



**Chilliwack
School District**

What are some ways we can work together to enhance communication and partnership between school PACs, DPAC and the Board of Education?

 114 People

 73 Thoughts

 1070 Ratings

We have asked the question and you have responded with enthusiasm and passion as a community. Thanks to your participation in our online platform called ThoughtExchange.

ThoughtExchange allows us to uncover opposing priorities in the conversation, identify gaps in perception, build on areas of agreement among various groups, and discern key themes to understand what's important to our whole Chilliwack community.

Theming is done by the Artificial Intelligence of the software as well as by the moderator of the forum. It is key to note that the analysis done multiple times should result in the same general key themes. On top of the information presented below, a further summary of the information is included at the following website: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/a6ed04660597b74cfcfeeae763975160>

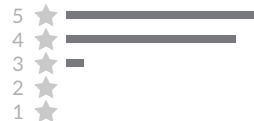
Here are 20 thoughts that received the highest star ratings

Looking for ways to increase participation rates in PAC's.

We need strong PAC's to ensure that we have strong partnerships within the school.

4.2 ★★★★★ (20 👤)

Ranked #1 of 20



This dinner meeting is a good start!

Face to face conversations are best

4.1 ★★★★★ (22 👤)

Ranked #2 of 20



We need to ensure decorum in all our conversations so there is a safe space to discuss things and respectfully disagree sometimes.

It is the only way to hear from all parents. If I am worried about being attacked for my opinion, I won't likely share my opinion.

4.1 ★★★★★ (20 👤)

Ranked #3 of 20



At board meetings, priority should be given to parents with children in SD33

With the space limitations, parents from within the district are sometimes unable to get in to participate in board meetings

4.1 ★★★★★ (19 👤)

Ranked #4 of 20



School websites should have PAC and DPAC info on them (eg. meeting schedules, minutes, etc.)

The website is a portal to information at the school level and the district level.

4.0 ★★★★★ (21 👤)

Ranked #5 of 20



face to face events like this dinner

it's hard to ignore live people

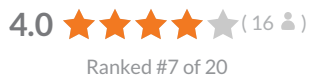
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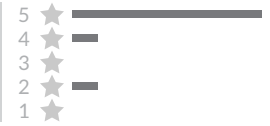
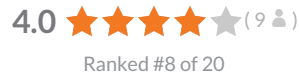
Listen to the concerns expressed and discuss them instead of giving pat answers

I feel like there is so much bureaucracy taking up time at meetings and questions don't really get answered



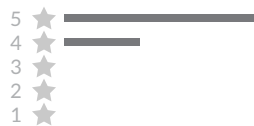
Local PACs likely require significantly more information and education around the importance of and the legislative (School Act) role of PACs & DPAC.

DPAC is the official forum for parental advise/influence of the education of our students. This does not appear to be well known.



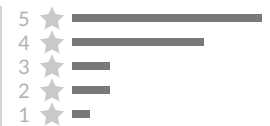
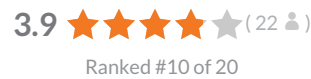
To have a board member show up to at least one pac meeting per school per year

Face to face is best

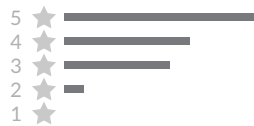


Meeting regularly with our liaison

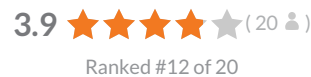
Knowing who to contact and having a good working relationship is important.



new ways to engage parents. People only seem to engage when they are angered or inconvenienced, sadly

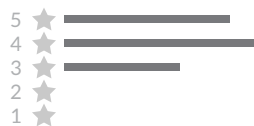


Events where we come together face to face to build relationships, share resources and visions



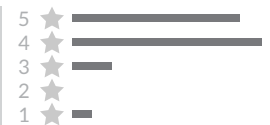
Find opportunities to have face to face conversations and ask questions of one another

Partnerships happen through trust and connection



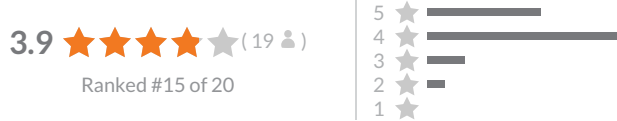
Publish a "flow-chart" for how PACs, DPAC and the School Board are supposed to interact.

This can help everyone to know how and when to bring up any issues in order tui get ther best and most effective results



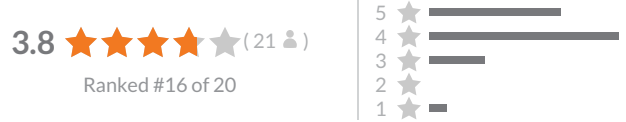
PACs being asked for feedback to discuss at PAC meetings.

So PACs and the Board can focus on issues that parents are concerned about.



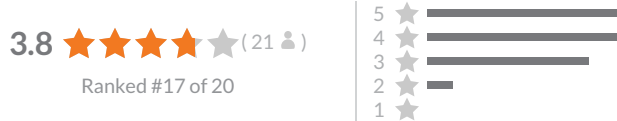
Improving the layers of communication from school PAC's through the DPAC to the Board. Submitting of questions to be discussed at Board Meetings.

PAC's have questions that they want/need answered by Board Members but aren't able to attend or participate in the entire Board Meeting.

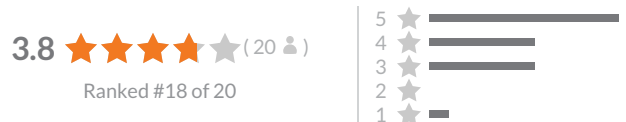


Using forums like thoughtexchange to give parents voice

Hearing diverse perspectives important

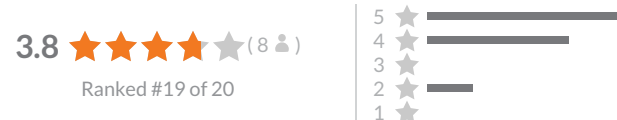


We need to do a better job at communicating to all of our parents about the opportunities available to them at the PAC and DPAC levels. To be better informed



A non-judgemental approach and welcoming atmosphere to all parents

The DPAC and PACs need to be as open as possible to fully serve and represent ALL parents, not just those sharing in the popular opinion.



Maybe discussions with the PAC would help. Communication is always important

