



Executive Committee

Sheri L: Chair, **Heather A:** Secretary, **Erin M:** Treasurer/Zoom Coordinator,
Chris P: Member-at-Large, **Valerie N:** Member-at-Large.

October 19th, 2021 General Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome/Call to Order:

a) In attendance:

2. PAC 101-- Andrea Sinclair (BCCPAC) President, SD39 Vancouver:

Since 2017, it has been Andrea's goal to ensure BCCPAC is relevant – relevant to members, to parents, to public education. BCCPAC is the single largest stakeholder in public education and Andrea's goal was to make us equal. Andrea is so very proud to say that we are part of the provincial education structure having cemented our position in the public school system. With the support of the Board, she works hard to ensure our alliances are strong and respectful. Participating fully in all that is happening in public education and ensuring the parent perspective is heard, takes a tremendous amount of work. BCCPAC has earned the respect of public education stakeholders because we are highly credible. Andrea asks much of the Board members and she is constantly amazed at their willingness to give so much of their time. We come to meetings well-read and well-prepared. It is Andrea's promise to each of you that while she is President, BCCPAC will continue to make a difference in public education.

3. Review of the Agenda:

4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

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.



5. Old Business:

- a) **School PAC Email Addresses:**
- b) **FoodSafe (Erin):**
- c) **SD 73 Indigenous Education Family Voices (Valerie):**

6. New Business:

- a) **AGM:** To follow the general meeting
- b) **DPAC Bylaws:** Calling for a review committee.
- c) **District Strategic Planning:** As Seen in Dr Rhonda Nixon's last email-
 - On behalf of the School Board, DPAC representatives and the DPAC Executive recently met with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to discuss the District Strategic Plan and Review.
- d) **Newsletter(s) and Social Media**
 - Website:
<https://dpac.sd73.bc.ca/>
 - Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/DPAC-73-Kamloops-Thompson-102187408678963>
(DPAC 73 Kamloops-Thompson)
 - October Newsletter:
<https://dpac.sd73.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/October%202021%20Newsletter.pdf>
- e) **Meeting with Dr Reka Gustafson and Minter Whiteside**
 - Chris Ponti attended a question-and-answer session guided by BCCPAC with Dr Reka Gustafson and Minister Whiteside earlier this month. This session was recorded and can be viewed at:
https://youtu.be/4IZvl_UJSQ

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f) Parent Engagement:

- Inclusive Education: To be presented by Vessy Mochikas – At the next DPAC general meeting: November 16th, 2021 at 6:30pm.
- Vaping and Drug Awareness
- Navigating the talk
- Mental Health

g) DPAC Executive at Board meeting, October 25th at 7 pm

- Sheri Lakusta, Chris Ponti and Judy Walcher (Chair at Westmount) will be presenting the letter, “How Full is Too Full” at the **October 25th** Public Board Meeting via zoom at **7pm**. Live stream is also available on Facebook.

7. Reports

- a) Treasurer’s Report:
- b) Superintendent Report
- c) Trustee Report
- d) KTTA Report
- e) BCCPAC Report:

8. Other Correspondence:

9. Adjournment:

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