton	DPAC BCCPAC Rep
	Debbie Milne	DPAC Rep Evans Elementary
	Christine Goodman	DPAC Member at Large & CSS DPAC Rep
	Meghan Reid	Parent SSS and VMS
	Angela Turner	DPAC Rep Cultus Lake Elementary
	Gary Telford	DPAC Rep MSMS
	Karen Layte	DPAC Rep Tyson Elementary
	Dan Spielman	DPAC Rep Vedder Elementary
	Chad Brunneski	DPAC Rep Sardis Elementary
	Trina Venier	DPAC Rep GW Graham
	Sharon Proulx	DPAC Rep Central EI & Chilliwack Middle
	Tai Weatherhead	DPAC Rep Cheam EI & Vedder Middle
	Bonnie Pankratz	DPAC Rep Greendale Elementary
	Stefanie Pemble	Vice Chair Little Mountain Elementary
	Tracy Lundeberg	PAC Chair Little Mountain Elementary
	Emma Bates	Student Rep Sardis Secondary
	Edmun Vu	Student Rep Sardis Secondary
	Alicia Fleetham	Parent Little Mountain Elementary
	Jennifer Chen	Parent Sardis
	Chris Braun	Parent Chilliwack Middle School
	Jill Luesink	Parent Vedder Middle & Sardis Secondary
	Sam Waddington	Guest Speaker

- **CALL TO ORDER – School District Office**

- **1.1 Called to Order**

- Called to order 7:05 PM
 - Diane Braun, Chair, welcomed those present. She went over the DPAC Mission: “To educate, inform and empower parents to be true partners in the education of their children.”

- **1.2 Adoption of the Agenda**

- **MOVED** by Chad that the agenda be adopted as circulated. 2nd Sharon. CARRIED

- **1.3 Approval of the Minutes**

- **MOVED** by Bonnie that the minutes be adopted as circulated. 2nd Karen L. CARRIED



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SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Sam Waddington, former Transportation Committee Chair

- Presentation on other modes of transportation. Was having some technical difficulties.
- He used to chair the Transportation Committee and used to be a city councillor.
- Chilliwack has one of the most conducive climates for doing something other than vehicles. Highest mean temperature in Canada.
- Second project was cycle vision Chilliwack. Imagining how Chilliwack would look. How to get people north to south. It's a huge opportunity. Chilliwack is very far behind. Why? Why are cyclists secondary? It has to be steeped in policy. It won't be implemented if it's not in the policy.
- In negotiations with southern rail (old BC Electric Line).
- Big push is connecting schools and workplaces.
- Triple A standard: all ages and abilities.
- Put in place trail counters on all cycling routes and trails.
- Goal is to connect Garrison and Sardis Park then to the downtown core. Goal is to connect major sections without having people cross roadways.
- Some cities painted too much green in bike lanes and it became less effective: in Chilliwack we will use green to mark bike lanes in major crossings of roadways. If green part of bike lane has "elephants feet" (white broken stamping) then cyclists have to dismount. If bike lane crossing is all green it means cyclists can stay on bike.

Moving towards separated bike lanes. Goal is to take away parking on west side of Wiltshire street. Main line so cyclists will feel safe.

- Train tracks are expensive. We have to maintain the crossing. We don't cross train tracks whenever we can help it. Will encounter half as many intersection crossings on bike. Will move towards having bike lights.
- Most expensive way for people to move around a community is a vehicle. it's cheaper to use other modes.
- Diane said David Swankey talked about different delineation for bike lanes. We want our kids to be healthier but want them to be safe.
- Challenges: information collaboration. DPAC could go to the city council meetings. School trustees need to be at meetings when they are on the transportation committee which hasn't always been the case. Evans elementary trustee wasn't at meetings when all the road changes were discussed.
- Our city is a complaint-based system. Until they hear from the public loud and clear they won't do anything. This is stated city policy. Most cities aren't reactionary. We are because it's cheaper. Write a letter to the new chair and vice chair and say we know you

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are going through changes and we would love a seat on the transportation committee. Ask the chair to hold one of the seats of a community member or if they would create a seat just for us. Students will be using the bike lanes, etc. DPAC is the only child advocacy group currently. If kids don't start riding a bike before 18 the chances of them riding a bike as an adult is less than 5%. Schools can build bike lockers! Committee meets quarterly usually or if big issues it's monthly. Ask how does city work with the school district to make that happen.

- Late french immersion busing issue from Student: only one high school has late french immersion. She thinks it's unfair that kids on the north side have to pay \$250 for busing. Sam said he thinks city buses should be used.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Trustee Report

- David Swanky is the new DPAC Liaison. He wants to know what we would like to see from a trustee liaison. How can we improve the relationship through the trustee. Diane will post on DPAC Facebook page for ideas.

3.2 Committee Report – CYC Committee

- Christine spoke about mental health literacy. The focus was different but exciting to see it will be taking place in our district. Kids have to have all their academic and social and emotional health needs met. Challenges for teachers to incorporate mental health concerns into the classroom.
- Showed a presentation by Kelly McGonigal about how we deal with stress. Make stress your friend Ted Talk.
- Agency updates: Ann Davis will be working with counsellors in schools to train teachers about substance abuse.

3.3 Committee Report – Special Needs Advisory Committee

- Christine said that Willow Rechault and Heather Maahs were selected to sit on the committee. They start meetings in January.
- The District is currently going through an audit on the A to G designations. They are busy pulling charts and going through that process. Hopefully people don't lose designations.
- One of the trustees has been posting some contentious issues. Not sure what to say about this.

3.4 Committee Report – CHC Committee



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- Michelle went to the Chilliwack Healthier Communities meeting. Nothing specific to DPAC.

3.5 BCCPAC

- We have registered the PACs who have active DPAC Reps who have attended at least one meeting since they have been elected. The BCCPAC list said a lot of the schools aren't registered yet, but they just need the cheque to clear. If your school has signed and paid for the membership fee, AND you have an active DPAC Representative, forward the receipt to DPACTreasurer@sd33.bc.ca to get reimbursed.

3.6 Treasurers Report

- Report attached.

3.7 CHAIRS Report – Diane Braun

- The board meeting wasn't televised. The presentations were from GW Graham on Graham X. It's an outdoor learning program for grade 9, 10, 11, and 12. It's the same curriculum with a different mode of delivery. They had a lot of interest and expecting more applications next year. They are getting through the material quicker than in regular classes.
- Update on mental health literacy: will have them come to a DPAC meeting for a presentation. Mental health is a part of your health and well being. It's about the teachers having the correct tools to talk about it. Stress can be beneficial in increments. 138 out of 300 Education Assistants have had the mental health literacy training. There will also be training for all grade 9 students about what are the typical stress levels and warning signs of issues etc.
- BC Tripartite Education Agreement is between federal, provincial, First Nations Education Steering Committee. Remove barriers for on reserve First Nations students. Will be meeting with all the bands. The plan will remove barriers for transportation to schools for on reserve students and is supposed to be federally funded.
- April 30th will be the public budget presentation. Will be at a public board meeting this year. Diane spoke about the concern of how questions are asked at the end of Board Meetings and how this format would not be conducive to discussion on budget with the public.

4 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPAC Executive Vacant Positions

- Meghan Reid put her name in for member at large. **MOVED** by Tai. Adopted by 12 of 13 votes (Angela had left earlier). CARRIED



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5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 PAC 101/Treasurer 101 – December 5th, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the NLC

5.2 White Hatter Presentation – March 5th, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Sardis Secondary Theatre. This is a Cyber Safety Presentation. Admission is FREE.

5.3 Code of Ethics: Brought up as a result of a Facebook inquiry. As executive members and DPAC Parent Representatives we sign the code of ethics.

5.4 New Ideas of Concerns – Round Table Discussion on the DPAC Facebook group: Do we want an open group or closed just to pass information?

- Sharon: It's great if it's going well. But can do damage if posting negative things.
- Gary: Understands the challenges. He thinks we need to keep it open. It's hard and frustrating but if we want to be a voice we have to keep it open.
- Chad: He's not sure what the positive is of having it open. It's easy to fire it off on a couch rather than at a PAC meeting. Social media is a place to hide and throw stones. Keep it closed and if people have concerns they have opportunity to keep it up.
- Dan: We are the avenue with the DPAC. If people truly have issues they can go to meetings.
- Trina: She's not on Facebook. There should be an etiquette in place.
- Debbie: If people have strong opinions then other people aren't comfortable saying anything.
- Bonnie: There's a lot of misunderstanding about what the Facebook group really is. If someone does have something they want to present it should be at the meeting but she also likes to hear other opinions.
- Sharon: She is actively not on Facebook. She believes PAC is the voice so show up to the meetings and then give your voice in a way that we can bring to DPAC.
- Christine: She has mixed feelings. There's a time and a place. We have to be responsible when posting. Trying to be mindful. She likes it when people share other content that's not hot topics. People think the Facebook page is DPAC. It's an education piece.
- Megan: It's a tough one. Keyboard warriors. Take away their avenue to squawk.
- Tai: Keep it open. It's a way for people to communicate.
- Jamie: We need to keep it open. As members it comes down to us to moderate. Shut people down and tell them where they can go to bring up issues.
- Will be starting a Facebook committee for the Facebook group. If you are interested send an email to Diane by Christmas.

5.5 New Ideas that are not on the agenda: Bargaining with teachers association is going to be starting. Parents have some concerns with some aspects of things that might be in the agreement. How do we say we think these things should be discussed. The School District is open to us sharing some possible concerns. It has to do with us through our kids. For example: Summer Learning starts right after school ends. Procedures for job shares: we have constant turnover in the job shares because of



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the way staffing is needed. We have been told these are in the collective agreement. Are they really in the collective agreement though? Be careful that we aren't teacher bashing. We want to use our avenues and bring up concerns respectfully. We have to have discussion. If it starts to get too heated, stop the conversation. We want to help our chairs to keep it tame.

December 11 at 7pm is the next school board meeting.

- 6 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: January 31, 2019 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BOARD OFFICE**
- 7 **ADJOURNMENT: 9:13 PM**

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**CHILLIWACK SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPEDITURES
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Gaming Account</u> <u>1465970</u>	<u>General Account</u> <u>1465954</u>
Bank Balance as at July 1, 2018	4,928.92	1,335.62
BCCPAC Mileage from 2018 AGM		110.00
2018/19 Province of BC DPAC Grant	2,500.00	
2018/19 School District #33 Contribution		-
Interest	1.55	0.18
Total Funds Available	<u>7,430.47</u>	<u>1,445.80</u>
Expenditures Paid		
<u>BCCPAC Membership Fees</u>		
BCCPAC DPAC Membership Cheque #64	75.00	
<u>BCCPAC AGM & Conference</u>		
Jessica Clarke AGM 2018 Cheque #42		122.98
<u>DPAC Workshop Costs</u>		
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>		
Total Expenditures	<u>75.00</u>	<u>- 122.98</u>
Closing Bank Balance October 31, 2018	<u>\$ 7,355.47</u>	<u>\$ 1,322.82</u>
<u>Expenditures Committed:</u>		
Total Commitments on Account	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET Adjusted Bank Balance	<u>\$ 7,355.47</u>	<u>\$ 1,322.82</u>