



Executive Committee

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

September 21th 2021 General Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome/Call to Order:

a) In Attendance:

2. Review of the Agenda:

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

4. Old Business:

a) School PAC Email Addresses:

b) FoodSafe (Erin):

c) SD 73 Indigenous Education Family Voices (Valerie):

5. New Business:

a) Dress Code

b) DPAC Bylaws

c) School Capacity/Capitol Funding

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.



d) Safety Tips:

- <https://www.kamloopsthisweek.com/news/kamloops-mounties-offer-street-proofing-tips-following-suspicious-incidents-1.24358716>

e) 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)

SD73 DPAC

A WELCOME BACK to PACs

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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

Next Meeting: October 19th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

WELCOME BACK to PACS



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.

f) Parent/Guardian Education (ideas):

- Vaping and Drug Awareness
- Navigating the talk
- Inclusive Education
- Mental Health

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- Others:

g) McGregor/Wilson Report:

- [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/reports-and-publications/special advisors report on school district 57.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/reports-and-publications/special_advisors_report_on_school_district_57.pdf)

6. Reports

a) Treasurer's Report:

KAMLOOPS DPAC FINANCIAL REPORT – YEAR-END, 2021

Gaming Account	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
Opening Balance – Sept 1, 2020				\$277.84
September 2, 2020	BCCPAC Membership	\$150.00		\$127.84
October 2020	Gaming Grant Revenue		\$2500.00	\$2,627.84
December 2020	Outreach/Greeting/Thank You cards to PACs	\$189.23		\$2,438.61
February 2021	½ Cost of Website Redesign for DPAC	\$504.00		\$1,934.61
February 2021	"Navigating the Talk" – Early Years (Education)	\$425.00		\$1,509.61
February 2021	Foodsafe education – Haldane and Dallas	\$189.00		\$1,320.61
March 2021	"Navigating the Talk" – Middle Years (Education)	\$425.00		\$895.61
March 2021	"Navigating the Talk" – Highschool Years (Education)	\$425.00		\$470.61
June 2021	Website Hosting Fee (annual)	\$136.50		\$334.11
June 2021	Zoom License for 2021/22 fiscal year	\$200.00		\$134.11
Bank Fees	\$1.95 x 12	\$23.40		\$110.71
Est. Balance – June 30, 2021				\$110.71

**Italics indicate that debit has not yet appeared on monthly bank statement/cheque still has not been cashed by payee.*

General Account	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
Opening Balance – Sept 1, 2020				\$4,371.53
May 11, 2021	Other half of Website design from Trilogy Solutions.	\$504.00		\$3,867.53
Bank Fees	\$1.95 x 12	\$23.40		\$3,844.13
Est. Balance – June 30, 2021				\$3,844.13

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Bursary Account	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
Opening Balance – Sept 1, 2020				\$1,035.50
Bank Statements		\$6.00		\$1,029.50
Bank Interest			Approx \$1.50	\$1,031.00
Est. Balance -June 30, 2021				\$1,031.00

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GIC Accounts	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
Original 12-month GIC of \$1500 earned \$15.04 in interest in Nov 2020 and was reinvested	1 year GIC of \$1,015.04 principal, Matures November 18, 2021 – 0.25% or \$2.53 at maturity			\$1,015.04 (investment w/o interest)
Original 18 month GIC of \$3500 earned \$102.56 in interest in May 2021 and was reinvested	18 month GIC of \$3602.56 principal, Mature November 13, 2022 – 0.50% at or \$26.94 at maturity			\$3,602.56 (investment w/o interest)
Balance -June 30, 2021				\$4,617.60

Est. Balance June, 2021 (after disbursement of committed funds)				\$9,603.44
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Proposed (DRAFT) SD#73 DPAC Budget
Projected Revenue and Expenses for year ending June 30, 2022

	General Fund	Gaming Fund	Total
Revenue:			
Balance Forward (Aug 31, 2021)	3,844.13	110.71	\$ 3,598.84
Community Gaming grant (Oct 2021)		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	\$ 3,488.13	\$ 2,610.71	\$ 6,098.84
Expenses:			
Monthly Plan Fee (TD Bank) (12mos x 2 accts)		\$ 46.80	\$ 46.80
BCCPAC membership		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
BCCPAC travel expenses for 2 people	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
External Speakers/presentations (ex. KELLI)	\$ 500.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 675.00
Food Safe Course (10 people @ \$90/person)		\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Other Parent Ed costs supplies/outreach etc		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Website Hosting Fee		\$ 136.50	\$ 136.50
Zoom Plan for meetings		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	\$ 2,388.13	\$ 2.41	\$ 2,390.51

Bursary Fund

- Currently has **\$1,031.00**

GIC Accounts

November 18, 2021 Mature date of 1-year GIC. Will earn 0.25% at maturity.	\$1,015.04
November 13, 2022 Mature date of 18 month GIC. Will earn 0.50% at maturity.	\$3,602.56

- b) Superintendent Report
- c) Trustee Report
- d) KTTA Report
- e) BCCPAC Report:

7. Other Correspondence:

8. Adjournment:

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