



#### 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.

#### 2018-19 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 Annual General Meeting Minutes Tuesday April 16, 2019 Henry Grube Educational Centre

1. **Call to order** 7:35pm
2. **Review of the Agenda.** Amendment: add item 4B: “Committee Reports”. *Motion to approve agenda with amendment as noted: Brad Gerow. Seconded by Chris Ponti.*
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting: May 15, 2018.** *Moved by Brad Gerow. Seconded Valerie Newbreast. All in favour.*
4. **Annual Report – Chair (Sheri L).** *2019 DPAC AGM Chair’s Report*

*The 2018/2019 school year has been busy for DPAC. As always, all of DPAC’s legal and fiduciary obligations have been met in full and on time, and I would like to acknowledge our outgoing Treasurer, Jessica, for her half-decade of service as treasurer, getting our books organized, our gaming applications in on time, our signing authority current, and our accounts in great shape. We will miss her.*

*DPAC has continued to work hard to facilitate communication between BCCPAC, our SD73 DPAC and PACs in order to provide information, educational opportunities, and support for our membership. Some of the things we have accomplished this year are:*

- \* *Funded FoodSafe training for our school membership*
- \* *Participated on the Committee on Student Learning to help redesign report cards*



- \* Participated on the Superintendent's Joint Advisory Committee
- \* Participated in Aboriginal Parent Engagement Committee
- \* Held the first ever DPAC-sponsored All Candidate Forum for School Trustee Candidates
- \* Conducted a "State of the Union" for PAC Hot Lunch information throughout the district
- \* Distributed information on the Safer Schools Travel Program, the Safety Days Agricultural Safety Education program
- \* Helped promote the District education sessions on Cannabis and Children and Gangs
- \* Invited to tour the new Government run Cannabis store to help understand initiatives in place to prevent the purchase or use by minors
- \* Hosted presentations on the Long Range Facilities Report and new Graduation curriculum
- \* Sent delegates to attend both the Fall and Spring BCCPAC conferences to hear directly from the Minister of Education
- \* Invited community members, such as the Kamloops Art Gallery, to present to our members
- \* Responded to general inquiries from membership in regards to gaming funds, DPAC funding, incidents within our district, safety concerns, educational suggestions, parent concerns and involvement.
- \* Struck working groups or special committees to look at Advocacy for Capital Funding, Bursary disbursement and Bylaw revamping.

We are also excited to support two individuals from around our DPAC Executive table, Valerie Newbreast and Kerri Shill, as they run for BCCPAC Executive Membership at the Spring Conference.

DPAC is a group of dedicated volunteers who truly care about our students and speaking up for what is right for our school district. They balance their careers, family, their own school PAC and manage to squeeze in time for DPAC. I personally would like to thank each and every one of you for helping to make a difference, and look forward to working with you again next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Lakusta, DPAC Chair

**4b. Committee Reports.** *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. *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. *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. *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.

## 5. Annual Financial Report (Jessica K).

### SD#73 DPAC Budget Projected Revenue and Expenses for year ending June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Gaming Fund	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Balance Forward(July 31, 2018)	4,615.56	491.83	
Community Gaming grant (assuming approval)		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	<u>\$ 4615.56</u>	<u>\$ 2,991.83</u>	<u>\$ 7,607.39</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Monthly Plan Fee (TD Bank) (12)		\$ 23.40	\$ 23.40
BCCPAC membership		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
BCCPAC travel expenses for 2 people	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1200.00	\$ 2,400.00
KELLI (literacy presentation)		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Food Safe Course (10 people @ \$90/person)		\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Parent Education		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	<u>\$ 3,415.56</u>	<u>\$2,898.40</u>	<u>\$ 4,098.40</u>

#### Bursary Fund

- Currently has \$5,505.57

- Disbursement of one or two bursaries of \$250 each will leave \$5,000.57 remaining for 2019/2020
- Disbursement anticipated in spring of 2019 for 2019/2020 school year.

***Motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Moved by Brad. Seconded by Don. All in Favour.***

## 6. Special Resolutions: Bylaws and Constitution Update (Don K) DPAC

struck a committee earlier this school year with a goal of updating our Bylaws. Headed by Don K, the bylaws and constitutions of 11 different DPACs from around the Province were collected and reviewed, with the end



goal of making our SD73 DPAC bylaws more consistent with what is done around the province and to provide some guidance around procedural issues. The proposed updates were sent out via email to the DPAC membership in February 2019. ***Motion to accept the updated Bylaw document as has been circulated: Moved by Erin. Seconded by Brad. Discussion? None. All 11 members at the AGM voted in favour of update. None opposed, none abstaining. Motion unanimously carried. Updated bylaw document will be sent to the School District office and posted on DPAC website.***

## **7. Election of Officers**

- a. **Vice-Chair 2 year term:** *Brad Gerow elected.*
- b. **Secretary 2 year term (Vacant).** *Erin Mitchell was appointed by the voting members present as dual-role Secretary/Treasurer for a one-year term, as no other nominations came forward.*
- c. **Treasurer 1 year term (Vacant).** *Erin Mitchell was appointed by the voting members present as dual-role Secretary/Treasurer for a one-year term as no other nominations came forward.*
- d. **Member at Large (6 positions)**
  - i. **Chris Ponti:** Elected to 1 year term
  - ii. **Don Kitt:** Elected to 1 year term
  - iii. **Tibor Balogh:** Elected to 1 year term
  - iv. **Megan Franke:** Elected to 1 year term
  - v. **Valerie Newbreast:** Elected to 2 year term
  - vi. **Kerri Schill:** Elected to 2 year term

**Other Business:** None.

**Adjournment. 8:06pm**

**The next DPAC AGM will be held in the Spring of 2020.**