



# General Meeting DPAC NOTES September 22, 2015

Welcome to DPAC! DPAC is the District Parent Advisory Committee. We are the official voice of parents to SD73. Every school is invited to send a member (or two!) to DPAC meetings, which are usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Henry Grube Centre at 7pm. Check out our website at [www.dpac.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.dpac.sd73.bc.ca)

Here's what happened at our September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

- ❖ **A discussion surrounding split classes:** In SD73 approximately 50% of elementary classes are split classes. Principals are looking for ways to explain to parents the need and reasons of class configuration, and parents are looking for more communication as to why one child is chosen for a split and another child isn't. Superintendent deBruijn will bring this discussion to the Principal's meeting the week of September 28, 2015 and we hope to see a list of FAQs/Answers created to address the split class issue soon.
- ❖ **A discussion regarding the new Student Google Accounts and Internet Safety:** - More information is coming soon! DPAC exec is hoping to host/co-host a parent education session. In the meantime, check out the SD73 website at [sd73bc.ca/general/content/online-safety](http://sd73bc.ca/general/content/online-safety)
- ❖ **Will DPAC be on Facebook anytime soon?** We're working on a way to create a safe and reliable social media presence. If you have any experience in this area, contact us – we'd love to get your assistance and ideas!
- ❖ **We need more parents:** Only about one sixth of schools from our district were represented at this DPAC meeting. We want to hear from you! Please attend our next DPAC meeting on **October 20, 2015 7pm at the HENRY GRUBE CENTRE. We funnel parent input from our district directly to the superintendent and Trustees. We need your voice to advise the Board on any matter relating to Education in our District! We provide education and support to parents and PACs. Come see what we're all about.**