***Executive Committee***

**Sheri L**: Chair, **Valerie N** Vice-Chair, **Erin M** (Secretary) **Jessica K** (Treasurer), **Brad G** (Member at Large), **Don K** (Member-at-Large), **Chris P** (Member at Large), **Kerri S** (Member at Large), **Melinda H** (Member at Large), **Katie C** (Member at Large)

**DPAC General Meeting**

**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.

**DRAFT Agenda**

**Tuesday April 16, 2019**

1. **Call to order and introductions.** Called to order 6:36pm.
2. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**
3. **Review of the Agenda**. Moved by Brad. Seconded by Melinda. All in favour.
4. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting, February 18, 2019.** Moved by Brad. Seconded by Valerie. All in Favour.
5. **Old Business**
	1. *Aboriginal Parent engagement* Update (Valerie N). Emailing back and forth this week. Brochure being readied to go to BCCPAC to outline some of the things that DPACs and PACs can do for aboriginal parent engagement. Valerie will bring it back to the committee and do a presentation as soon as possible.
	2. *Bursary Committee Update. (Brad G).* No update. We have money to give away, we have the distribution criteria, but we haven’t heard back from KOOL school. Discussion from around the table: should we change our criteria, what to do next. Tabled to next meeting.
	3. *BCCPAC –* Spring Conference and Proxy Votes.

**Proxy Voting and Proxy Speaking Forms - Deadline April 26**

* All Regular Members in good standing who paid their membership dues by December 31, 2018 are entitled to vote at the AGM. All [Proxy Vote Forms](https://bccpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5ce4c360a02f3e3d90abca386&id=e35c2b632b&e=4933776fdd) must be completed and signed by two members of that member’s PAC/DPAC executive in order for an official delegate to exercise voting rights during the AGM. To expedite registration and operations, members are encouraged to scan and email completed Proxy Vote forms to the office in advance of the AGM. *Note:* There are 12 SD73 schools eligible to vote at the BCCPAC AGM, and we encourage you to use your Proxy vote, and send it along with either Kerri or Valerie!

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| **SD#** | **School Name** | **2017-2018Member** | **2018-2019Member** | **Eligble toVote at AGM** |
| 73 | Arthur Stevenson Elementary | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | Brocklehurst Middle School | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | Clearwater Secondary |  | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | David Thompson Elementary | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | Dufferin Elementary | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | Ecole Lloyd George Elementary | ACTIVE |  | NO |
| 73 | Juniper Ridge Elementary | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | Kamloops School of the Arts | ACTIVE |  | NO |
| 73 | NorKam Senior Secondary |  | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | Pinantan Elementary |  | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | Raft River Elementary |  | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | Robert L Clemitson Elementary |  | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | South Kamloops Secondary | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | YES |
| 73 | Twin Rivers Education Centre | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | YES |

* 1. *Committee on Student Learning (Valerie N).* Meeting was last week. Lisa Carson will be invited to DPAC to do a presentation in June, as the Board will see the recommendations in May. The group reviewed some websites and information being distributed to parents in other districts, like the lower mainland. Survey will go out to school district parents to ask 4 questions regarding student learning to help guide future conversations.
	2. *Foodsafe Spaces (Jessica).* A 10th and 11th person have registered for Foodsafe, The 11th person was from Barriere. Motion to pay for one additional Foodsafe Space so that the member from Barriere can attend. Moved by Melinda. Seconded by Katie. Discussion: in past years we haven’t used all ten spaces. Recommend approve. ***All in favour to approve one extra space for an 11th person to attend from Barriere.*** Erin will let Karen, our Foodsafe lady, know that we can fund the 11th space.
	3. *Superintendent’s Joint Advisory Committee (Chris P)*. Last meeting finished. Will be discussed at Board meeting in April. Last meeting was to review the policy and procedures. Lots of good, experienced people on the committee. Felt to be an excellent start. Once the presentation to the board has happened, we can bring forward to the group.
1. *Advocacy for Capital Projects group (Chris P).* Things slowed down over spring break, but we were delighted to get an announcement last week. Kerri was invited to meet with the Minister after the meeting, and Chris also attended. It was nice to have some face-to-face time with the Minister. It was a good social and networking opportunity to talk about education in BC and in Kamloops. There will be a new Top Five priorities in June, and we will be able to see the Minister again at the BCCPAC at the meeting in May. We will continue to advocate for our SD’s needs.
2. **New Business.** None.
3. **Treasurer’s Report.**

**Kamloops DPAC Financial Report – April 2019**

**Gaming Account Details Debit Revenue Balance**

Feb 28, 2019 BCCPAC reimbursement $400.00
Foodsafe – 3 spaces $270.00
monthly plan fee $1.95

**Balance forward $2,289.07**

**General Account Details Debit Balance**

Feb 28, 2019 monthly plan fee $1.95

**Balance forward $4,601.91**

**Bursary Account Details Credit Balance**

Feb 28, 2019 **balance forward $1.40 $5,517.78**

**Total:**  **$12,408.76**

* Bank Statements ending March 31 were not yet available
* DPAC did receive $400 BCCPAC reimbursement for Kerri Schill’s attendance
* 1 Foodsafe space remaining
* Year end is June 30, 2019
1. **Other Correspondence**
	1. **“Is that Legal”** Legal Aid presentation. Booklets received with free information on situations that young people may experience (cyber stalking, taking pictures, etc). Available to be brought back to PACs. New DPAC might want to consider putting on an education session for next year’s parents if there is interest.
	2. **KISSM Early Bird Registration.** A few years ago KISSM expanded to have year-long programs with the school district. They try to enhance musical abilities of youth by providing funding to help put disadvantaged youth through music programs. Students can work with music teachers to get them ready for highschool bands. There are several programs, including “Jazz Jams” to promote youth in music in the city of Kamloops. KISSM fundraise to offer PACs half-price tickets to help fund kids to go to this camp who could not otherwise go. We have therefore put forward a motion to request the General Membership to donate $550 to the Kamloops Music Collective to put towards their work in SD73. Moved by Chris. Seconded by Melinda. Discussion: this year will be an extra challenging year because the Sagebrush is out of commission and KISSM will have to build a professional stage. Currently the KISSM pays to use school district space. KISSM is also looking for a commitment from the school district that they will be able to use KSA for that three week period every year, but this may not be possible due to school maintenance issue. Note that this donation, if approved, would have to come out of general funds, not gaming funds, as it is for children’s education, not parent education. All in favour. None opposed. One abstaining vote (Don K, as he is on the KISSM Board as well). DPAC will write a cheque for a one-time $550 donation for the Kamloops Music Collective’s KISSM program.
2. **Superintendent’s Report.** None. Superintendent was unable to attend.
3. **Trustee Report.** Big announcement in Valleyview on Friday. School has received 34.5million for expansion. In April trustees went to Clearwater. In March, there was a Westsyde consultation, Vavenby consultation. Trustees have been looking at the new Employee Code of Conduct. They are also looking at looking at courses being re-vamped due to the new curriculum. “Board Authority Authorized” programs are designed by teachers: they put together criteria, and then this comes to the board. The Board then has the authority to authorize a course. There are about 60 in the district that are “home grown”. In other news, Aberdeen is getting a new playground, and Ecole Collins D’Or French School is getting a new playground. Ecole Collin D’Or is not part of SD73, but the building and grounds are part of SD73.
4. **KTTA Report.** Amanda attended from the KTTA. KTTA notes that there will be upcoming opportunities for parents to apply pressure and advocate for children and teachers. On behalf of the Teacher’s Association, Amanda thanks parents for our advocacy work, and hopes we will continue with our advocacy projects. There are many things coming down the pipe that have the potential to affect students in SD73. An education fact sheet has been put together and it has to do with a number of issues: class size and composition, enrolling and non-enrolling teaching positions, and a piece on education funding. Around the funding review, there has been conversation around the prevalence model. The Teacher’s association is very concerned about this. The way that funding is allocated is based on ministry designations. The teachers are concerned about the loss of paraprofessional’s funding (SLPs, and other professionals to support special needs students in the classrooms), and around loss of Ministry Designations. Another important issue is around recruitment and retention. Locally, the KTTA is doing work around recruitment and retention. There are limitations, and a big part of this is that we are a rural and urban school district. Rural communities have challenges and recruits worry about whether they will have access to the comforts and conveniences of urban centres. There is concern about desire to relocate to our province, and this has to do with the disparity of wages in BC. They are getting paid on average $20,000 less per year to work here in BC. There is some pressure that we could place with regards to recruitment and retention here in BC. Discussion: what is happening with X Block courses – will the new curriculum and graduation program affect this? Teachers are concerned about the loss of programs, since the loss of X Block programs would be incredibly detrimental. Some children come to X Block classes as a way to come early, stay warm, eat, and do so without stigma. It was also noted that the new funding model is very difficult to understand. So much of the language is “coded jargon” and difficult for a layman to comprehend.
5. **Other business**. None.
6. **Adjournment**. At 7:33pm.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday May 21, 6:30pm at Henry Grube Education Centre**