



SD33 DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
for November 28th, 2024, at 7 pm
HELD In Person at the School Board Office and on ZOOM

Executive: Chair Katie Bartel (DPAC Rep ADR), Vice Chair Deirdre O'Connor, Secretary Stacey Gould (Stitos DPAC Rep), Indigenous Liaison Gina Phillips (DPAC Rep Imagine), Member at Large 1 Vrushali Khot (DPAC Rep LME), Member at Large 2 Matt Stevenson (DPAC Rep McCammon)

DPAC Rep/Alt: Rachel Swedgan (Robertson Rep), Tanya Cannon (Cheam Rep), Tai Weatherhead (VMS Rep), Jen Hooge (CSS Rep), Diana Heidinger (CMS Rep), Cary Moore (Strathcona Rep), Alison Esau (Promontory Rep), Amy Kelly (Unsworth Rep), Dana Drope (Cultus Rep), Angela Wilkinson (Vedder Elem Rep), Jaime Kampman (Yarrow Rep), Kendy Michaloski (Sardis Elem Rep), Kate Healey (Central Elem Rep)

Trustee Liaison: Teri Westerby

Special Guest: Ricky Federau (Garrison Bike Bus)

1. WELCOME (@7:05)

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Garrison Bike Bus

- Ricky Federau will join us from Watson Elementary to share about the Bike Bus Project.
 - <https://www.agassizharrisonobserver.com/news/bike-bus-project-helps-chilliwack-kids-ride-to-school-safely-7544232>
- A lot of experience in the international biking world.
- Moved from the international stage to local advocacy when he had his daughter.
- Cycle Chilliwack has been very supportive of the bike bus.
- When Ricky first started the bike bus his intentions were to:
 - Have a bike bus route with a schedule.
 - Wanted a route that takes about 20 minutes and goes around the outer edge of the Garrison community.
 - Give kids lifelong memories.
- Last spring was the first time Bike Bus pedaled.
- When the bike bus is running Ricky sees up to 40 kids/day.
- This year it ran from Sept to thanksgiving weekend.
 - It gets cooler and too dark to keep going off then.
 - Will start up again after spring break.
- Last fall the bike bus tracked their mileage and over the course of the bike bus season and they came very close to hitting 500km.
 - This success awarded Watson Elementary a \$1000 active transportation grant.
- If there is interest in doing something similar at your school, please feel free to reach out to Ricky Federau at valleybikeguides@gmail.com.
- You can also view the Garrison Bike Bus facebook group - [here](#).

3. CALL TO ORDER

3.1. Adoption of Agenda

- THAT this agenda for Nov 28th, 2024, be adopted as circulated.
 - Rachel motions



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- Kara seconds
- Please note: The incorrect version of the DPAC Advocacy Action Plan was distributed with the agenda package for this meeting.

3.2. Adoption of Minutes

- THAT the minutes of the Oct 24th, 2024, General Meeting be approved as amended.
 - Matt motions
 - Vrushali seconds

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Chair Report

- Tuesday we had a very productive All Partners Meeting where leaders from the CTA, CUPE, IEAC and DPAC participated in the Strategic Plan Refresh Conversation. It was a great evening to come together to listen, learn and advocate. Staff collected our feedback and have further consultations planned. More information can be found here: <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/strategic-plan-refresh-2024-2025>
- There will be a Strategic Plan Survey available for every parent's feedback expected in January.
- On November 21st DPAC hosted Sue Robbins, an advocate and writer, where she shared the nuts and bolts of advocating for her son in the school system. Recording is available and we are still figuring out how to best make it accessible. In the meantime, reach out to dpac@sd33.bc.ca if you would like to view it.
- Erin Enns has resigned as the BCCPAC Rep. We will be looking for a replacement. The replacement must be a DPAC Rep/Alt. Info coming shortly on how to apply, or email us if you have any questions.
- We do not have a meeting next month.
- District likely won't pay for zoom license next year. DPAC will be transitioning to Teams in January.
- SafeTeen Violence Prevention workshop is scheduled for December 5th so please share and help us advertise!
<https://www.facebook.com/events/8488432807950048>

4.2. Trustee Report

- Community Strategic Plan
 - We are well into the process of conversations with the community regarding our strategic plan for the coming year. If you have yet to have a chance to give feedback, please let me know and we can ensure you get your chance.
- Board Elections
 - December 10th are board elections. Expect a potential change to leadership as current Chair Trustee Reichelt has indicated she will step back.
 - At this point, we have not heard anything about Trustee Maah's intent to resign.



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- Workshops by Dr. Dustin Louie
 - This year we are working with Dr. Dustin Louie, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept of Educational Studies, and Director of NITEP – Indigenous Teacher Education Program UBC.
 - BCSTA Academy
 - Trustees attended the BCSTA Academy and gained valuable insights on disabilities and strategies to tackle bullying.
 - Bargaining Update
 - Chilliwack, along with every other district, is entering local and provincial bargaining for educators and staff. If all goes smoothly, we should not notice any disruptions. However, we ask everyone to please give grace and patience to all involved during this period.
 - Trans Day of Remembrance
 - On November 20th, the IDEA coordinator, Christina Billingham, hosted a panel discussion and film screening in recognition of Trans Day of Remembrance.
 - ChildCareBC Website Update
 - The [ChildCareBC website](#) has been refreshed with a new look and feel to help families, childcare providers and partners, and early childhood professionals easily find the information they need, when they need it.
 - The refreshed website improves the overall user experience by grouping information into six categories.
- 4.3. Treasurer Report
- See APPENDIX I
- 4.4. BCCPAC Report
- Conference this coming weekend - Sat Nov 30 8:30 to 4 pm – online only this year
 - PACs, DPAC and then we have BCCPAC in terms of hierarchy.
 - The Fall/winter Summit is a great conference that is generally only open to DPAC Execs. Often the Minister of Education is there. DPAC Exec goes and brings back the information to DPAC and PACs.
 - To participate, your PAC must have registered with BCCPAC for the year.
 - BCCPAC is also having elections. Any DPAC rep can be nominated. December 2, 2024, is the date to remember for this. Voting then closes Jan 5th
- 4.5. Committee Highlights
- A new Free Food Program list has been published for Chilliwack (See APPENDIX II).
 - Have you seen the [Chilliwack and Fraser East Food Asset Map](#) yet? The map identifies:
 - No cost or low-cost meals
 - No cost or low-cost groceries
 - Food education
 - Community food markets



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- Food programs
- Indigenous food programs
 - Please share these on your school social media sites, newsletters, with your Admin, PAC bulletin boards, anywhere you can to get the messaging out. Food insecurity is everywhere and often still quite stigmatized.
- Volunteers are needed for: Drivers for Operation Red Nose and Bowls of Hope.
- SAGE Information Resource cards are ready, we will try to have them ready for the next meeting for reps to share.
- Middle years – Looks like they need another co-chair. DPAC is also always looking for a parent rep on this committee.
 - If you have a child in grades 6/7/8 pay special attention to the minutes from their Nov meeting as they have some Parent Nights coming up in Feb! (Parents/ Guardian nights will be February 20th at MSMS and 27th for ADR.)
- ACIE:
 - A long discussion was had around the recent District decision to limit outside agencies from providing accessible therapy to students during the school day. This decision was to do with private agencies only, not partners. Work is being done to balance the District's concerns with liability and the need for accessible therapies in our community. See Section 6.1 for more information.
 - Discussion was around the accessibility and barriers of how the District is planning to gather feedback for the Strat plan refresh.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. DPAC Logo

- Have a \$1000 budget.
- Must determine if we need more money. Apply for grants?
- MOTION to strike a DPAC logo committee
 - Katie motions
 - Rachel seconds
- Committee volunteers/members: Carey, Karine, Kara, Deirdre, Gina

5.2. DPAC Advocacy Action Plan and Next Steps

- Hoping to have the anti-bullying letter ready to go by the time the minutes are sent out.
 - DPAC recognizes that the letter would be more impactful if PACs signed it.
 - PACs would like enough time to ensure the letter can be discussed with their membership.
 - PACs will relay letter feedback during the February general meeting.
 - Feedback is intended to speak to the general messaging of the letter.
 - Be kind when it comes to differences in stylistic preferences.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Outside Agencies in Schools



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- District concerns: supervision of practice, liability and space.
- Liability concerns – what if student was injured while receiving therapy at school by the private therapist who isn't a school district employee?
 - Rental agreements may relieve liability concerns?
- Schools are implementing the stoppage differently. Some schools have done a full stop, other schools have provided a timeframe for stopping.
- Some schools may be able to continue the practice, but we don't know what the numbers look like in terms of those that will continue.
- District Principal of Student Services – Salvina Sharp – is leading this work. DPAC Chair is working with Salvina on creative solutions so that at least some schools can continue.

6.2. Round Table - Emerging Concerns

- DPAC has heard some concerns about seat size on new buses. Canvassed DPAC Reps – none have heard of this from parents.
- PAC Square readers concern.
 - Square is suggesting that PACs become an organized charity for it to work. If this isn't done, then any transaction through the square is a sales transaction.
 - DPAC does not recommend that PACs pursue becoming a charity or society as this brings on other considerations and legislative authorities.
 - PACS might want to check out Zeffy.com as an alternative. It is FREE for non-profits. (Please note, they are an online platform and don't have a point-of-sale terminal at this time in Canada).

7. DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 5th, 2024 @ 7:30pm – SafeTeen Violence Prevention
 - Violence Prevention Presentation online via Zoom - <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5UsfuqtqjsjH9BcijCkUQnEHLdZLrdmynYJ>
- General Meeting – January 30th, 2024 @ 7pm
 - In person at the School Board office and online via TEAMS

8. ADJOURNMENT (@9:12)



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APPENDIX I – Treasurer’s Report

	Gaming Account 1465970		General Account 1465954	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Bank Balance as at July 1st, 2024	342.69	342.69	5,989.22	6,191.82
2024/25 Province of BC DPAC Grant	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Donation				
DPAC Summit Mileage Reimbursement				
BCCPAC Conference Mileage Reimbursement				
SD33 Funding			5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Funds Available	2,842.69	2,842.69	10,989.22	11,191.82
Expenditures Paid				
<u>BCCPAC Membership Fees</u>	200			
<u>Miscellaneous Office Supplies & Printing Costs</u>	500			
Katie Bartel - C chq#111		19.63		
<u>BCCPAC Conference</u>			2,000.00	
(23/24) Gena F chq#80				152.6
<u>BCCPAC Conference Travel Expenses</u>	500			
<u>BCCPAC DPAC Summit</u>			500	
(23/24) Vrush: chq#83				50
<u>Guest Speakers and Guest Speaker Recordings</u>	1,000.00		3,000.00	
Katie Bartel - S chq#111		525		
<u>Workshops/Training Seminars for DPAC/PACs</u>	500		1,000.00	
<u>Update DPAC Logo</u>			1,000.00	
<u>Honorariums for Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers</u>			500	
Katie Bartel - F chq#82				100
Katie Bartel - F chq#82				150
<u>Refreshments for Meetings</u>			500	
<u>Bursaries/Gifts</u>			300	
<u>Social Media Marketing</u>			100	
Katie Bartel - F chq#82				6.3
Katie Bartel - F chq#82				6.3
Total Expenditures	2,700.00	544.63	8,900.00	465.2
Closing Bank Balance October 31, 2024		\$2,298.06		\$10,726.62
Expenditures Committed:				
Gina Phillips - ! Chq#81				18.8
Total Commitments on Account		-		18.8
NET Adjusted Bank Balance		\$2,298.06		\$10,707.82



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APPENDIX II – Free Food Programs in Chilliwack



Free Food Programs in Chilliwack

Please note: program details may change between updates to this document.

	Program Name	Program Description	Hosting Organization(s)	Who This is For?	How to Access/Contact
Hamper Pick Up	Starfish Backpack Program	Bi-weekly food hampers for families through the schools	SD33 and Chilliwack Bowls of Hope	Families of school aged children in the Chilliwack School District (elementary to high school)	Through school staff or email Chilliwack Bowls of Hope at admin@chilliwackbowlsofhope.com
	Salvation Army Pantry	Self selection fresh food hamper	Chilliwack Salvation Army	Anyone	Walk in only at 45746 Yale Rd *Daily visits allowed M-F 10am-3:30pm
	Salvation Army Food Bank	Monthly Hamper program	Chilliwack Salvation Army	Anyone	Call for appointments M-F 9am-12pm and 1-4pm Main office 604-792-0001
	Ruth & Naomi's Hamper Program	Dry goods hampers	Ruth & Naomi's Mission	Anyone who cannot attend daily community dinners and has an address	Hampers on Wednesday 12-3pm (2 times per month) Sign-In Required Walk in 46129 Princess Ave
	Free Store Chilliwack	Free food hamper (1 per family)	Free Store Chilliwack & Social Program Development	Anyone, Signup required online (1 hamper every 6 weeks)	Sign-up Friday mornings on Facebook Page or at www.thefreestorecanada.com/get-support Hamper pick up Sat/Sun 11am-12:30pm
	Streams Emergency Food Hamper Program	Emergency hamper assistance to help make ends meet	Streams Foundation Canada	Support for people in need - families, single parents, seniors, new immigrants, natural disaster aid *This is not a weekly/monthly grocery service	Email streamsfoundationcanada@gmail.com or text 778-772-2203 *Based on availability of volunteers and donations
	Cyrus Centre Youth Hampers	Bi-weekly food hampers for youth	Chilliwack Cyrus Centre (satellite location of the Salvation Army Food Bank)	Youth Ages 16 to 24	Walk in to register for the program during resource centre hours 12:30-7:30pm, 7 days/week 45845 Wellington Ave
Baby Supplies Pick Up	Meadow Rose Baby Supplies	Baby food, formula, and any baby supplies	Meadow Rose Society	Children 3 and under, 2 times per month	Walk in Tues-Th. 11am-1pm, or call 604-392-1133 45789 Spadina Ave
Resource Pick Up	Chilliwack Community Cupboard	Food, clothing, and other household items at no charge	Chilliwack Community Cupboard Society	Chilliwack families with children under the age of 19	Contact chilliwackcommunitycupboard@gmail.com or 604-203-9525 Appointment only through website www.communitycupboard.ca 9525 College St (back parking lot)
	Senior Food Program Tydel Foods	Monthly meal pack with free added resources (fruit/vegetables/dry goods) *Meat package paid by clients	Tydel Foods Senior Program	Seniors 60+ struggling with food insecurity	Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm, 45766 Patten Ave Contact Brigida at brigida@tydelfoods.com or call 604-316-6015 Updates also on Facebook Page

Meal Pick Up	Community Dinner	Dinner Take-Out	Ruth & Naomi's Mission	Anyone with an issued meal card who can't eat in *Prior approval required with ID at Family Centre Reception, M-F: 8am-3pm	Dinner Meal Card Holders 7 days/week 6:30-7pm 46130 Margaret Ave (back door of the shelter kitchen)
	Soup Kitchen	Lunch Dine- In	Chilliwack Salvation Army	Adults only	M-F 12-1pm, walk in only, 45746 Yale Road
Meal Service	Cyrus Centre Youth Meals	Breakfast 9-10am M-F (ages 12-24) Lunch 12:30 everyday (ages 12-18) Dinner 5pm everyday (ages 12-24)	Chilliwack Cyrus Centre	Youth 12-24	7days/week, walk in only 45845 Wellington Ave
	Feeding Futures	Food programs available to students at school	Chilliwack School District 33	Chilliwack School District students	Information available on the website: http://www.sd33.bc.ca/feeding-futures-program Contact Rosanne James, Coordinator of Food Programs at rosanne_james@sd33.bc.ca
	Chilliwack Wellness Centre	Drop in wellness centre Breakfast items 7:30-9am, Lunch 12:30-2pm, Dinner 6-7pm Water/Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate	Lookout Housing & Health Society	Anyone 19+ Sign-up shelters (showers and laundry are first-come first-served)	7 days/week, walk in only 45951 Tretaway Ave
	Cherish Seniors Program	Free weekly bread delivery	The Cherish Project	Low-income seniors living in downtown Chilliwack	Email office@cherishproject.ca or call 604-391-0083
Hamper Delivery	Grocery Shopping through Better at Home Program	Online orders placed on seniors behalf, on a weekly basis. *Client is responsible for cost of groceries and delivery fee.	Chilliwack Community Services	Seniors	By appointment Must be registered with the Better At Home Program To register call Sarah at 778-860-5499 *Due to high demand you may be placed on a waitlist
	Senior Grocery Hamper Program	Monthly free groceries to low-income seniors	Chilliwack & District Seniors Resources Society	Seniors	Agency or self referral Email info@cdsrs.ca or call 604-793-9979
Additional Resources	Streams Foundation	Coffee with Seniors (2 times per month), Library Social (1st Saturday of the month), Walk & Talk at Vedder Park (1 time per month), Multicultural and seasonal celebrations (4-5 times per year)	Streams Foundation Canada	Seniors - Coffee events Anyone - free socialization, community building initiatives and multicultural events	Events on Streams Foundation Canada Facebook Page Email streamsfoundationcanada@gmail.com Visit https://www.streamsfoundation.ca/ Text 778-772-2203
	UFV-SUS Food Bank	Food hampers and resources for University Students	UFV Student Wellness & Student Union Society	Students currently enrolled in UFV courses	Register at https://www.uvf.ca/student-wellness/programs/ufv-sus-food-bank/ Email foodbank@ufv.ca Call Student Wellness at 604-504-7441 ext. 4823 *Pick up hampers at UFV Chilliwack (Canada Education Park) campus upon request
	Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program	Seasonal coupons to local Farmers Market	Chilliwack Bowls of Hope Society	Families, pregnant individuals, and seniors can apply	Applications in spring 2025 https://chilliwackbowlsofhope.com/bc-nutrition-coupon-program/ Contact admin@chilliwackbowlsofhope.com Located at Downtown Farmers Market (May to October)

Notes
 Several funding partners support these programs. Contact individual programs for details.
 Due to rising food costs, some programs will provide food hampers on an as-needed basis a maximum of once per month per household.

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