

A WELCOME BACK to PACs

SD73 DPAC

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The DPAC Executive group would like to welcome all our families and PACs back. We hope you had a great summer. While we are still uncertain on exactly how this year will unfold and what our roles in the school will look like, we are sure that DPAC will continue to work and advocate on behalf of parents and students throughout the district.

Sincerely,
SD73 DPAC Executive Group

Chair- Sheri Lakusta
Vice-Chair- Brad Gerow
Treasurer- Erin Mitchell
Secretary- Heather Asselstine

Members at Large:
Val Newbreast
Chris Ponti

WHAT IS THE DPAC?

DPAC is NOT that new rap artist your kids are listening to! 😊
DPAC is a collection of PAC representatives that support, encourage, and improve the quality of education and the well being of students in School District No. 73 by:

1. Exchanging ideas and information among Parent Advisory Councils in the School District
2. Providing information regarding educational and community matters to parents and Parent Advisory Councils

3. Providing the parental voice to education decision-making organizations affecting the School District

Really, the DPAC are just people like you who care about the school, the students, and our community. Like your PAC we meet once per month and while your PAC sits at a table with school admin, DPAC sits at a table with district admin including trustees, superintendent, and the KTTA. All parents, not just your school's elected DPAC Reps, are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings



UPCOMING EVENTS

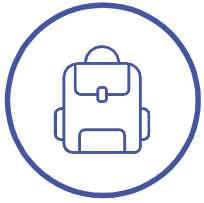
**DPAC General Meeting
September 21st 6:30 -Zoom**

**DPAC AGM
October 19th 6:30 -Zoom**

**DPAC General Meeting
November 16th 6:30 -Zoom**

**“Education is
the most
powerful
weapon which
you can use to
change the
world”**

- Nelson Mandela



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

While last year was not exactly what we had planned for, we still managed to arrange some good parent-focused educational speakers that we delivered via Zoom. These included:

- Kim Mangan from the Kamloops Music Collective;
- Cole Levitt on Depths of Comfort;
- Vessy Mochikas from SD73 on SOGI in our District;
- Andrea Sinclair from BCCPAC;
- SKSS Students on the District Dress Code.

However this new year shapes up we will strive to continue providing great education information.

NEW WEBSITE

We also developed and launched a new website & Facebook page, <https://dpac.sd73.bc.ca> & DPAC 73 Kamloops-Thompson on Facebook.

We still have some tweaks to make so please check it out and send suggestions for improvements to sd73dpac@gmail.com. We hope to have a dedicated media person to help update and maintain the site as well as increase our social media presence. If you have any experience in this area, we would love to have your help!

WE NEED YOU

Much like in your PACs, many hands make light work. Our Executive Group has shrunk due to graduations and changes in work and we are looking to infuse the group with new faces and ideas. There is no experience necessary and the only prereq is that you are your PACs DPAC Rep. Time commitments are very light and with a large executive group, our combined intelligence & experience helps us make better and more informed decisions.

THANK YOU BRAD GEROW

Brad was our Vice-Chair and has spent 4 years on the DPAC Executive Team. A change in work has limited his availability and forced him to step back.

We would like to thank Brad for his dedication and commitment. Your intelligence, experience, and humor will be missed!



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ZOOM!!!

DPAC has purchased a Zoom Account that is free for all our PACs to use. For information contact Erin Mitchell at sd73dpaczoom@gmail.com



OUR NEXT AREA OF FOCUS

DPAC is actively involved in supporting SD73 on the desperate need for Capital Funding throughout our District. Recently DPAC partnered with the Facebook group ADVOCATES FOR SD73 and made a presentation to Ministry staff. Currently we are drafting another letter to the Minister of Education inviting her to take a tour of our District. We hope to show them that their suggestion to bus excess south shore students to Heffley is not a viable option.