



What exactly is DPAC?

- DPAC stands for District Parent Advisory Council. We are the official parent voice for School District 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).
- Each PAC is encouraged to elect 2 DPAC reps to attend our monthly meetings.
- We elect an executive to conduct business between meetings, but our direction is determined by our members, just like at PACs.

What is the role of DPAC?

- Our mandate, according to the School Act, is to advise the Board of Education on any matter relating to education in the school district. We funnel parent input to decision-makers in our district.
- We facilitate communication – we send a lot of information out to the PACs on upcoming events and programs that might interest them.
- We provide training and education for parents, as well as opportunities for exchanging ideas. We host speakers and put on workshops and networking events.
- We function as a resource for individual parents and PACs as they do their work at the school level.

Executive Committee

Sheri L: Chair, **Brad G.** Vice-Chair, **Erin M** (Treasurer/Secretary) **Chris P** (Member at Large), **Heather A** (Member at Large), **Kerri S** (Member-at-Large), **Megan F** (Member at Large), **Tibor B** (Member at Large), **Valerie N** (Member at Large)

DPAC General Meeting Draft Agenda Tuesday February 18, 2020

1. **Call to order**
2. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories**
3. **Speaker: Melissa Ferguson, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation –**
Supporting students with Crohn's and Colitis in district schools
4. **Review of the Agenda.** Welcome to new Executive Member at Large, Heather (from Juniper Ridge Elementary)!
5. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting.**
6. **Old Business**
 - i. **Project Edge.** Follow-up from 2018

From May 2018 Minutes: The following Comments were made by attendees of the presentation, including parents, health professionals (addictions worker, medical doctor) and the SD73 Staff:

- i. This seems like Elites taking an Appreciation Walk (in the Downtown eastside). There was no discussion of the complicated concurrent issues including mental health and housing issues.
- ii. Hockey Players: They are huge role models, but expecting them to go out and teach this material after literally one day of very limited exposure and understanding sets them up for failure on this very complex issue.
- iii. There was no process of getting consent for the stories and pictures presented in The EDGE. Query whether consent can be given when armed officers in a position of authority are literally standing over you asking you questions with a hockey team in tow.
- iv. The language used in the presentation, including "Addict" is an outdated understanding of substance use.
- v. Research has shown that Scare Tactics like those in this presentation do not work.
- vi. The conversation was one-sided, driving substance use underground.
- vii. There is medical mis-information in this presentation.
- viii. There is no information around harm reduction strategies, focusing solely on scare tactics and abstinence only.
- ix. Blazers were not brought to Insite, only shown part of this complicated issue.
- x. Pictures used in the presentation not accurate in the vast majority of cases (medical standpoint)
- xi. The Fentanyl video showed a mischaracterization of a typical fentanyl user – this video was not academic, it was part of a news story.
- xii. There is no evaluation research on this presentation or its effectiveness.
- xiii. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent had not seen the presentation prior to tonight, and yet it was being framed as an SD73 endorsed presentation
- xiv. There is no evidence that this is the right level of information to give to Grade 6 students (ie. Is the content in line with the curriculum? Is it age and developmentally appropriate?)
- xv. The Curriculum content around Drug Education already exists. Why are we still using misinformation and what is the school already doing to support students.
- xvi. Why weren't experts in medicine and addiction involved in developing this content.

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(Continued, from May 2018)

NEXT STEPS:

- Superintendent to bring this new information back to the Board and District.
- Superintendent suggests that while partnership is good, the content is from 2006 and needs to be re-examined.
- Superintendent will report back on the working group by the next meeting. States new content should be looked at before the presentation is offered next year.

ii. Digitizing communication. (No news. Erin to follow up).

iii. Bursary Committee Update. (Brad G).

iv. BCCPAC – (Kerri)

v. Resolution: Addressing inadequacies in our current Provincial funding model. (Chris and Heather)

Motion: "Move that the Executive Committee be empowered to finalize the resolution and bring it forward to the BCCPAC Resolutions committee without further General Membership consultation", as we will not have time to meet again as a general group before the BCCPAC deadline.

vi. Ensure Authentic Indigenous voice is reflected. (Val)

v. Education for Parents:

- Upcoming: "Vaping" on Feb 27th at 6:30pm at Grube. "Keeping Children Safe from Gangs" on March 3rd, "Helping Teenagers who have Anxiety/Depression" on April 15th, "Fostering Resiliency" on May 14th
- Foodsafe. 2 spots left.
- Reminder: No DPAC meeting in March

vi. DPAC Executive recruitment and AGM prep. Remember that we are still looking to recruit Executive Members! AGM will be held in the Fall of 2020

7. New Business.

8. Treasurer's Report. See attached. All statutory and fiduciary obligations have been met in full and on time..

9. Superintendent Report

10. Trustee Report.

11. KTTA Report. .

12. Other Correspondence None

13. Other business. None.

14. Adjournment

Next DPAC General Meetings

Tues Apr 21: DPAC General Meeting 6:30pm – Education: A Fish in the Trees – Resources for children with special and diverse needs

Tues May 19: DPAC General Meeting 6:30pm – Education: Kamloops Hospice: The Playful Art of Helping Children Deal with Difficult Issues

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