



DPAC General Meeting May 27th, 2021 (7:00PM)

Held via Zoom

Meeting ID: 665 0885 5133

Passcode: 179898

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 April 29th General Meeting be approved as circulated.)

2) SPECIAL PRESENTATION – No presentation this meeting

3) REPORTS

- Trustee Report
- Committee Reports
 - CYC Committee
 - CHC Committee
 - Inclusive Education Committee
 - Budget Committee
 - EPAC
- BCCPAC Report
- Treasurer's Report
 - MOTION:** That DPAC spend \$250 from the GAMING Account to have Suzanne Perrault present on IEPs at the September meeting.
 - MOTION:** That DPAC spend up to \$40 from the GENERAL Account to purchase a thank you gift for Donna Vogal for posting our minutes & agendas to the SD33 Website.
- Chairs Report

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Amendment to DPAC Constitution & Bylaws (Voting Privileges)

5) NEW BUSINESS

5.1 BILL 6 -The Accessible BC Act. Lack of Inclusion of Dyslexia (See background information attached) – Anders Lunde

5.2 DPAC AGM

MOTION: Motion to add signatories to bank account.
(Currently signatories are Diane Braun, Alicia Fleetham & Heather Attridge)



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6) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Schedule to be determined by newly elected executive. Does everyone still prefer Thursdays?

7) ADJOURNMENT

Michelle McGrath

DPAC Chair



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEM 5.1

BILL 6 -The Accessible BC Act. Lack of Inclusion of Dyslexia (See background information attached) – Anders Lunde

You may have heard of Bill 6, The Accessible BC Act. I have included information from Dyslexia BC/Cathy McMillan with concerns around Dyslexia (and consequently, Learning Disabilities/Specific Learning Disabilities). I am hoping this is something which can be discussed at our DPAC meeting next week and my hope would be that some sort of letter could be sent, at minimum, to our local MLA, former SD33 school board chair Dan Coulter, who serves as the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility.

FROM DYSLEXIA BC (CATHY MCMILLAN)

You may have seen on Facebook that Global BC asked for me to come on the News tomorrow (live) at 8:20 am with Jennifer Palma. I'm sure it will be played throughout the day, but if not, I am mainly going to talk about the fact that the new BC Accessibility Legislation does not mention Learning Disabilities or Dyslexia which means that most likely LD will be interpreted as not being included even though it is. In the Federal Legislation for Accessibility "Learning" is included as an "impairment" or disability!

I will only be on for 4 minutes....but I plan on talking about the New BC Accessibility Legislation and the impacts on LD including Dyslexia, the meeting with the Minister of Education - Jennifer Whiteside on April 6, 2021, maybe the fact that the Federal Government has decided to defund CELA and NNELS which are the national audiobook providers for the print disabled (including dyslexia) and last but not least the fact the BC Psychologists would like to get coverage under MSP or APP and relocate into medical practitioner offices.

I need you to help with advocacy!!!! As soon as you can! (I'm not sure when the BC Accessibility Legislation Bill 6 will be voted in)

1) Send a letter to your MLA saying that LD/Dyslexia need to be explicitly included in the BC Accessibility Legislation - BILL 6 and explain to them that you would like this brought up before Bill 6 becomes law! If you want to attach a letter that I made to make this easier please do!! Your MLA will want to have your address including your postal code, in your email, they will answer faster!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DDhA9PokEnyQ5Fv3ULyV20R1HPev-z-J/view?usp=sharing>



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2) Fill out our Dyslexia BC 2021, and please attach a concise story about your journey (no names attached (including the school district). The date for this is extended to May 31, 2021. The information will go to several Ministries.

<https://forms.gle/bn5dWUTLc4cJct5K7>

3) Please Sign this Petition for the Psychologists of BC....to be honest for LD/Dyslexia this would be amazing because it would include Psycho-Educational Assessment, leading to possibly earlier assessment, and ease of access! Not to mention the reduction of stigma for services and access to professional mental health services for everyone! We know that mental health issues are huge for people with LD/Dyslexia!

<https://www.change.org/p/british-columbia-ministry-of-health-msp-coverage-for-psychologists?signed=true>



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Members Present:	Michelle McGrath	DPAC Chair and SSS Rep
	Diane Braun	DPAC Vice Chair
	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
	Jennifer Roy	DPAC Rep Cheam Elementary
	Katie Bartel	DPAC Rep Leary Elementary
	Hollee Wark	DPAC Rep McCammon Elementary
	Jill Luesink	DPAC Rep Vedder Middle
	Anders Lunde	DPAC Rep Chilliwack Middle
	Stacie Floris	DPAC Rep Robertson Elementary
	Angela Wilkinson	DPAC Rep Vedder Elementary
	Sarah Featherstone	DPAC Rep Watson Elementary
	Kendy Michaloski	DPAC REP Sardis Elementary
	Lauren Mitchell	DPAC REP Rosedale Traditional

Trustee Liaison: **David Swankey** **SD33 Trustee Liaison**

Guests: **Sean Wicker, Principal**
 Rebecca Sorgel, Parent
 Joe Massie, teacher at Sardis Secondary

1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom

1.1 Call to Order

- Michelle McGrath, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
- Quorum of 10 voting members met with 16 DPAC members present

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

- Adopted as circulated. Moved by Anders, Seconded by Katie

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes from the February 25th meeting approved unanimously. Moved by Jill, Seconded by Anders

2. Special Presentation – Summer Learning, Principal Sean Wicker

- Brochure will be available May 3 with registration opening that day around 3pm through the 3rd week of June.
- Mass email will go out.
- Posted on SD33 website, Summer Learning has its own tab.
- Teachers covering multiple courses.



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- Goal is to do everything in person.
- Admin will look at all registered students with IEPs, will see what each class needs, to figure out EA support.
- Elementary is built around 4 hours a day, over 2 weeks for a total of 40 hours. This could be a challenge for working parents.
- Trying to keep class size around 18, a manageable level.
- A teacher can refer a child but referral is not necessary.

Sean Wicker and Joe Massie leave the meeting.

3. REPORTS

Trustee Report – David Swankey

- Michelle asks, how is consultation with the school community happening? That is a question for the board, David hesitates to speak for them. In regard to next steps, June 30th reporting deadline, Board has not taken steps. Best to email Willow to ensure community pieces are not dropped.
- Anders asks if the Board is relying on experts for the definition of Inclusion.
- Heather, is the board advocating the ministry for more funding? (bussing). David has brought forward two motions that have passed regarding special interest money for institutions, the other was related to Covid funding. There is more voice that the Board should be using for advocating for more funding to ensure student success and outcomes.
- Alicia asks about the BCSTA motion that went forward around Restraint and Seclusion. David asks if there is a question or looking for a summary. Summary. There was a motion that came from Langley School Board around eliminating restraint and seclusion. The discussion on the floor went many ways. What it touched upon was that nothing stops the board from bringing it up on their own, but boards like autonomy to decide things locally. It's difficult to have this conversation with over 60 boards represented. Attention and discussion around a topic which should be discussed. Alicia asks if this should be brought to the Inclusive Ed committee? David says there needs to be a place to review these discussions, board needs to be well informed, staff needs to be aware of outcomes, what is the role of the committee, which is in flux.

Committee Reports

- **Child and Youth Committee (CYC) – Diane Braun**
- Traverse- 8-person voluntary bed-based program for youth facing substance use and mental health concerns. Up to six months stay, daily outdoor nature-based programming, counselling and a support dog.
- Pump track presentation by the city. Largest paved pump track in North America. Hugely popular and hoping to expand.
- Human Early Learning Partnership and Early Years Subcommittee are presenting an Early Years Development Instrument Results Forum on May 6 from 9-11:30 am. Info posted on DPAC page.
- Nikki Halberg has moved on from the Healthy Schools Coordinator Position.



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- Family Smart Events: Help for the Hard Times – events for parents of children struggling with mental health concerns. Various dates in May/June 12-1 or 7-8pm.
- May 7th Conversations about Mental Illness: What is Sounds like at Different Ages, National Child and Youth Mental Health Day 12-1pm for families and Caregivers.
- From Alicia: CYC Middle Years 6-12 results survey will be circulated.

Chilliwack Healthier Community (CHC) – Jill Luesink

- CHC stands for Chilliwack Healthier Community which is a network of local partners focused on affordable/accessible housing, mental health, addictions, poverty reduction, and cultural safety and humility. There is so much good happening in this network of non-profit organizations, government social services and the business community. Here is a sample: <http://www.chilliwackhealthiercommunity.ca/projects-1> and <http://www.chilliwackhealthiercommunity.ca/information-networking-breakfasts>
- Downtown Community Market: runs June 6-August 29/21 on Mill Street. It qualifies for the Nutrition Coupon Program which benefits lower-income families, pregnant people and seniors: <https://dccm.ca>
- Elements of Mental Wellness workshop series: 4 one-hour sessions on Zoom will take you through the Elements of Mental Wellness material. Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 18, 20, 25, 27th from 12 Noon - 1:00pm. FREE to anyone but you need to register and spaces are limited: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/elements-of-mental-wellness-tickets-151737630337>
- Frauds & Scams Interactive Webinar: hosted by the Chilliwack Financial Literacy Committee and presented by a member of the RCMP and a CPA. May 19th 7-8:30 PM. This is FREE to the public but registration is required: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/frauds-and-scams-dont-be-a-victim-tickets-151590163259>
- Tenants: many families are being notified by their landlords that their dwellings are being sold. Did you know you do not need to vacate your home unless the new owner will be residing in that home? Know your rights as tenants as described in the Residential Tenancy Act: https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/02078_01

Inclusive Education Committee – Alicia Fleetham

- March 30, Apr 19 and 26 the committee met to review the Terms of Reference. Overall members requested it be changed to a working committee, enabling it to make recommendations directly to the district. Historically it has been presentation based with limited opportunity for members to provide feedback.
- Better language to detail the purpose and goals of the committee were also added.
- A larger membership to encompass a wider range of representation and more frequent meetings were also requested.
- A final proposal with all the changes will be brought forward to the board at the May 11th meeting.
- Parents who might be interested in participating in this committee next year please email Alicia at bccpacrep@sd33.bc.ca.



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Budget Committee – Heather Attridge

- Lots of cuts coming, \$25 bus fee, 2 CPA community members on the committee, 3-year projection.

EPAC – Meghan Reid and Jessica Clarke

- Nothing to report

BCCPAC Report – Alicia Fleetham

- AGM May 1, PACs and DPACs will vote on resolutions, and elect the incoming board. Awards will also be presented along with a Presidents and Treasurers report. If your PAC is registered you were emailed all the info in the AGM booklet.
- May 1-7 is BC Youth week, unfortunately there are no events in Chilliwack but there are in Abbotsford and Mission. This could be something to ask the city of Chilliwack and CYC about participating in next year.
- Bike to school week May 31-June 4, you can register at www.gobybikebc.ca
- April 21 The government released the 2021-2024 Service plan, a link to the document is posted on the BCCPAC website, I will share it to our Facebook page as well.
- Goal 1: All Students Become Educated Citizens by 1. Supporting Student-Centered Learning and Improving Equity of Outcomes 2. Establishing and Maintaining High and Measurable Standards.
- Goal 2: Learning Environments Foster Healthy and Effective Learning by 1. Implementing High Yield Strategies to Support Student Growth and Achievement 2. Supporting Student and Staff Well-Being. Key strategies to achieving these goals and objectives can be found within the document.
- A Financial summary is also a component as well as an Appendix indicating as of April 6, 2021, the Minister of Education is responsible and accountable for the following: BC Teachers' Council, Disciplinary and Professional Conduct Board and the Independent School Teaching Certificate Standards Committee.
- April 21 the Annual BC Teachers Council report was provided to the Ministry. The document can be found on the BCCPAC website.

Treasurer's Report – Heather Attridge

- Treasurer's Report gaming applications are now open, 8242 in gaming 1929 in general
- **MOTION:** That DPAC spend up to \$1,750.00 from the GAMING Account to send one delegate from each school to the BCCPAC Online Conference May 28th & May 29th
- Heather makes the motion, Anders seconds, motion passes unanimous. Will be brought back to PACs and posted on the DPAC page.

Chair's Report – Michelle McGrath



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- Last week our DPAC Executive met to discuss our votes on the resolutions being presented at the upcoming BCCPAC AGM. In the interest of time, we will not be reviewing the resolutions this meeting, however if any of you have questions relating to the resolutions or would like to know how DPAC is voting on a specific resolution Diane and I can stay on at the end of the meeting to discuss with you.
- On Tuesday April 6th the Minister of Education released the finding of the Special Advisors appointed to evaluate the Board of Education. The minister has directed the board to take the following steps by Oct. 31, 2021:
 - review and revise its policies and codes of conduct for students to ensure they promote a safe, welcoming and inclusive school environment;
 - establish a plan for enhancing student achievement, with a focus on inclusive education, children and youth in care, and Indigenous students;
 - develop a policy regarding inclusive board practices after considering input from the school community;
 - review and revise its Code of Ethics for Trustees after obtaining and considering input from the school community;
 - work with the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner to arrange and participate in training; and
 - collaborate with local First Nations to develop policies and procedures that allow for meaningful engagement with Indigenous community members.
- To demonstrate progress on these expectations, the board will submit reports on June 30 and Oct. 31, 2021, updating the minister on the status of addressing her concerns.
- McKay, who has served in multiple roles in B.C.'s education sector including as principal, superintendent, official trustee and special advisor, will continue in his role as advisor to support the board and evaluate its progress in meeting the expectations the minister has set.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Amendment to DPAC Constitution & Bylaws (Voting Privileges)

- At February's meeting we had presented two options. One vote per DPAC Executive member and one vote for the DPAC as a whole. Did anyone have an opportunity to discuss with their schools?
- Will go back to PACS again with further clarification.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations Committee for May 27th, 2021 DPAC AGM
- Contact Michelle if you would like to be a part of it

6. Date of Next Meeting

- DPAC Annual General Meeting May 27th, 2021, 7:00 pm via Zoom

7. ADJOURNMENT



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The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm

Meghan Reid

DPAC Member at Large

Minutes Temporarily Approved by:

Michelle McGrath

DPAC Chair

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