



#### What exactly is DPAC?

- DPAC stands for District Parent Advisory Council. We are the official parent voice for School District 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).
- Each PAC is encouraged to elect 2 DPAC reps to attend our monthly meetings.
- We elect an executive to conduct business between meetings, but our direction is determined by our members, just like at PACs.

#### What is the role of DPAC?

- Our mandate, according to the School Act, is to advise the Board of Education on any matter relating to education in the school district. We funnel parent input to decision-makers in our district.
- We facilitate communication – we send a lot of information out to the PACs on upcoming events and programs that might interest them.
- We provide training and education for parents, as well as opportunities for exchanging ideas. We host speakers and put on workshops and networking events.
- We function as a resource for individual parents and PACs as they do their work at the school level.

#### Executive Committee

**Sheri L:** Chair, **Valerie N** Vice-Chair, **Erin M** (Secretary)  
**Jessica K** (Treasurer), **Allison T** (Member at Large),  
**Don K** (Member at Large) **Tamara V** (Member at Large),  
**Tibor B** (Member at Large)

## DPAC General Meeting MINUTES Tuesday February 21, 2017 Henry Grube Educational Centre

**Attendees:** Brad (Dufferin), Coralee (McGowan), Claire (Juniper), Katie (Westmount), Melinda (Arthur Hatton), Rhonda (Trustee), Valerie (David Thompson), Jessica (Treasurer), Erin (Secretary), Sheri (Chair)

1. Call to order at 7:05pm
2. Approval of the Agenda. Approved with the addition of Nancy Bepple as a presenter (Moved Erin. Seconded Brad. All in Favour).
3. Presentation: Nancy Bepple is running as a candidate for the BC NDP. She has spoken to other groups and is interested in what our opinion is as parent stakeholders as to the big issues in Kamloops. Issues brought up: Space in the schools. French Immersion. Parking issues. Portables. Classroom supports.
4. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 17, 2017.

Amendment: At the last meeting the group was reminded that the AGM is coming up in April and that nominations are now being accepted for the upcoming vacancies on the Exec. **Motion: (Melinda) To approve the minutes with the amendment. Seconded: Jessica. All in Favour.**

#### 5. Old Business:

##### a. Parent Education

- **Vote to Sponsor 10 parents to attend REST** – The Children's Therapy and Family Resource Centre and Child and Youth Mental Health present REST: Regulations of Emotions, Sensation and Thinking Parent Workshop Series. Who should attend? Parents ready to try out tools to help their children be calmer and more focused and to help them manage everyday emotions and activity level. Focus on the parents of preschoolers and primary students. Two sessions: Session one: February 26, 2017 from 12:30-4pm. Learning the basics of self regulation. Session two: March 5<sup>th</sup> 1230-4pm. Sensory-based ideas for self-regulation. Location: children's therapy and family resource centre. Cost \$30 total for both sessions. Parent-only workshop (no childcare available). To find out more or to register: 250-371-4100. There are limited spaces so register early. **Motion** to provide funding for up to 10 parents of SD73 to attend. (Erin Moved. Claire Seconded). All in favour.

- From a KSA Parent: I am wondering if there might be a space to



have Tracy Munson come and speak to SD 73 parents. Her talks/Seminars are around *Working with overwhelmed moms with young kids to restore calm, even through the busyness*. Her website is here. <http://www.insightnaturalhealing.ca/> Motion: Erin to distribute this website to PACs for individual follow-up by interested groups. All in favour.

- “Hello! My name is Adrienne de Candole, and my predecessor and I have been working in eight SD#73 schools over the last three years, providing these schools with grant money to get local food programming up and running. The programs look different in every school, from growing microgreens to learning how to garden, students have been exposed to a wide variety of learning opportunities and are eating more local food. I would love to attend your next District PAC meeting, and make a short presentation of the work we have done, and next steps. Let me know if this is possible, or if you have any questions about the work. Here is our website: <http://farmtoschoolbc.ca/> Looking forward to hearing from you! “ Motion: *The membership would like us to arrange for this information to be sent out to the schools directly. We can invite Adrienne to do a presentation in April. Erin to contact Adrienne.*

b. **Social Media Policy: Update:** The committee did meet. The decision was to create a social media guideline that schools would follow and that would be hyperlinked to the policy. This went to the policy committee only yesterday. It will go back to policy committee next month (after tweaks) and should be adopted by the end of March. Question as to why the hyperlink vs. the entirety of the document being included in the existing policy. Superintendent Sidow states that the group felt their high-level policy statement was already appropriate, but that there needed to be a regulation/administrative document separately linked. This is not an unusual process in the district. There will be an additional opportunity for feedback on the board website in March when there is a Notice of Motion. Discussion about whether we can push this back to April to give parents time to discuss this at PAC meetings (especially with the break coming up in March). Trustee Kershaw to bring this back to the Board.

c. **KSA Question about Facebook.** (Tabled until Social Media Policy is finalized)

d. **5 year strategic plan:** From the superintendent's office: “Dear Education Partner, We are excited to announce the completion of the school district 73 new 5 year strategic plan. The 2017 -2022 District Strategic Plan has been developed through an expanded, year-long consultation process with education partners and the community. The appointment of a Strategic Partnership Committee in September 2016 ensured all stakeholders had an opportunity to participate in the development of the vision, strategic priorities and goals that will guide the District in the delivery of educational services to more than 14,000 students in the communities of Kamloops, Chase Savona, Logan Lake, Barriere, Clearwater, Blue River and Sun Peaks. For more information please view the presentation of the Strategic Plan at the January 25<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting at: <https://youtu.be/i082iPqfxVg>

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** A) **Call for Nominations for next Executive Committee. April is the AGM and this is when the annual elections for the officers occurs. We have staggered elections usually. Valerie has offered to temporarily fill the position of Vice Chair until the elections. Motion to add Valerie as Vice chair. Moved by Katie. Seconded by Jessica. All in Favour.**

B) **Bylaw Amendments. Proposed Amendments**

### **Section V: Membership in a DPAC. Previous Wording:**

1. *The voting membership of the District Parent Advisory Council are delegates appointed or elected by individual school Parent Advisory Councils in School District #73, with two votes*



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2. *Representatives from the School Board, District Administration, School Administrators' Association, Teachers' Association, Support Staff and other Community Organizations with an interest in education may be invited to attend as non-voting members of the District Parent Advisory Council.*
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**Section VIII: Election of Executive Officers. Previous wording:**

*1. The executive officers shall be elected from the voting members at the Annual General Meeting.*

*The following positions will become vacant in even years (2004, 2006 etc.):*

- (i) Chairperson*
- (ii) Treasurer;*
- (iii) Member(s) at Large (as designated);*

*The following positions will become vacant in odd years (i.e. 2005, 2007 etc):*

- (i) Vice-Chairperson;*
- (ii) Recording Secretary;*
- (iii) Member(s) at Large (as designated)*

*No employee or elected official of School District 73 or Ministry of Education shall hold an executive position*

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- (iv) **Chairperson**
- (v) **Treasurer;**
- (vi) **Member(s) at Large (as designated);**

*The following positions will become vacant in odd years (i.e. 2017, 2019 etc):*

- (iv) **Vice-Chairperson;**
- (v) **Recording Secretary;**
- (vi) **Member(s) at Large (as designated)**

**No employee or elected official of School District 73 or Ministry of Education shall hold an executive position other than Member at Large.**

**2. Call for Nominations shall be made at the two meetings before the Annual General Meeting.**

**3. In the event of a vacancy on the executive during the year, the executive shall appoint a new officer who shall hold office until the next election.**

**4. No person may hold more than one elected Executive Position at any one time.**

**The Nominations Committee Chairperson shall conduct elections.**

## **Section VII Previous Wording:**

### **A. Quorum**

**A quorum shall be four (4) of those members present, which shall include no less than two (2) executive members.**

### **B. Voting**

- 1. Unless otherwise provided, questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a simple majority vote (50% +1).**
- 2. In the case of a tie vote, the motion is defeated.**
- 3. Members must vote personally on all matters; voting by proxy shall not be permitted.**
- 4. Voting shall be done by a show of hands or by a secret ballot when requested by a voting member. The election of Executive Officers shall be done by secret ballot. A vote shall be taken to destroy the ballots after the election.**

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  2. *In the event of perceived or actual conflict of interest, the person in that perceived or actual conflict of interest will be asked to abstain from making comments and voting. In extreme cases, upon a majority vote at a General Meeting, the person in that perceived or actual conflict of interest will be asked to resign from his or her position.*
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  - a. *Chairperson*
  - b. *Vice-Chairperson(s)*
  - c. *Treasurer*
  - d. *Secretary*
  - e. *Two or more Members at Large*
  - f. *Past Chairperson.*

**Section X: Executive Officers. Proposed Amendment:**

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  4. *The Executive Officers may be as follows:*
    - a. *Chairperson*
    - b. *Vice-Chairperson(s)*
    - c. *Treasurer*
    - d. *Secretary*
    - e. *Two or more Members at Large to a maximum of 6*
    - f. *Past Chairperson.*
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6. **Treasurer's Report.** BCCPAC still hasn't cashed our \$75 membership cheque for the year. We have a gaming account balance of \$2483.08. General account of \$4650.66. We have to look at how we want to use the funds before the end of the year, or put it into the bursary account.



- 7. Bursary Committee Update**
- 8. Correspondence: None.**
- 9. Executive Report. None.**
- 10. Superintendent Remarks.** Reminder that the board is in a consultation process now about spring break. If we have collective/individual responses, look at the board website, school calendar, and send feedback to the email listed there. There is a deadline of March 13<sup>th</sup> for consideration by the board. The budget was announced today by the government. We think it's a good news story for education. Approx. 300 million will be used for class size and composition. Once the teachers and the government have come to an agreement, there may be slightly more funds. The msp premiums will be reduced. This has a significant impact on our school district, perhaps to the tune of half a million dollars (as the district pays half the premiums for the staff). This is money that will now be freed up for operating and other functions in the schools. They have also confirmed that the special grants (for transport, for rural) is secure which makes it easier to plan for facilities. There is also a commitment to funding the enrollment growth, which is good news, although we don't exactly know what this looks like at this time. The other thing to mention was regarding the student learning grant: 700000 received to be used to support things like athletic equipment, supplies used or consumed in schools, etc. We are going to put together a committee to look at how to spend this money wisely and with the biggest impact. New director of instruction coming on staff (Lisa Carson) she will be taking this project on. There will be an invite sent out to parents to sit on this committee.
- 11. Trustee Remarks. Calendar (covered by Superintendent). Feb 29<sup>th</sup> the ministry is coming and they are going to do a meeting about rural engagement.**
- 12. NEXT SCHEDULED GENERAL MEETING and AGM: April 18 at 7pm at Grube.**