

# SD40 DPAC MEETING MINUTES

NOV. 13TH, 2018

held at: LORD KELVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Brennan Anstey (DPAC Treasurer, Richard McBride Elementary)  
Kathleen Carlsen (DPAC Co-Chair, RME)  
Allison Flannagan (Fraser River Middle School)  
Vidhya Ganesan (Ecole QayQuayt Elementary)  
Alexandra Kostadinova (Herbert Spencer Elementary)  
Beth Ott (Ecole Glenbrook Middle School)  
Quinn Phoenix (Lord Kelvin Elementary)  
Amanda Raley (LKE)  
Garry Self (F.W. Howay Elementary School)  
Karon Trenaman (DPAC Co-Chair, Ecole Tweedsmuir Elementary)

**REGRETS:** Ronda Field, Hilla Avidan-Shavit

**CALL TO ORDER:** Karon called meeting to order at 7:11pm

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Karon acknowledged the meeting being held on QQ Nation and Coast Salish Peoples territory.

**MOTION:** to accept AGENDA set for this meeting.

Moved by: Kathleen

Seconded by: Brennan CARRIED

**MOTION:** to accept the MINUTES OF THE OCT 9TH, 2018 meeting.

Moved by: Brennan

Seconded by: Karon CARRIED

**PRESENTATION:** By Kristi Oxley, SD40 Teacher Librarian Media Services  
Kristi showed us a presentation and let us know that all school librarians should be well versed with the following & she also felt this could be useful to parents:

- BC Digital Classrooms / school catalogues / ERAC Data bases / and more
- ERAC Databases - Education Resource Acquisition Consortium  
before going onto google, this is the perfect place to look for resources (these have been fact checked)
- Early World of Learning - this would be good for really young students
- World Book Kids - these have added tools such as citations / translate text / hear text read aloud / they also include pictures and articles.
- World Book - this is good for Grades 3 - 9
  - compare places / has support through tutorials / timelines / Science Power
- Passport to the Internet - this is what teachers may use with their students

- Tumblebooks - has an easy password if you know New Westminster school district number / this is district by district and is outside of the ERAC bundle / each district decides whether they subscribe each year
- Discovery Education - streaming service developed by the discovery channel
  - pulling together documentaries / an account with Discovery Education depends on the teacher / streaming service / push assignments through / entire science text book with interactive labs

Below is the link to the presentation slides:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ouieYKpHr7UhRtPQ4KqCepqF6dcRKv-JdZKS6dEAyqxU/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any trouble opening the above or if you have more questions and would like the password for Tumblebooks, please feel free to contact Kristie at: [koxley@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:koxley@sd40.bc.ca)

### **UPDATES FROM SD40 PACS**

#### **ECOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- crazy busy
- this year there will be a talent show instead of a Christmas concert - singing / jokes / dancing / piano playing - December 4th
- intramural sports starting again this year before and after school / compete in track and field type events
- busy doing fundraising - PAC, Grade 8 grads, CPF - Quebec trip
- Grad was selling hoodies - they used school cash online / fantastic - no work for the PAC / secretary at the school sets it up
- parent photo night - made \$500 (2 nights) - Life Touch
- Question about revised curriculum - VP & Principal will do a presentation on the revised curriculum / talk about assessment / all the parents of children who will be going to Glenbrook will want to hear this information / info will come out end of November
- PAC discussion about student education - SOGI / what is it / parents have questions / big thing, focus is on bathroom
- PAC will look into bringing Ivan Coyote - a Fantastic transgender presenter who presented at last years BCCPAC - good for grades 8 - 12
- Also discussed having someone come in to talk to teachers / parents about cannabis & vaping

#### **ECOLE TWEEDSMUIR ELEMENTARY :**

- gym was completed (seismic improvement) in time for the Remembrance Day ceremony - looks great
- entrepreneurial fair - kids have a budget, if they made money they are encouraged to donate to charity
- may purchase a gift for an adult or family member for a donation (minimum \$2)
- hot lunches a good fundraiser / Nov 23rd & Dec 14th - one will be Greek
- group photos / Christmas concert will be December 13th

**ECOLE QAYQAYT ELEMENTARY:**

- Nov 7th dyslexia workshop for parents
- addition to the playground / wood chips are being replaced / QQ grant was approved through the Ministry of Education
- PAC movie night - Incredibles 2
- Christmas concert December 6th afternoon (tickets \$1) & evening (tickets \$2)
- Scholastic fundraiser: December 5th - 7th - 30 minutes prior to morning school bell and 30 minutes after school.
- Dec 14th - Jingle Jog running with reading buddies - wearing xmas attire

**FRASER RIVER MIDDLE:**

- struggling to getting parents out
- The PAC is focusing their time and energy on community building
- There will be a band concert with a tree lighting in December
- this year's grade 5's being set up with a buddy in the middle school to make the transition easier next fall.

**HERBERT SPENCER ELEMENTARY:**

- craft fair - November 24th 10:00am - 2:00pm
- First Light November 29th from 6:30 - 7:30pm
- No xmas concert - big concert on January 29th, 2019 instead
- week in December to donate / teachers will prepare hampers for families in need

**HF.W. HOWAY ELEMENTARY:**

- lots of new volunteers
- new staff members, new principal
- PAC is going through events that have been done in the past, is deciding which events to continue, which ones to delete and what new events to try
- family dance on November 30th
- music teacher mentioned that the instruments were falling apart and asked how we could improve the stock. Hoping the family dance makes money for this

**LORD KELVIN ELEMENTARY:**

- Gift company is being organized during school hours
- This runs for 2 days
- great fundraiser / gifts are donated by the community / some from local businesses / items have to fit in the backpack / items are priced between .25 and \$2
- Fun lunch at end of month
- movie night early December

## **NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- There is not much to report as NWSS PAC only meets 4 times a year.
- They've had their gaming grant allocation meeting.
- Thanks to Rick for giving us the opportunity to fundraise with Hydrant Cup tickets. Sadly (but not surprisingly) there was not much uptake.
- The new school is apparently ahead of schedule at this point.
- The Music Programs (Band and Choir) held their annual Bandathon event last weekend. More info re: how this went will be reported next meeting.
- The Bandathon Blitz (the door-to-door fundraiser) happened last month and raised over \$14 000 for the Music Program. This money is used for scholarships, instruments and financial assistance for trips if students need help to participate.

## **RICHARD MCBRIDE ELEMENTARY:**

- Halloween Howl - party / games / cake walk / in gym / concession
- tickets very affordable / lots of work went into this
- really worked to make it fun, but not scary
- fun lunches continue - pizza / hot dog days / sushi
- December 13th Xmas concert at Massey Theatre - theme: The Littlest Reindeer (focuses on the special gift that is inside each and everyone of us)
- New School Update: RFP has gone out & the first community consultation is Dec 5 from 630-8 in the gym

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Brennan Anstey

- Draft budget that was circulated in June was done by Sandra Coll (DPAC treasurer for years and DPAC member for close to 10 years). Brennan circulated at the last meeting as well but we did not have quorum, so vote will happen today.

**MOTION:** to accept the 2018-2019 budget with the amendments of: \$500 All Candidates Meeting / up to \$200 for the DPAC meetings.

Moved by: Beth

Seconded by: Kathleen

**CARRIED**

## **PNO:** Kathleen Carlsen-Locatelli

- explained that the PNO (Parent's Night Out Committee) is a NW community group in partnership with the NW police department, Fraser Health, Healthy Schools, Fraser-side, Family Services, and the District Community School Co-ordinators.
- Our event last week was well attended with approximately 170 people attending. The responses from the questionnaire were overwhelming positive.
- Cost to DPAC for refreshments / food \$315
- As this is after hours, we do not have to order the food through the JI which has greatly improved the options. We went with Starbucks for the coffee, we had tea left from the AC meeting, hot water donated from Starbucks and a large assortment of cookies, breads and cakes from Yo's Catering. ([yolanda.one@hotmail.com](mailto:yolanda.one@hotmail.com))

- We had a PNO meeting this morning to discuss our next event which will be held Feb 12th at the Justice Institute. The topic will be the Balance Wheel which is a Social Emotional Physical Health Balance Wheel which is being used in the high school this year. The presenters are Karen Janzen with the SD40's Prevention and Health Promotions Program and Chad Oatway - a teacher in the SD40 district. This is viewed as a way to protect your family from a variety of potential harms. It should be great and will be interactive.
- Registration for this free event will again be through Eventbrite, and we will again have all registered attendees notified that they will need to be there by 6:15pm. After the 6:15 registration, all seats will be open so those on the waitlist can attend.
- The NW Police department will cover the cost of the venue & the The District Community Co-ordinators will look after the cost of the speakers.
- DPAC will cover the cost of the food.
- The last event of the year for the PNO will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd. The topic we are looking at is video-gaming addiction. This has not been confirmed as the speaker has not confirmed. More info to follow before after the February event.

**NTAC:** Brennan Anstey reported / Tracie Berg retires in January / Brennan takes over in January 2019 / next meeting is December 11th /

He would like your ideas / thoughts on your trouble spots in / near your school

**YAC:** Donella is not able to continue in this role for the 2019 year.

Kathleen is interested, but is not qualified as she is an employee of the City of New Westminster. If you are interested in attending these meetings and seeing what it's all about, please let Karon or Kathleen know and we will send you the application.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Hydrant Cup - this was a well attended event. We don't have the exact numbers, but are happy some schools used this as a fundraiser.

2. BCCPAC membership dues - DPAC has already paid for all SD40 schools.

Schools not listed on the website as registered: Glenbrook, Howay, Home Learners, NWSS, Queen Elizabeth Middle School.

ACTION: Kathleen to email these individual PAC Chairs with the information on registering so this can be done before the end of November.

3. BCCPAC Summit -Kathleen Reported:

Unfortunately I was only able to attend the Saturday session which was more of an open forum with one speaker. Friday was filled with educational workshops and would be wonderful to have been at.

- There was lots of discussion about PACs and DPACs and what the roles of these two organizations really are. It was stressed that the PACs and DPACs are bound by their

constitution and bylaws and really are not to get involved with personal matters relating to students, parents or staff. They are to support the parents and teachers. Please see attached at the end of the minutes - then check out the BCCPAC website at [bccpac.bc.ca](http://bccpac.bc.ca)

The speaker on Saturday was Pat Duncan, the Minister of Education who discussed the new curriculum for the students in Middle School and High School. He said it focuses on:

1. Student Success - the Grad program is learner focused and flexible / focus is on core competencies / big ideas / learning standards
2. Health Education is now a part of the Physical Education program
3. Communications 11 & 12 is discontinued. This will be English studies only
4. Numeracy & Literacy - numeracy is not a math teachers job - it is a schools job - schools teach numeracy & literacy by the way they use their language.
5. Curriculum - big ideas

For more in depth information, google: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/>

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

DPAC rep for YAC - Karon to send out info to PAC executives for this position.

Discussion re: the February meeting is the same date as the PNO event. We will look into an alternate date for the DPAC meeting and let everyone know ASAP. We will also post this on our website.

### **MOTION:** to adjourn meeting at 9:10pm

Moved by: Quinn

Seconded by: Vidhya

CARRIED

Next meeting: January 8th

Location: Glenbrook MS

Address: 701 Park Crescent, New Westminster, BC V3L 5V4

# WHAT IS A PAC

The [School Act](#) gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school.

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.

## Who Can Become a Member of PAC?

All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to participate and are members of the PAC.

## What Governs A PAC?

As an autonomous body, the PAC must abide by its Constitution and Bylaws and the School Act. PACs are NOT required to register as a non-profit or under the BC Societies Act.

## How Does A PAC Work?

Through their elected executives from parents in the school, PACs communicate with their parent community gathering and discussing issues of importance regarding their school in order to adequately advise those that influence their school. In addition to PAC meetings commu-

nication may also be done through, newsletters, telephone, email, and websites so that all parents have the opportunity for input. PACs, with strong participation from parents, have an important influence on life at the school and the feelings the community has toward the school and education. There is strong evidence that increased parent involvement in the school results in increased student achievement, accomplishment, satisfaction, and bonding all of which result in decreased dropout rates and better citizen.

## Purposes of a PAC

1. To advise the school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities.
2. To organize PAC activities and events and endeavour to provide parent education.
3. To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
4. To communicate with parents, and to promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.
5. To assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students.
6. To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.
7. To advise and participate in the activities of the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).

The business of the PAC shall be unbiased in respect of race, colour, religion, politics, family status, gender, sexual orientation or physical or mental ability. The PAC is not a forum for the discussion of individual school personnel, parents, or other individual members of the school community.

## WHAT IS A DPAC

The [School Act](#) recognized District Parents' Advisory Councils (DPAC) in 2002 but many DPACs were established long before that. DPACs



are the legislated parent voice at the school district level, representing the collective views of school [Parents' Advisory Councils \(PAC\)](#) in a school district.

DPACs advise the board of education on any matter relating to education in their school district. DPACs advocate for parental involvement in the education system and give input into the development of education policy. As an official stakeholder, the DPAC is offered seat(s) on district committees such as policy, finance or budget etc.

## Who Can Become A Member Of DPAC?

DPACs are comprised of elected parent representatives from PACs and serves as an umbrella organization for the PACs in their school district. The DPAC is governed by its own Constitution and Bylaws. DPACs are NOT required to register as a non-profit or under the BC Societies Act.

## I What Does DPAC Do?

DPACs support and encourage PACs and parents in accessing the school system at all levels by providing regular forums for the exchange of ideas and information to ensure that public education serves the best interests of all students.

The business of the DPAC shall be unbiased in respect of race, colour, religion, politics, family status, gender, sexual orientation or physical or mental ability. The DPAC is not a forum for the discussion of individual school personnel, parents, or other individual members of the school community.

## The Role Of An Elected DPAC Representative

The roles, duties and responsibilities of elected DPAC representatives vary but generally, DPAC representatives:

- Act as a liaison between the PAC and DPAC by attending DPAC meetings
- Communicate and obtain information to and from PAC
- Bring forward issues that may be common to more than one school