



DPAC NOTES

From the DPAC Meeting of Mar 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 at the orientation and collect e-mail addresses.
2. **Parent Leadership Task Force:** The survey for parents has been extended to March 25, 2011. The link is on our homepage, at <http://dpac.sd73.bc.ca>.
3. **Rosalind Wiseman conference for April 2012.** DPAC would like to organize this as a major presentation at Tournament Capital Centre. There are only three people currently involved, more volunteers would have to step up to help organize this, or it will be dropped from our calendar. Interested persons please contact Renee Anderson at our Gmail address by April 19, 2011. (www.rosalindwiseman.com)
4. **High School Graduation Process:** Thank you to the many who have already commented. We welcome information for another two weeks and will compile the comments, remove identifiers and share them with SD73 administration.
5. **Bullying:** While the issue appears to have significant awareness, no issues that require immediate attention were presented, so there will be no further DPAC actions at this time.
6. **Exchange Students:** Due to a significant increase in activity, including proposed exchanges for entire semesters, a formal policy is being drafted by SD73. See Policy 519.1 under ‘SD73 Draft Policies’ at <http://dpac.sd73.bc.ca> and send us your comments.
7. **Technology Policies:** SD73 is undertaking a major review of their technology policies, which are four years old, and technology and its usage has changed significantly in the interim. Drafts will be shared with DPAC, at which time we’ll solicit input.
8. **Textbook Policy:** The implementation and effectiveness of this new policy is being reviewed. Comments to DPAC are welcome and will be passed along. SD73 loses \$50K - \$80K/yr in lost textbooks. Is the fee working, or is there a better way to get students to care for & return texts?
9. **.SD73 allocation to PACs:** Each PAC annually receives a small cheque from SD73, usually about \$150.00. Over the years the local knowledge of origin and purpose of these cheques has become unclear, so DPAC will find out exactly what the intent is. We do know that back in the days when DPAC could not access gaming funds, many PACS regularly forwarded this money to DPAC for parent education. One PAC offered to forward the funds to DPAC again this year, and others are welcome to do so.
10. **‘Good things happen, too’:** PAC’s offered comments on things that go well, or went well, at their school. We hope to institute that as a regular feature of our meetings.
11. **Upcoming:** PAC Luncheon Wed Apr 06 at Henry Grube Centre.
SD73 public Budget Meeting Wed Apr 06 at Henry Grube Centre 7 pm

Next DPAC Meeting is AGM, and regular meeting following, on
Tuesday, April 19, 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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