



DPAC MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2019

Held at the Chilliwack School District Office

Members Present:	Diane Braun Michelle McGrath Alicia Fleetham Heather Attridge Jessica Clarke Christine Goodman Meghan Reid	DPAC Chair and CMS Rep DPAC Vice Chair Secretary and LME Rep DPAC Treasurer DPAC BCCPAC Rep DPAC Member at Large & CSS Rep DPAC Member at Large
	Angela Turner Mallory Tomlinson Kyla Schell Katie Bartel Jamie Benton Kyla Campbell Alexandra Jimmie Tai Weatherhead Bonnie Pankratz Karen Layte Jill Luesink Karen Steinebach Chad Bruniski Elizabeth Beacom Theresa Burns	DPAC Rep Cultus Lake Elementary DPAC Rep Robertson Elementary DPAC Rep Vedder Elementary DPAC Rep FG Leary Elementary DPAC Rep Cheam Elementary DPAC Rep GW Graham Secondary DPAC Rep Central Elementary DPAC Rep Vedder Middle DPAC Rep Greendale Elementary DPAC Rep Tyson Elementary DPAC Rep Sardis Secondary DPAC Rep Rosedale Traditional DPAC Rep Sardis Elementary DPAC Rep Watson Elementary DPAC Rep Yarrow Elementary
Guests:	Molly Armstrong Michael Hale Ian Stephen	Parent, Vedder Middle General Public – Pipe Up Waterwealth Project
Trustee Liaison:	David Swankey	School District 33

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – School District Office

1.1 Called to Order

- Diane Braun, Chair, welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.
- Quorum of 5 voting members met with 18 DPAC Members Present
- Called to order 7:05 PM

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

- New business added to the Agenda, the renaming of CHANCE and the Ed. Centre
- MOVED by Mallory Agenda adopted as amended. 2nd Angela. CARRIED

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

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



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2.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Christine Goodman, Alicia Fleetham, Ian Stephens DPAC Statement of Opposition to the TransMountain Pipeline Expansion Route

- Christine and Alicia presented an overview of how the TMP affects school staff, students and parents and an update to the membership of DPACs actions to date.
- Details are included in the attached handout that was circulated at the meeting and emailed post meeting.
- DPAC Reps are to include the information in their DPAC report at their next PAC meeting and decide if their PAC supports DPAC's Statement of Opposition. Respond in writing by the next DPAC meeting if any PACs do not wish DPAC to act on their behalf. No response will indicate support.
- Ian Stephen helped to answer questions from members such as:
Are there any other areas where the pipeline has been rerouted?
Yes, TM has opted to reroute in many areas, some nearby are Burnaby, Surrey, Langley, and Hope (at the request of Nestle) have all had alternate routes approved for the pipeline. Burnaby will be rerouting both pipelines and decommissioning the old line.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Trustee Report – David Swankey

- In accordance with [Policy 213](#), a Special Meeting of the Board was held on September 12, 2019. At that meeting, the Board approved the submission of a Statement of Opposition to the NEB regarding the proposed routing of the TMP. This follows the previous public meeting in June 2019 where the Board took a position of opposition to the placement of pipelines on District Property.
- The annual Audit Report was delivered to the Board of Education at the Board meeting on September 17, 2019. The auditor reported that the district is adhering to sound financial practice and did not raise any concerns.
- The Board of Education approved the placement of a Rainbow Crosswalk at the District Board office at an estimated cost of \$367.50.
- The Board of Education directed staff to begin the process of renaming the Ed Centre in accordance with [Board Regulation 809.1](#). The ad hoc committee overseeing the process will be consistent with Part A of the regulation.
- The Board of Education received a report from the Director of Facilities reviewing the work done over the summer.
- There are new trustee liaisons assigned to schools, PACs are encouraged to reach out to their liaison if wishing to extend an invite to PAC meetings.
- The District published a statement regarding the climate strike which is in accordance with [policy 719](#)



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3.1 Committee Reports

CYC Committee

- Diane has been posting most of the following events on to our FB page and emailing out to all the PACs via their SD email address. Reminder to ensure that DPAC Reps are sharing these events to parents.
- There is a new downtown family place that has opened at Central elementary
- There is a new family navigator that will help families with children ages 0-6 access services, Diane can provide contact information upon request.
- Connect parenting course Oct 8-Dec 10 for parents of pre-teens and teens at MCFD
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy group for youth grades 6-8 at the NLC Oct 2-Nov 20 Wednesdays 6-7:30
- The YMCA has a few new programs starting up:
 - Generation health (ages 8-12 yrs with weight and lifestyle changes needed) 10 week program Mondays 6:30-8:30
 - Youth MIND (mindfulness ages 18-30) 7 week program Thursdays at NLC 6:30-8:00
 - Teen MIND (mindfulness ages 13-17) 6 week program Thursdays at NLC 3:30-5:00
 - MIND FIT (ages 13-19 with depression, anxiety) 8 week program Mondays 5:45-7:45

CHC Committee

- Meetings were held in August and September 2019
- The issue was raised regarding the Portal on Yale Road which the city is currently seeking to extend a temporary use permit for an additional 3 years. This is near CMS and CSS. Parents are encouraged to attend an open forum at Ruth and Naomi's on October 3, 2019 from 5:30-7pm for information and discussion
- CHC is presenting a Trauma Informed Communication Workshop on Wednesday Oct 30 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the NLC, tickets are available via eventbrite.

Primary Prevention Committee

- New Chair Jennifer Hawkins
- Campaign to limit access to porn via public wifi is ongoing. The presentation has been made to CYC, City Council and Mayor, with future plans to present to DPAC and local MP
- There are plans in the new year for a wellness week at GW Graham that will focus on vaping

Education Policy Advisory Committee

- An update of the scope of how libraries are utilized within schools was completed
- A reminder that there is now district dress code, PACs should to add this item to their agenda to adequately participate in the formulation of their school dress code



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Reconsideration Advisory Committee

- The book called “Tomorrow when the war began” was reviewed by the committee in June, it was mentioned in a SB meeting and shortly after a parent challenged its use in schools.
- After being reviewed by the committee the result was a recommendation for the book to be continued for use within district schools

3.2 BCCPAC Report – Jessica Clarke

- BCCPAC membership fees now due and must be paid in full by Dec 31 to have voting rights at the AGM in May. Cost is \$75 per PAC however PACs are encouraged to submit \$25 to DPAC who will register and supplement the remaining cost.
- Orange shirt day is September 30, for more information about orange shirt day or to organize your own visit orangeshirtday.org
- DPAC Summit is Nov 14 & 15 in Richmond, Diane and Michelle will be attending

3.3 Treasurer’s Report – Heather Attridge

Approval of the Budget

- MOVED by Jamie that the budget be approved as circulated. 2nd Mallory. CARRIED
- As of August 31, 2019
 - Gaming Account Balance, after commitments: 4446.44
 - General Account Balance, after commitments: 806.68

3.4 Chair’s Report – Diane Braun

- Michelle and Diane met with Rohan in June to discuss the way that playgrounds are currently being planned. There is to be continued and more frequent communication between DPAC and the district on this issue. PACs do not need to defer to the principals to decide what playground equipment the school needs.
- There were discussions on ways to get PACs to be more inclusive and diverse.
- DPAC requested for increase of financial support for DPAC, the admin regulation 903.1 was changed to \$2000 instead of \$1500.
- All strategic plan updates that are being presented at Board meetings are available to view on the SD website [here](#)
- At the SB meeting on September 17, 2019 the Board approved a rainbow crosswalk for the SD office, other schools have since started discussions to have rainbow crosswalks installed on their property. Should PACs decide that they would like this it should be discussed at a PAC meeting and advertised on the agenda in advance so all parents are able to come speak to the agenda items (as should be normal practice for all PAC agendas). These can easily be posted to the school FB group or the SD website by the principal.



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4.0 COMMITTEE LAYOUT FOR 2019/2020

CYC – Diane	Primary Prevention – Meghan, Bonnie
CHC – Jill	TAC – Alicia
Budget – Heather	Summer Learning – Tai
EPAC – Meghan and Jessica	Playground Planning Liaison – Michelle
SNAC – Christine and Alicia	Reconsideration - Meghan
C&B – Diane, Elizabeth, Michelle, Jessica	Social Media – Heather, Elizabeth
Tech support – Elizabeth, Jessica	Parent Presentations – Michelle
External Rep at non-attending schools – Jamie, Diane	DPAC policy and procedure – Diane, Jessica, Elizabeth, Michelle

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Constitution and Bylaws review

- The full details of the changes that the committee has recommended for the next meeting have been saved. Consider this as notice, DPAC will be voting on accepting these amendments at our next meeting on October 24, 2019. For any questions in advance of that meeting with regards to this email Diane at dpac@sd33.bc.ca

5.2 School Board Meeting Schedule

- The meeting schedule for the school board is posted on the school district website [here](#)

5.3 Focus for 2019/2020

- DPAC is currently organizing a parent presentation on stress and anxiety in Spring 2020, details to come. DPAC is trying to keep meetings on time but still make them informative and try to connect with PACs with no DPAC Rep so that all schools are represented. DPAC will arrange for a BCCPAC resolutions meeting in early April so members have a better understanding of the voting process prior to the AGM

5.4 PAC 101/Treasurer 101

- DPAC will be presenting PAC 101 on October 10 at 6:30 pm at the NLC, registration is available via Eventbrite, the event is posted on the DPAC Facebook page and has been emailed to SD 33 PAC email addresses

5.5 School Board Meetings

- All school board meetings are open to the public, the agendas, minutes, recordings and live stream are listed on the SD website [here](#). Agendas are posted the Friday before a meeting. Note the public is asked to not cheer, clap or make any other



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noise at the meetings. There is a public participation portion at the end of the meeting where the public can ask questions to a maximum of 5 minutes on items relating to the agenda. DPAC Reps are reminded if speaking, state your name and say parent at whichever school rather than DPAC Rep at said school since the Chair is the only one authorized to speak on behalf of DPAC.

5.6 Renaming CHANCE Committee

- DPAC is accepting applicants who would be interested in serving on this committee, preferably those who have experience with Chance or the Ed Centre. A sign in sheet was circulated. Meetings have not yet been announced and therefore several volunteers are needed. Preference is given to DPAC exec, then reps, then other parents in the community.

5.7 New ideas or concerns

Roundtable on Summer Learning

- Parents are very satisfied with the programming offered and the learning outcomes.
- The start date immediately follows final week of regular school year and parents feel a delay in Summer learning program start up would better accommodate student and parent schedules.
- The final day is on a Monday, many students do not attend the final day due to scheduling conflicts although registration information states students must attend all days, which therefore discourages many from registering at all.
- Start and end times are a difficult obstacle for working parents since students are reliant on parents for transport and arranging childcare which is not available on site.
- Concerns for special needs children, advertising does not convey adequate supports are easily accessible for these students.

6.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 24 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BOARD OFFICE

7.0 AJOURNMENT: 9:02pm



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PROPOSED BUDGET 2019/2020	GAMING	GENERAL
Opening Balances	3,901.44	1,911.68
Adjusted Opening Balance	3,901.44	1,911.68
<u>Income</u>		
Gaming Grant Income	2,500.00	
2019/2020 SD 33 <u>BCCPAC</u> Conference Support		2,000.00
<u>DPAC</u> Membership Fees District Wide (28 X 25.00)		700.00
Total Income	2,500.00	2,700.00
Total Funds to be Allocated in 2019/2020	6,401.44	4,611.68
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Miscellaneous Office Supplies & Printing Costs	500.00	
<u>BCCPAC</u> Membership Fees (<u>DPAC</u>)	150.00	
<u>BCCPAC</u> Membership Fees (District Wide) 100% (For those with active <u>DPAC</u> representatives) 28 x 75.00		2,100.00
<u>BCCPAC</u> Conference Expenses (2 x 300)	600.00	
<u>BCCPAC</u> AGM Expenses (Travel, Meals, Hotel, Mileage, <u>AGM</u> for 2)		725.00
<u>BCCPAC</u> AGM Expenses (2 Extra People for <u>AGM</u> Only)		530.00
Fall 2019 Workshop - PAC 101	75.00	350.00
Spring 2020 Workshop - Kristen <u>Buhr</u> Presentation (600.00 plus <u>GST</u>)	630.00	100.00
Total Expenditures	1,955.00	3,805.00
Excess to be held for Contingency Fund	4,446.44	806.68

Trans Mountain Expansion Project & Public Safety



Trans Mountain Expansion Project Route across Chilliwack is Not an Optimal Route, but an Historical Accident

In 1952-53 when the original Trans Mountain pipeline was built as a 150,000 barrel per day pipeline, Chilliwack was a very different place. The water supply was from Elk, Dunville, and Nevin Creeks on the hillsides. Vedder Middle School and Watson Elementary School didn't exist. Fields spanned what are now urban areas. The Trans Canada Highway didn't officially open until ten years later in 1962.

Since then throughput on the pipeline has been increased to 300,000 barrels per day, the city has grown up around it, and our water supply comes from wells in the Sardis Vedder Aquifer -- the 'Protected Groundwater Zone' that the pipeline unfortunately lies right across.

Now Trans Mountain want to increase pressure on the 66 year old pipeline again -- to 350,000 barrels per day -- and add another pipeline carrying 540,000 barrels of diluted bitumen per day through our community. The pipelines would be less than 10 metres from homes, cross Vedder Middle and Watson Elementary Schools, pass by 4 city drinking water wells, and run through salmon habitat enhancement areas and wetlands as it crosses Vedder River upstream of Yarrow Waterworks wells and the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve before running through Yarrow along the Vedder Mountain Fault.

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A Safer Route Is Possible!

The pipeline follows Highway 1 from Hope to Chilliwack and returns to Highway 1 where Trans Mountain have a pump station on McDermott Road in Abbotsford. If they dig their new trench to follow Highway 1 between those points where it's already at the highway, schools, residential areas, community wells, and vital ecological areas would be avoided. Access to the pipelines along the highway would also be easier and faster for future maintenance or emergency response.

In many other communities such as Edmonton, Langley, Surrey, Coquitlam, and Burnaby, the new pipeline is taking a new route to avoid developed areas. With a new route across Chilliwack the 66 year old pipeline could also be decommissioned and replaced in the new trench, as is being done in the Burnaby Mountain area where they're boring a tunnel through the mountain to move the pipelines out of residential areas.

Before the last election and before the Federal Court of Appeal paused the pipeline project, the City of Chilliwack filed a statement of opposition with the National Energy Board saying *"The City categorically opposes the routing of the project through lands proximate to the Aquifer. The Project must be routed away from the City's drinking water source"*. More recently the Chilliwack Board of Education wrote the NEB saying *"The placement of a pipeline carrying diluted bitumen or other petroleum products on school grounds is an unnecessary and unreasonable risk"*. CUPE Local 411 *"is opposed to the TMEP pipeline running through any Chilliwack School District Property, as the safety of our students, staff, and parents is our paramount concern. An alternate route that does not run through school property is what we would prefer."* The Chilliwack District Parent Advisory Council believe *"staff, parents, and students have not been adequately informed of the potential hazards involved with the pipeline, and oppose the routing of the expansion project through schools and other nearby school properties."* WaterWealth and other stakeholders are advocating a safer route for the pipeline across Chilliwack. It is time for politicians in senior levels of government to act. Now we have one last chance to move the Trans Mountain pipeline to a safer route through the restarting NEB detailed route hearings.

Please, let us stand up for public safety in the upcoming expected route hearing to be consistent with these statements of opposition. **The Project must be routed away from schools, the City's drinking water source, and residential areas!** A route following Highway 1 does that and more.

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