

Executive Committee

Sheri L: Chair **Brad G:** Vice-Chair **Heather A:** Secretary **Erin M:** Treasurer
Chris P: Member-at-Large. **Valerie N:** Member-at-Large

2021 February 16th at 6:30 PM General Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome/Call to Order:

a) In Attendance:



2. **Andrea Sinclair, President BCCPAC:**

Session Title:

Understanding Parent Stakeholders in Public Education

Session Description:

During this session Andrea will provide an overview of BCCPAC and its role at the provincial table and number of key things PACs should be aware of and practicing, such as: the importance of the PAC/DPAC and their role within the school and the district including advocacy; why an updated Constitution and Bylaws is critical; why communication and transparency are important and can be done easily; there's more to PACs than just fundraising; benefit of being involved at DPAC level, and a few general tips and tricks for ensuring your PAC is more knowledgeable

Bio Andrea Sinclair, President BCCPAC:

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 as well as workshops and networking events.
- We function as a resource for individual parents and PACs as they do their work at the school level.




Andrea has been active in public education since before her twins were born in 2004; she is currently on the PAC Executive at her children's high school. She has broad experience serving in various roles, including Chair, on her elementary school PAC Executive. Andrea believes strongly that our children's success is rooted within their education; it's through working together and leveraging our collective strengths that together we can effect positive change. With over 20 years of business experience and over a decade in public education advocacy, Andrea's goal is to continue to ensure the parent perspective and voice is heard for the benefit of parents.

3. Review of the Agenda:

4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

5. Old Business:

a) FoodSafe:



FoodSafe Course

Instructor - Kathy Russell, B.Sc. (Food Sc.)


The FoodSafe course is a one-day food safety training program for food service, hospitality, and health care workers and is required by many employers.

Kamloops Course Schedule \$90 8:45am – 5pm	
February	March
Thurs. Feb. 11 Fairfield Inn	Mon. March 8 Holiday Inn and Suites
Thurs. Feb. 25 Holiday Inn and Suites	Tues. March 23 Holiday Inn and Suites
COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN FEW FACES, BIG SPACES	MASKS DISTANCING AND SANITIZING
TO REGISTER: Call Kathy Russell (250) 819-9920 or email kathy-russell@telus.net	

\$90. INCLUDES: one day course, workbook, and certificate from Interior Health (upon passing).

STUDENT COMMENTS: * I loved Kathy's energy and making the class interesting and fun!
* Kathy was wonderful, encouraging and kind.
* She has effective teaching techniques.
* Had great real life examples and stories to put material in context.

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I WOULD NOT HAVE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE CHEF AND THE RESTAURANT BOSS THE SERVICE WITH THE FOODSAFE CERTIFICATE. GREAT COURSE!

Next Meeting: April 20th, 2021 at 6:30pm



6. New Business:

a) **Education for Parents:** Navigating the Talk(s) – Next webinar
March 4th (the Teen Years), 6:30-8:30 pm Register at:
sd73dpaczoom@gmail.com

b) **DPAC Update COVID-19 Response (Sheri L.):**

c) **Cold Weather Policy:**

d) **Virtual Town Hall – Keeping Schools Safe:**

- Recorded Feb. 11th link can be found here:
<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/keeping-schools-safe-faq.aspx>

e) **Nomination Consideration to “BCCPAC Board of Directors”
and George Matthews Award for Excellence:**

- Chris Ponti has been a strong advocate for parents especially in matters of Capital Funding and needed school improvements. He would be an asset to have as a voice at the provincial table.
- George Matthews Award for Excellence

The George Matthews Award for Excellence in parent leadership was established in memory of George Edwin Matthews who was a steadfast supporter of parents in education throughout his years working for the Ministry of Education and liaison with BCCPAC.

Chris was a key influence in the approved upgrades to Valleyview Secondary among other budget concerns and protocols.

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f) Website Redesign:

- We have reached out to Trilogy Solutions to update the DPAC website.

7. Reports:

- a) Treasurer's Report:
- b) Superintendent Report:
- c) Trustee Report:
- d) KTTA Report:

8. Other Correspondence:

9. Adjournment:
