

DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of Feb 15, 2011

1. **“Plug your PAC”**– Kindergarten and Grade 8 Orientations are upcoming, this may be the best opportunity to get PAC involvement from parents who are new to your school. Ask your principal for an opportunity to speak or to present at the orientation.
2. **Parent Leadership Task Force:** The survey for parents is open until the end of February, and takes about 5 minutes. Please encourage responses. The link is on our homepage, at <http://dpac.sd73.bc.ca>.
3. **2011 Satisfaction Survey:** For students in grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, and their parents and school staff in public schools. The survey is available until April 15, and takes about 10 minutes. Logon information, for those eligible, is available through school administrators. More information is at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/
4. **Team 73 corporate fundraisers:** This is a district initiative to replace funds that disappeared when “junk food” vending machines were removed from schools. Kevin Carswell & Jack Buckham stated their vision, goals, and methods at a DPAC Executive meeting, and welcome the opportunity to present to PACs as well. Go to www.team73fundraising.com for info.
5. **“Parents Code of Conduct”:** Thanks to Susan N for researching this, and finding a good starting example. It is available on our website under *PAC resources/Sample Parents Code of Conduct*. Let us know if your school goes ahead with their own Parent Code of Conduct.
6. **High School Exam week: *seeking feedback*** Thank you to the many who have already advised/commented on their school’s schedule during Jan 24- 28. We still welcome information, specifically on whether students were expected to attend regular classes on the Monday and Tuesday.
7. **High School Graduation Process: *seeking feedback*** Two years ago, SD73 began a coordinated approach to grad, where all high schools used MacArthur Island Curling Rink for commencement ceremonies, and parents took over the organization of any grad dinner/dance activities. An initial review after the first year was done, and DPAC is now asking for parent perceptions on how the arrangement is working out.
8. **Bullying: *seeking feedback*** A query/concern arose out of our Bullying Webinar: to examine whether SD73 bullying policy 903.1 is being interpreted and implemented consistently across the various schools. We are seeking comments on how the bullying policy is being applied. At www.sd73.bc.ca select *Resources* and *Safe & Healthy Schools* and click the link to “Safe Caring and Orderly Schools.” for their reference data.
9. **21st Century Learning** – Ministry of Education officials have made public presentations in several cities in recent months on their proposed “re-focusing” of the educational system. DPAC will seek to arrange a presentation in Kamloops.
10. **2012 Speakers: Rosalind Wiseman (www.rosalindwiseman.com)** is being considered as a speaker next spring in a large venue, likely TRU. As this is a significant financial investment, we welcome suggestions for possible sponsors.

Next DPAC Meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2011
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Henry Grube Education Centre
Representatives from all PACs in School District 73 are welcome.
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