



# DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of January 14, 2013

1. **DPAC/KTTA Parent Education** – Saturday, February 16, we are jointly funding a morning session with presenter Terry Small, (the keynote at the PD day in February), on ‘Improving Study Habits’. See our website for links to information on Mr. Small. Posters will be distributed to PAC’s and school principals to promote awareness of the event. Although registration fee is waived, we request courtesy registrations from parents so that we can arrange appropriate meeting facilities.
2. **“Askable Adult”** There is now a Kamloops-based presenter, so there are no longer any travel costs associated with presentations. Several schools are still expecting to have spring presentations. Contact DPAC for email contacts if you are interested.
3. **School calendar 2013-2014** – Next year’s calendar, under the new School Calendar Regulation, must be approved by SD73 by February 28, 2013. Comments/submissions are being accepted until January 31, 2013. See the SD73 website, under ‘News’ with the headline “Proposed School Calendar 2013/2014”.
4. **School calendar 2014-2017** –On Wednesday, March 6, at 6 pm at Grube Centre, SD73 will host a discussion on calendar proposals for the three-year plan from 2014-2015 through 2016-2017. New information will be distributed in February from SD73 website on the consultation/decision process.
5. **PAC Education Workshop** – Although attendance was not heavy at the November event, attendees reported that it was very worthwhile. Watch for future offerings from your DPAC.
6. **Scholarship Grants** - – A new organization to Kamloops, Kamloops Global Awareness Network, has a new \$1200 youth grant which may complement the **Me to We** programs and/or Social Justice courses. See [www.kgan.org](http://www.kgan.org).
7. **Scholarship Grants** - ‘Future Achievers International’ has up to \$2000.00 scholarship available to children ‘of Caribbean heritage’ ages 9-16, current application session closes March 25, 2013. Details are at <http://www6.carleton.ca/futureachievers/>
8. **New SD73 grant to promote Innovation Projects**– There is a new, one-time \$100,000.00 fund for SD73 schools that wish to propose projects, to be evaluated and approved by the SD73 Education Committee.. Information was provided to school principals this week, and will be distributed wider in the coming months.
9. **DPAC website**– Watch the DPAC website for a new link on scholarship grants, coming soon. We will maintain archives of information we receive at that location.
10. **DPAC Accountabilities:**
  - Promote the Terry Small presentation, sponsored by KTTA/DPAC, on Feb 16, 2013.**
  - Review school calendar proposals for 2013-2014. at SD73 website.**
  - March 6, 2013 school calendar consultation at Henry Grube**

**Next DPAC Meeting: - Tuesday, February 19, 2013  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Henry Grube Education Centre  
Representatives from all PACs in School District 73 are welcome.**