



DPAC General Meeting December 10th, 2020 (7:00PM)

Held via Zoom

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1) **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM**

1.1 Call to Order

- Welcome and Introduction
- Collection of DPAC Rep Registration forms
- Ensure Quorum

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

- (THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.)

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

- (THAT the minutes of the November 26th General Meeting be approved as circulated.)

2) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION** – Rohan Arul-Pragasam, Kirk Savage, Paula Jordan & David Manuel will be joining us to gather feedback on the development of the District Strategic Plan.

3) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Vote on recently drafted letter to the Minister of Education

4) **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 New ideas or concerns

- Roundtable - Questions for All Candidates Q&A for By Election

5) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- DPAC General Meeting January 28th, 2021 7 pm via Zoom

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

Michelle McGrath

DPAC Chair



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Members Present:	Michelle McGrath	DPAC Chair and SSS Rep
	Diane Braun	DPAC Vice Chair
	Jessica Clarke	DPAC Secretary
	Heather Attridge	DPAC Treasurer and ADR Rep
	Alicia Fleetham	DPAC BCCPAC Rep and LME Rep
	Meghan Reid	DPAC Member at Large
	Elizabeth Beacom	DPAC Member at Large and Watson Elementary Rep
	Jennifer Roy	DPAC Rep Cheam Elementary
	Pamela Fox	DPAC Rep Promontory Elementary
	Katie Bartel	DPAC Rep F.G. Leary Elementary
	Angela Turner	DPAC Rep Cultus Lake Elementary
	Hollee Wark	DPAC Rep McCammon Elementary
	Jill Luesink	DPAC Rep Vedder Middle
	Alexis Boothby-Young	DPAC Rep Bernard Elementary
	Anders Lunde	DPAC Rep Chilliwack Middle
	Kyla Campbell	DPAC Rep GWG Secondary
	Erica Hendrickson	DPAC Rep Evans Elementary
	Amy Kelly	DPAC Rep Unsworth Elementary
	Krystal Cruz	DPAC Rep East Chilliwack Elementary
	Stacie Floris	DPAC Rep Robertson Elementary
Trustee Liaison:	David Swankey	School District 33
Guests:	Brooke Haller	School District 33
	Janet Carroll	School District 33

1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom

1.1 Call to Order

- Michelle McGrath, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
- Quorum of 6 voting members met with 17 DPAC members present

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

- No additions made, agenda passed

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes approved unanimously

2. Special Presentation – Imagine High Presentation by Brooke Haller & Janet Carroll

- Opening Sep 2021 at Former UFV Campus on Yale Rd with Grades 9 & 10
- Full-service school of choice
- Students with a passion or strong interest in arts & technology
- Capacity for 700 students
- First graduating class 2024



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- Registration opens Nov 16th via E-Reg & remains open until capacity is reached
- Visit <https://imagine.sd33.bc.ca/sites/imagine.sd33.bc.ca/files/2020-11/Imagining%20Imagine%20High%20v.13%20Reduced.pdf> for more information

DPAC recommended the presenters give registered parents who are interested in starting a PAC DPAC's information so we can help them get started.

Brooke and Janet left the meeting.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Trustee Report – David Swankey

- The Board met on November 3 & 24
- ACT presentation presented at November 3 meeting - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG-IBx4i3oo> for more information
- K-12 integrated arts conceptualized
- There was a presentation regarding the GWG expansion, which should be completed by September 2022
- COVID updates will be given at all board meetings going forward
- School Calendar survey out now - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=A4SediB_KOC7yacYH-zBS8ynijZfOg5FncTH3roT3r9UMVBRWEtMUUJLWFEFVMlpGUK5NTEhSQUFZVS4u

The membership suggested the School Board take a firm stance on encouraging mask use in classrooms as many districts have stated they encourage it, while our School Board states they cannot make that statement as per the PHO.

3.2 Committee Reports

Child and Youth Committee (CYC) – Diane Braun

- The committee is hoping to establish a Middle Years sub-committee (focused on ages 6-12). If interested contact Diane
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters looking for more Little Sisters. Visit <https://fraservalley.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/> for more information
- Christmas hamper registration through The Salvation Army is open November 30-December 12. Visit www.SalvationArmyChilliwack.ca for more information

Chilliwack Healthier Community (CHC) – Jill Luesink

- Final Money for Living online information session regarding government RESPs is November 28 from 9-11am
- Elements of Mental Wellness brochures are being distributed by the Chilliwack Progress newspaper. If you do not receive the newspaper, you can pick up a copy of the guide at the Progress office, and these locations: Chilliwack Community Services (Wellington Office); City of Chilliwack; YMCA; Chilliwack Library; Sardis Library; Yarrow Library; The Chilliwack Water Store.



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Inclusive Education Committee – Alicia Fleetham

- November 9 was the first meeting of the year. There were some staffing changes within Student Services including the addition of a physiotherapist, a position which the district has never had before which will help alleviate some of the demands on the Occupational Therapists
- There is now a teacher that goes on reserve to support students there. A short summary was provided on why land acknowledgments are valuable: they restore power to the original peoples in the territory that in the past has been taken away
- There is a 2 week wait time imposed for students wishing to access the transitions program, with the exception of secondary students whom can only switch between octets, the reason for this is as follows:
 - The caseload for those teachers is too high and the district is working on redistributing the work
 - The district wants to ensure students and parents are sure about their decision as they are unable to accommodate regular switching between in class and transitions
 - The classroom teacher is to be supporting their student for the 2 week waiting period time just as they would if the student were to be away on holiday or sick

Budget Committee – Heather Attridge

- Next Meeting January 21, 2021

Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) – Jessica Clarke & Megan Reid

- Nothing to report

3.3 BCCPAC Report – Alicia Fleetham

- Today Jennifer Whiteside was appointed the new Minister of Education, she is a new MLA and was previously the secretary-business manager and chief spokesperson for the Hospital Employees union
- BCCPAC released some information resources titled “Understanding Parent Stakeholders in Public Education” that details how PACs, DPACs, and BCCPAC function, their purpose and how they are legislated in relation to the BC School Act. Alicia will post this information in sections to the DPAC Facebook page over the next couple weeks
- DPAC Leadership Summit was held virtually on November 20 and 21.
- BCCPAC Membership fees are due by December 31 for voting rights at the BCCPAC AGM on May 1, 2021. If a PAC needs registration assistance please reach out to Alicia. See www.bccpac.bc.ca for more information on memberships and the AGM

3.4 Treasurer’s Report – Heather Attridge

- As of October 31, 2020
 - Gaming Account Balance (after commitments) \$8,275.30
 - General Account Balance (after commitments) \$1,482.84
- PACS will be receiving District gaming grant soon based on school enrollment



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3.5 Chair's Report – Michelle McGrath

- On November 9th DPAC sent a letter to the District Administration advocating for online learning at the Secondary School level. The response indicated there would be nothing additional being offered unless we go back to Stage 3.
- Diane & Michelle met with the CTA on Friday November 13th. Their membership has many of the same concerns as DPAC. They would like to see reduced class sizes, an enhanced mask policy and better online learning options. They have also been trying to get a meeting with Fraser Health to discuss the delays in reporting. We will be meeting again in January.
- On Sunday November 15th DPAC sent an email to the Board of Education asking them to help encourage the use of masks. Although we understand that they are unable to mandate them due to public health restrictions we felt they could be doing more to create a culture where it is encouraged.
- On Friday November 20th Michelle had a phone meeting with Rohan.
 - Rohan, Paula Jordan, Kirk Savage, & David Manuel will be attending our DPAC meeting December 10th to get parent feedback on the Strategic plan. The existing one expires in June.
 - DPAC also requested a monthly meeting with Rohan and our Executive. If you have questions you would like us to add to our meetings please email Michelle.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Update – Alicia Fleetham

- Hearing on Nov 24 but need to wait for response

4.2 EA Standards Presentation

- Moved to January 2021 meeting

David left the meeting

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Roundtable on Letter to the Minister of Education

- There are three options for the letter. DPAC will draft letter for review once the direction is decided:
 - Do nothing
 - Write letter to Minister of Education recommending Special Advisor/Committee to oversee the Board
 - Write letter to Minister of Education asking them to dismiss the Board
- In May 2020 DPAC sent a letter asking for a Special Advisor, but no action was taken. This was right before schools reopened due to COVID-19 so it may not have been a priority, and new events have transpired since then.
- Discussion took place regarding the options given and possible alternatives to them. There are concerns about the Board being dismissed fully as all current trustees could run for re-election again and we could have the same board again, the majority of trustees are working hard and doing the jobs they were



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elected to do, and a special advisor coming in that doesn't know our district. There are also concerns that not asking for the board to be dismissed gives poor optics, as if we're condoning such behavior and not setting a good example for our children

- A majority of members present supported the third option, a letter asking the Minister of Education to dismiss the Board but would like to present the letter to their PACs before it is sent. A dissolution of the board letter will be drafted and sent to DPAC reps to give to their PACs, and then DPAC reps will vote at the next meeting on whether it is sent or not.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- DPAC General Meeting December 10, 2020 7pm via Zoom

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04pm

Jessica Clarke

DPAC Secretary

Minutes Approved by:

Michelle McGrath

DPAC Chair