



SD73 District Parent Advisory Council

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SD73 DPAC Wraps Up Busy Year

Summer will be a welcome relief for many parents, but none are looking forward to a break more than the members of the District Parent Advisory Council executive. "It's been a busy year for DPAC!" says Gisela Ruckert. "Attending all the reconfiguration meetings and dealing with all the stress around that kept us hopping the first part of the year, then we organized a workshop for the PACs at the merging schools, and then we had the enormously successful parent night with Barry MacDonald – it's been non-stop." The group is still wrapping up loose ends and plans to submit parent input on new policy initiatives in the next couple of days, but as of the end of this week, it will be time to relax for awhile. "We really try to take a break in the summertime – we need to recharge our batteries."

At their recent AGM, members of SD73 DPAC decided to continue using the model of an executive council, rather than returning to the traditional board model of voting people into specific positions. "It's a system that worked well for us this past year – it was very consensus-driven," stated Gisela Ruckert, who will be taking on the media relations role, replacing Leigh-Anne Larsen, who is taking a hiatus from volunteering at DPAC. Continuing executive members are Tania Vidovic, Todd Smith, Meghan Wade, and Tibor Balogh.

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