

- The DPAC response to Anti-SOGI protests - thank you all for your quick response regarding the statement we put out. We were very lucky that for students and staff, yesterday was just another day spent learning. But there are still students and staff that do not feel safe in our schools who experience discrimination and bullying due to their gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. And there is still a lot of mis-information being shared regarding BCs SOGI inclusive curriculum. If you or your PAC is receiving questions from families about these topics, you can point them to the Parent's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Toolkit that the district has just put out. Or reach out to Ken Headley for further support and resources as he offered at our May meeting last year, as well as provide feedback on the parent toolkit. kheadley@sd40.bc.ca
<https://newwestschools.ca/deia-parent-toolkit/introduction/the-4-levels-of-racism/>

- Coming up we have the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Spirit of the Children are hosting a teaching pow-wow down at Pier Park from 1-4. I attended their event last year with my kids, we'll be going again this year and I invite everyone to bring their kids down as well. Also, the New West Public Library has book club books that allow you to check out a set of books for a period of six weeks and one of their books available is Robert Joseph's Twenty-One Things You May Not Know About The Indian Act. It might be a nice way to make a commitment to do some learning, and to do it with some friends. And the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation is hosting a series of public lunch and learns next week, I believe the eventbrite tickets are all gone but videos of the sessions will be posted on their youtube channel within 2 hours of the events

<https://youtube.com/@nationalcentrefortruthandr92?si=DczYZmzr1JZ1Bf11>

- We also would like to put a call out to anyone who would like to join the DPAC exec. Our Secretary has taken on this role very reluctantly and would be more than happy to hand over this position to someone who is interested in joining DPAC!

● **TREASURER'S Report** - Krista

- start of new year
- DPAC has two accounts: Gaming and Operation
- Gaming \$2,012.9
- Operating: \$4069.09

● **DISTRICT Report** - Karim Hachlaf

- lots of students in schools
- updates: busy fall / LRFP - unveiled, ready to put out to families now, it's a complex document- we will break it down in chunks in

	<p>easy to understand language in person at NWSS - Oct 3rd then virtually Oct 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International public participation / feedback; share what level of communication we are in, what level of engagement we are in, this will be an information session & answers as to why we have gone in this direction and not others, we will have opportunities to receive questions. Parents are to use communications at sd4schools@bc.ca - in advance - Dealing with heat in schools in June / conversation and work did not stop with the team / update will be given on Tuesday's board mtg. Good news to report & next steps on broader plans, issues on cooling or lack there of / break that down - Parent portal for Anti-racism - proud of it, Ken has been presenting at staff meetings - Strategic plan - the board will receive annual plan / more detailed tracking report / 15 months from current plan ending / first opportunity for board to hear from Ken Headly re: how we're doing and where we will have to continue to focus, anticipate engaging and refreshing the next 5 years / detailed update from KH, slides re: powerpoint presentation - Questions: other strategies instead of 2 week window / board responded we will come back / tasked staff to do that / more fullsome report & dialogue / November Open Board meeting - November 28th - Air Filters / donating filters: stance of district, safety protocols have not changed, MERV 13 filters are the standard / that will continue if they need to be changed / <p>Q&A:</p> <p>Q: This was a comment: the Parent Portal is coming from an academic , text heavy place, hard for neuro-diverse parents, ELL families</p> <p>A: This is a new concept / we will keep this in mind for the future</p> <p>Q: LRFP -Can public provide input?</p> <p>A: No, questions will be asked prior, we've done a lot of work with external consultants</p> <p>Q: 5 years ago the last version was done, our growth has increased, what are we doing differently to satisfy our growth targets</p> <p>A: when dealing with pro, numbers will fluctuate, updated projections are done; NWSS was within 10 of it's projections, quite confident with significant growth</p> <p>Q: how does school keep apprised of changes in the city?</p> <p>A: We work with city & staff / media / Board & staff were aware of this, how does this fit with our LRFP - the City is a key player working alongside our team, that's why we're confident, city can approve development</p>	
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	<p>Q: In October the PHO is ordering a mask mandate in all Healthcare facilities will there be one in the schools</p> <p>A: No</p> <p>Q: Regarding the 22nd Street development with the city: Has there been any ideas with cross collaboration, believe a middle school is slated for that area</p> <p>A. Yes, that was another property site we have investigated as to what potential it does or does not have, it is open for pre-zoning and yes there is cross -collaboration with the city</p> <p>Q: Regarding gradual Kindergarten entry -is this a jurisdictional report, will research be done using other cities only in BC, or will cities in other provinces also be looked at to get a greater scope of how this works?</p> <p>A: We are a large city, we contract out to other cities / Two plans ago we used Cascade Consultants - maybe not as accurate as possible / Richmond much better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TRUSTEE Update - Cheryl Sluis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - big deal that LRFp came out yesterday, Two public open informational session provided balanced & objective information Key - building schools that we need, we have the fastest growth of young children / Justine McElroy's recent article / over the last 15 years more than 20% growth, 40 portables in our district - right up there / city of NW is a partner in meeting these challenges. We're going to continue to work closely with them to make sure we have space for them -programs of choice review completed, decisions need to be made acknowledge difficult day yesterday / SOGI leads take on the brunt of this - brought Timbits to leads with DPAC and NWT, they were appreciated advocacy from BCSTEA - advocacy at ministry level & in conjunction with other school districts: streamline reporting requirements, audit processes, E language learners - framework, enhancing student learning, doesn't allow us to know how our ELL are actually learning, that data will be important, loan forgiveness for certified teachers, funding - lots of advocacy for operating money and technology money -KH sent out Good Things Are Happening - really informative piece, lots of info here. 	
	<p>School Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● QAYQAYT ELEMENTARY (Melody): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● - bursting (happy way) / open house last night, meet the teachers / last week movie night K-2, 3-5 coming up, good popcorn & samosa sales, excitement of beginning of year / PAC lunch starting in October - Subway movie night - was free 190 people (only K-2) ● CONNAUGHT ELEMENTARY - Heather Kamitakahara 	

- had one PAC mtg / organize committees to have groups be dedicated to specific tasks, working on budget for this year, discussing what activities to fund: tennis, rock the seas, maybe pickleball; what are other schools doing? If multiple schools decide to do the same, group rate? Back to school dance - Rock 'n' Bow - open to everyone by donation - starts 6pm

- **ECOLE LORD TWEEDSMUIR ELEMENTARY (Krista Macauly)**

- No DPAC rep yet, moved meeting so we are not late with DPAC, it is growing, have VC & another MAL, now not so much of a struggle to get quorum / Welcome Coffee event, families coming from out of catchment, equity issues / experiencing a lot of growth, really long gradual entry, one of the Kindergarten teachers was TOC, share those concerns and advocate for that / TOC at beginning of the year / still no music teacher, child has never had one, what are we going to do to catch up / how can we re-look at that as a district, PAC is looking at getting a musician in residence, why on our backs instead of district, not every child has access to music and arts outside of school - this may be the only opportunity in school / thank you to SH for Climate Action Grant, at DPAC mtg we were able to get grant back, has strong indigenous focus, natural learning, work towards reconciliation / funding back for on the land learning / open house today - bustling, terry fox today as well / orange shirt day events next week

- **SKOWECH ELEMENTARY (Jen Knight)**

- pickleball last year - kids loved it / tennis big hit / indigenous dance teacher / artist who created logo & mural - came in and talked about writing books and art / no pac mtg yet - next week / big PAC parents - lots of new kindies parents / down side: new members so now no dpac rep / new logo - been logoless since new school / looking at spirit wear with new logo - shirts, water bottles / how are parents paying for these - grad hoodies PAC has paid for - using paper form, what is better - Munch-a-lunch or School CASH online / Halloween Howl Friday before halloween, now lots of decorations are gone because of the new school - we are once again reaching out to other schools, no storage in new school, happy to borrow, rent, support / new playground installing in October / have had one playground since before construction of new school - 400 plus students / now that construction is done, questions re: lack of trees as part of the landscaping. Can we add more trees near the Kindergarten area to bring shade / contact with the district last year, how can we advocate for more trees / only 2 trees on school property.

- **QUEEN ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Sue Kenny**

- nothing for QE, haven't had PAC mtg yet

- **F.W.HOWAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL - Doug Herasymuik**

- meet the teacher event today, popcorn & QR code for PAC sign up/ maybe next time incorporate games night / enrolment increasing / music

	<p>teacher now / construction for Child Care space ongoing / taking green space away for parking spots /</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ECOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - Trish Robinson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking for treasurer & DPAC rep - hosted a welcome back pizza / first pac meeting ● QUEENSBOROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (Sue Kenny) <p>QMS - first pac mtg last night / new people in new roles / no major updates / question: can they be emailed about DPAC meetings instead of all chairs, DPAC does not have all parents email addresses / District - could you please send out our meeting dates and links with agenda and minutes. Request made again. interesting ideas</p> ● ECOLE HERBERT SPENCER ELEMENTARY (Natalie Taha) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mtg last week / voted most exec members in June / Terry Fox day / T&R coming up / groups are being formed, committees coming together / today was open house ● NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL (Cyrus Sy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bursting at the seams / grade 9 open house last night / Principal spoke about space - it's a big issue / overwhelming / first pac mtg next week / looking at planning events, looking for fundraisers / low effort, high return / spirit wear sales, a lot of work for the amount of \$ made / - Discussion about vendors for spirit-wear: Patterson - quality was good, but like all places the prices went up / sell through Hotlunches.net, refunds are easy, bambora account is also pretty simple - some face masks, grade 5 hoodies were ordered from our schools successfully <p>No reports from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LORD KELVIN ELEMENTARY (discussion, no rep present) ● QUEENSBOROUGH MIDDLE - haven't had their first PAC mtg yet ● HUME PARK HOME LEARNERS 	
	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Response from MoECC to co-signed letter re: overheating classrooms and air quality - did not address the 2nd part of our letter; unsatisfying response ● Letter to BCCPAC Board of Directors over hiring of new Executive Director - new executive director being hired, short time period for posting, asked for extension of application period and suggestions to improve the job listing - Laura Ward met in person with DPAC Chair Laura Kwong and Secretary Kathleen Carlsen - LW stated she heard our concerns, no action and no changes to their hiring process. Hopefully the interview process is going well. On website 	

	<p>OLD Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LRFP (Long Range Facilities Plan) - joint advocacy with other DPACs, urban districts facing same issues we are, sharing resources & advocacy, calling ourselves the Burrard District Peninsula / need for new schools / urban mayors caucus may be good place to send letter re: coordinated planning between schools and districts / work is still happening ● Meeting with Minister Whiteside one on one - asking for more funding / what we should focus on / school site acquisition charges / not tied to inflation & average real estate / present this & get her to drive on this / will share update on what she can do on our behalf <p>NEW Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anti Racism Advisory Committee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPAC & other stakeholders meet & work to advise the district in how to implement this is the district / Mita from Connaught will share updates: 2 good discussions re: 2 good questions: want students to feel comfortable and safe to report / QR code based reporting in place / exact questions being developed most pressing gap or concern: information gap with SOGI / asking district personnel to teach / DEI toolkit be sent out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marc: working on terms of reference / great draft / excited to be on that committee/ great energy 2. Translink advocacy request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Translink over the summer, lots of advocacy for safe and reliable transportation for West End students and QB students getting to the NWSS. - Their reply: we like your style of advocacy, but we cannot make the school tripper happen, we don't have the resources or funding to support the growth. We need help with advocacy to the Federal Government - gorilla advocacy. Did update ridership in QB, the 104 and 410 adding / connected with the Rebel Monkey's Group and Student Voice to come up with some ads, TikTok - waiting at the bus stop / kids rely on transit to get to school / leadership group at NWSS / Access for Everyone Plan - advocating for students 3. Nomination for vacant BCCPAC director position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vacant position / Chris Schultz left, Laura Ward moved up, still one more position open / Simon Adams - when time comes we would like to nominate him - MOTION: SD40 DPAC nominate Simon Adams for the one year open BCCPAC position - Moved: Kathleen Second: Laura CARRIED 4. Foundry Center program expansion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foundry expansion for the City is not possible / requirements to 	<p>Laura</p>

	<p>be applicant Camray & Purpose Society are the New West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New west schools would support having our partners working together under one roof / staff attending info sessions / long shot, but want to be a partner if possible - Total mental health and support / piloted in a few regions in the province <p>Q&A: Kathleen suggested have more people involved with DPAC by creating subcommittees. The DPAC executive would be happy to have parents join DPAC to advocate in areas they are passionate about, have education in, or where they feel they could help to improve our advocacy. These members do not have to be executive members; having more people participate in whatever capacity they are able to will help to keep DPAC strong and united.</p>	
	<p>Adjournment: Krista moved / Kathleen seconded 9:04pm Next Meeting: October 19, 2023</p>	