

DPAC AGM Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019
Held at School Board Office

Meeting Commenced: 7:02pm

Meeting Facilitator: Chantelle Morvay Adams

Attendees Present: (See Bottom)

Acknowledgement that the meeting takes place within the traditional, ancestral, unceded and shared territories of the Leq'á:mel, Matheqwí, Qwó:ltl'el and Sq'ewlets peoples.

Adoption of April Minutes:

Motion to bring the April minutes to the table for discussion as by Karah, Destiny seconds.

No changes required. Motion to accept April minutes by Laura, Dionne seconds.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to bring the May agenda to the table for discussion by Erin, Laura seconds

Note by the Chair - Non Parents and District staff will be asked to leave before new business.

Motion to accept the May agenda by Destiny, Shannon seconds.

Amendment to the Constitution - Appendix A

Move to bring Amendment to the Constitution to the floor for discussion by Dionne, Candace seconds

Motion to vote on Amendment to the Constitution as presented by Lori, Second by Karah

Vote - 11 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed

Meeting begins as a regular DPAC meeting at 7:13pm

Correspondence:

- Rick Hansen Foundation - online resource follow-up email

Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson:

- Bargaining with CUPE and MTU currently in progress
- Special COTW on Budget happening this week
- BC School Sports AGM - vote on Playing up with older grades happened and was lost. School District will continue to work on getting this changed in the future
- Cougars sighting recently near a school - threat is assessed and then the district will decide on an action plan for student safety. Further discussion scheduled to happen at a higher level about large scale emergency preparedness during a major event.
- Middle and Secondary school regular classes end June 21. June 24-26th for assessment and exams. Buses running as normal for final week.

- Question was raised about timing of the COTW meetings - the 3:30pm start is hard for working parents to attend. Who do we address scheduling changes with. Trustee Cairns addressed the question: the Board is cognisant of the timing issues, and acknowledged that there are many partner groups involved. The current timing has been extended to end at 6:30pm.
- Stave Falls Bus Route - two existing buses are being used to bus in the Stave Falls catchment area. There will be no bussing from outside the catchment area to Stave Falls.
- Current registration at Stave Falls Elementary for 2019/20 is 45

Chair's Report – Chantelle Morvay Adams:

- BCCPAC AGM report Appendix B - attached
- Special COTW Budget Meetings this week

Treasurer's Report:

- Chequing Account:
 Opening Balance:\$3,553.53
 Closing Balance: \$3,553.53
- Gaming Account:
 Opening Balance: \$2,726.53
 Closing Balance: \$1,293.95
BCCPAC Reimbursement Outstanding - \$466.30

Remaining Gaming Grant - \$827.65

There will be funds reimbursed to the gaming account due to cheques written out of it in error. The remaining grant funds will be used to pay for Vanessa LaPointe education event for Fall 2019.

Motion made to cover travel costs to BCCPAC AGM of \$100 for Julie Bond by Lori, Chrystal Seconds

Vote - 11 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain. Motion Passed.

Communications Report: No report given

Ongoing Items:

- Parent Education Seminars
 - May 29 - Samantha Strange - Hatzic Middle School 6:30-8:30pm

New Business:

Future Planning and Committees Discussion - Appendix C

Round Table:

Motion put forward to pay a deposit for Vanessa Lapointe for Fall Parent Education Event Booking of \$1,500 by Chrystal, Second by Lori.

Vote - 11 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed

Events and Parent Engagement Committee to contact Vanessa Lapointe to book.

June DPAC Social Date - Wednesday, June 12th - 14th Avenue Pub - 6pm

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Lori, second by Candace. Adjourned at 8:58pm.

Next Meeting: September 2019

Attendees:

Christine Morrison: Chantelle Morvay-Adams; Cherry Hill: Julie Bond, Shannon Duplissie; HPMS: Karah Hutchison, Sheneal Anthony; Albert McMahon: Cheryl Blondin, Kerridan Dougan; MSS: Dionne Hairsine; HMS: Lori McComish, Candace Koch; ESR: Kirstin Heise; Dewdney Destiny Cunningham; Deroche; Chrystal McCallum Mission Central: Laura Jenkins; Mission Central: Erin Osterberg; West Heights: Jacquelyn Wickham; Summit: Sonya Squirrell; Angus Wilson, MPSD; Gina McCarty, MTU; Randy Cairns Trustees

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Appendix A



Notice of **Amendment to the Constitution** at the next General Meeting of DPAC to be held on the 13th day of May, 2019 at the Mission School Board Office

In accordance with the Mission School DPAC constitution, 14 days notice is hereby given of the following motion to amend the DPAC constitution.

Change to the constitution:

Be it resolved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those voting members present at the meeting, that:

SECTION V - MEETINGS

1. There shall be an Annual General Meeting for the purpose of election of Officers held in May or June of each year and additional general meetings shall be held at least once a month during the school year to conduct current business.

Shall be changed to:

SECTION V - MEETINGS

1. **There shall be an Annual General Meeting for the purpose of election of Officers held in October of each year and additional general meetings shall be held at least once a month during the school year to conduct current business.**

The rationale behind this being our member PACS, throughout the district, commonly hold their Annual General Meetings in May or June and even September of the current school year. This makes it difficult to have DPAC executive positions held by officially elected district parent advisory council representatives. The change allows for DPAC representatives newly elected to their PACS to hold a position on DPAC. This also creates proper continuity and clarity throughout PACS and DPAC.

Appendix B

BCCPAC AGM CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Chantelle Morvay-Adams

I was privileged once again to be able to attend the BCCPAC AGM for a second year in a row. Last time I was a novice, this time I was able to go with a bit more experience and I got to see a lot of friends I had met from last AGM and subsequent conferences. Mission is our little families adopted city and I am super proud to be able to represent us wherever I am.

The conference opened with keynote speaker Dr. Shimi King “The Dolphin way of raising healthy, Happy and Self-Motivated Kids. She had a great way of breaking down Fight Flight or Freeze responses in kids (and adults) and how we can work towards preparing them with Key future-ready skills like: communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creative thinking and contribution. What kind of parenting is best: the dolphin relationship which is flexible and collaborative vs the authoritarian (the shark) or permissive (the jellyfish). I’m not explaining it was well as she did, but it was great food for thought and I recommend looking her up.

We then had our break out sessions. I did “PAC A to Z -Everything you should know” with Andrea Sinclair. She better explained the role of PAC/DPACS from a school and district perspective. Of note:

PAC advises the school administration on any matter relating to public education, supports and parents. DPAC advises the school district on any matter relating to public education, support PAC’S.

BCCPAC is the provincial voice of parents on k-12 public education and related issues, supports DPAC and PAC members. We are not just here to fundraise.

DPAC Recognized in the School Act, Section 8.4, 8.5 is the official representative body of parents/guardians of children in the district. School Act provides DPACs the power to advise the board of education respecting any matter relating to education within the district including educational policy. Required to have Bylaws under which they operate-governing meetings, how business is carried dissolution. Composed of, run and managed by parents.

We are here to be the voice of parents for the benefit of our kids at the school and district level. How proper bylaws and constitutions are a living document, should be reviewed yearly and made easily available to all members. She also touched on e-voting which, as we know, we don't have. I was heartened to hear a lot of PACS/DPACS were in the process of updating their bylaws and constitutions as well. Why communication and transparency are important and how easy it can be. How important it is to designate a spokesperson for social media. That's when I got the idea about committees and how important they can be. How to remain non-partisan when being political which kind of ties into the benefit of being involved at the DPAC level. BCCPAC can come out and do this workshop with us in the new school year, which is something I recommend we look into.

Next was the Plenary Session with Senior Officials from the Ministry of Education. First up was Reg Bawa and Kim Horn. It was interesting to hear about the funding model review. I know quite a about it already, but it was interesting to hear their perspective. For anyone who doesn't know, I urge you to look at the government website for more information. This can have significant impact on not just special needs students but those in Distributed Learning, children in care and how high school students are currently funded.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EDUC0075-002457>

Of note: Andrea Sinclair, president, B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils -

"Parents have long been asking for greater equity in educational programs and services for all students, and greater accountability for how resources are used towards improving student outcomes. We are pleased to see such a strong focus on equity and accountability in this report. These were key elements of our submission to the panel and reflect what parents are seeking. This is a positive first step toward the creation of a new funding model that puts students' needs first and foremost."

This pretty much sums up my feelings on this as well. When it comes to the prevalence model, there were concerns from members about there being a reduction in assessments if there was no more need of designations for funding. However, as it currently sits, assessments still need to be made and there should be no excuse for not

doing them. Staff still need to understand how to best support the child and a vague “they may have Autism” will not serve anyone. Accountability and equity were 2 words that were used frequently to describe the path with which we need to shape this new system. We all know the old system isn’t really working. Hopefully, we can iron out this new one enough for it to work better for all students. They certainly have many different stakeholder groups on the various working groups. BCCPAC is on all of them, as is Inclusion BC along with BCEdAccess being on the Inclusive Education working group, arguably the most contentious of them all. The working groups will be reporting out by fall 2019.

We also got to hear from Cloe Nichols-Executive Director of Learning Supports, Learning Division. It was heartening to hear them all speak passionately on what they are looking forward to. Cloe asked us to think about Mental health and student safety-what is our pacs and dpacs doing and what more can we do? Truth and Reconciliation-what role do Indigenous parents play in our current work, what are our relationships with first nations? Children and youth in Care-how can we support guardians in our district? Inclusive education-how can the Ministry provide the right information to parents and BCCPAC to support understanding of the Funding Model Review and broader Inclusive Education policy?

The ministry is also looking at collaborating with districts and the Ministry of State for Childcare to focus on refreshed early learning frameworks, changing results for young children, strengthening early years to kindergarten transitions. There was also talk about before and after school childcare spaces in schools.

We then got to hear from the Honorable Rob Fleming about the state of our education system today and what they are looking forward to in the future. The main thought again is that no kid should be excluded from attending school and they should have the best opportunities to become successful citizens. The ministry has invested in more seats in post-secondary, eliminated interest on student loans and are moving forward with the new curriculum. Indigenous grad rates are going up, they are not at parity yet, but they are almost there. He acknowledged that BCCPAC is a powerful parent voice and they will be increasing funding to BCCPAC so that more parents/guardians are able to attend the Summit and the AGM. There will be a Childcare Summit in the fall. They are recruiting more teachers from France and Belgium so that we can fill spots in French

language learning. They are also looking at educational assistants and moving towards better retention strategies, acknowledging they play a vital role.

And that was all just in the first day.

The next day we held elections, John Gaipman CEO of BCCPAC and Rob Peregoodoff, Director of Learning Services of Sauder School of Business at UBC and parent, reported out on some of the Funding Model Review working groups progress. There is just so much to speak on, but something stood out for me ...in their opinion: Parents should be asking for greater transparency for our child's data within the system (regardless of medium) not just summative but also formative. We need to better inform ourselves on what a future public education model can look like when we break free from the current model that treats children as "widgets" and look forward to a model that is more personalized and responsive to our children as individuals. We will need both patience and persistence, particularly as the DL service matures and all stakeholders can recalibrate their own perspectives for a new future, we need to begin to re-evaluate what equity means beyond just the dollars. *"Right services by the right service provider for the right student at the right time regardless of location."* A summary of reporting out can be found in the Annual General Meeting book if you want more information.

Andrea Sinclair was re-elected for another term. Which I am most happy about. She has been a knowledgeable and passionate advocate for parents in her role and I'm inspired by her drive and compassion.

All the while we voted on various resolutions and directors, which can be found now on the website. I became known as "the amender". We had some great resolutions put forward, just needed a little tweak here and there. All in all, a positive day collaborating with other parents and guardians on the best way to move forward.

We then got to hear from the Honorable Katrina Chen, Minister of Childcare.... about before and after school care and the 10\$/day childcare plan. It is evident that she cares deeply about quality and affordable childcare.

Sunday was more voting on various resolutions and then a committee of the whole at the end. It is always uplifting to hear from other PACs/DPAC's and what they are doing or striving for. Sharing information is key to strengthening our roles and I left feeling much more connected to others around the province.

Appendix C

Committees:

1. Events and Parent Engagement

- mental health (Dr. Vanessa Lapointe),
- sexual health (Samantha Strange)
- safety (School District Police liaison and other community members)
- advocate training thru BCCPAC
- BCCPAC - PAC101
- Outreach: tables at markets

Volunteers - Kerridan Dougan, Sheneal Anthony, Karah Hutchison, Chantelle Morvay Adams

2. Bylaws and Constitution

- update for September to be voted on in October AGM
- Employee and Union Rep discussion

Volunteers - Chantelle Morvay Adams, Erin Osterberg, Karah Hutchison, Dionne Hairsine, Chrystal McCallum, Lori McComish

3. Safety and Emergency Preparedness

- connect with district to see how DPAC can help play a role.
- connect with PACs to make sure they are prepared.
- safe school routes

Volunteers - Jacquelyn Wickham, Erin Osterberg

4. Inclusion Committee

- bringing a mindset of Inclusion to the community and events
- connect with PACs and schools to share inclusion ideas

Volunteers - Chrystal McCallum, Jacquelyn Wickham, Sheneal Anthony, Candace Koch