

Executive Committee

Bonnie M.: Chair, **Melisa D.:** Vice-Chair, **Willa P.:** Secretary, **Jenn C.:** Treasurer, **Elwira, Val, George, Charles, Sarah, and Emmy:** Members at Large

April 16, 2024- General Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome/Call to Order: 1630

a) **Welcome and acknowledgement of the traditional territory **Acknowledgement that we are on the territory of the Secwepemc Nation, specifically the territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc People.**

b) **In attendance:** In-Person and Zoom: Chris (Valleyview), Erin (SKSS), Melisa (Haldane), Elisa (Westsyde), Elwira (LGES), Jen (Barriere), Val (Westsyde), Diane (RLC), Emmy (KSA), Caroline (Bert Edwards), Trustee Hickson, Trustee Kang, Superintendent Dr. Nixon, Sarah (Arthur Hatton), Kara (Rayleigh), George (Parkcrest), Will (PacWay)

Regrets: Bonnie, John O'Fee.

2. Review of the Agenda

a) **Indigenous Languages, Story Telling, Identity, and Voices** – (see attached) Val discussed Indigenous Learning styles and the Indigenous world view, and the “living in two worlds” experience of Indigenous individuals and effects of hierarchical structures.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting: (see attached) approved by Chris and Valerie

4. Reports

a) **KTTA Report-** no report tonight.

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.



b) SD 73 Superintendent Report-

- Dr. Nixon announced more help for families with school expenses. 20 million dollars in additional funding for the Student and Family Affordability Fund for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Indigenous Student Summit focused on anti-racism to be held on May 7/2024. 10 school districts to be in attendance. This is student driven and facilitated to address indigenous- specific racism to inform action plans.

Trustees Report:

- Trustees Kang and Hickson presented. Discussed Pineview naming committee meetings- last meeting April 9 it was narrowed down to 2 name choices. Board Meeting April 22 will review the recommendations of the committee (can join via Youtube or at the School Board office). Budget meeting and reviewed draft budget- feedback welcomed until April 28. Email budgetfeedback.sd73.bc.ca.
- Happyvale second childcare centre will be opening April 22/2024. Inquiring little minds will manage. To learn more contact ilmeducationcenter.com. If there are questions about current space availability email inquiringlittleminds@gmail.com.
- Heavy metal rocks program: 3-day event for 32 grade 11-12 students to learn how to operate heavy equipment.

c) Chair's Report: nothing to report.

d) Treasurer's Report (see attached)

- **Motion: at maturity to transfer funds from GIC to general account** (1st- Chris, 2nd- George). **Approved**
- **Motion: move the remaining amount out of bursary account into general account after last bursary comes out** (1st Chris, 2nd- Elwira). **Approved.**
- **Gaming applications now open** online so PACs should apply as soon as possible. Need constitution and bylaws in order to apply (required).
- **Recommendations from self assessment audit-** one to take note of is our gaming cheques do not say "gaming account" on them and that is required so in future when we finish up the current ones and need to order more, the new ones will say "gaming account" on them.
- **Foodsafe:** all been claimed. Waiting on confirmation from Rayleigh, Arthur Stevenson, and Haldane- please contact Jen and submit confirmation on when they are taking them.



5. Old Business:

- a) **Community and Council meetings**- Elwira discussed upcoming meeting April 24. (see attachment). Discussion around active transportation. Discussion around free transit for youth in BC which now in place in Penticton for students under the age of 24 yrs.
- b) **Board Composition**- Chris has looked into this question which was put to DPAC in regard to trustee composition and the make up of the board and why there were so many rural trustees vs urban trustees. Board meeting had discussion indicating trustees were unhappy with parents asking this and stating it was not the role of DPAC to ask this. Electoral areas are continually added and changed as needed so curious as to why the board make up was not the same process. Chris stated he believed trustees work just as hard for rural districts as they do for urban districts, that their goal as a whole is to support all students. Chris feels the current distribution of trustees is working. Reiterated that everyone has the right to ask questions such as these and DPAC will keep working to answer any of these questions.
- c) **BCCPAC AGM** – Proxy votes- Chris discussed there are 15 school PACS who are eligible to vote on resolutions and elections at the BCCPAC AGM. Encourage all PACs to join and fee can be taken out of gaming account. 5 DPAC members in attendance and will take proxy votes and under your direction if you would like.
- Question from Will (Pacway) around how to find the various resolutions.
 - Answer from Chris/ Erin- found in the AGM booklet- and keep checking as it is still being updated.
 - Question from Caroline (Bert Edwards)- just need 2 executives to sign and return?
 - Answer from Chris- Yes.
- d) **Parent Education night** – May 22- Elwira discussed hybrid event on active transportation (see attached poster). Presented by Dr. Trent Smith from Interior Health.

6. New Business & Committee Reports:

a) DPAC Committee Reports

Rural: did not meet, **Transportation:** see above, **Sexual Health:** no report, **Accessibility:** no report.



- b) **24/25 Budget**- Chris discussed April 10 budget release.
- Dr. Nixon highlighted it shows the staffing challenges and pressures in the district to fund to reflect the complexities within our large district with over 50 aging facilities and portables. Video presentation is a worthwhile watch if possible. Summary is online as well as the video to watch.
<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/ourdistrict-board/budget-consultation.aspx>
 - Comment from Erin: always so amazed with how far our district goes to support with limited funds- really stretch as much as possible to support the students.
- c) **How to Advocate for your Student Workshop**- advocating is a big topic throughout BC. Fortunate our DPAC has been networking with other DPACs in the province. Advocacy workshops held in other districts and plan to bring this to our district in the next school year.

*** Melissa noted that Earth Day is April 22/2024. ***

7. Other Correspondence:

- **BCCPAC gaming grant info:** April 23- zoom meeting put on by BCCPAC on BC gaming grants. Must go to for all treasurers- lots of good information. Anyone can attend but must pre-register through BCCPAC page.
[Webinar: Community Gaming Grants \(April 23\) \(bccpac.bc.ca\)](https://bccpac.bc.ca)
- **FASD Sexual Health Pep Talk and Care for the Caregiver:** April 22/2024 630-730pm in person at the Grube.
[School District No. 73 \(sd73.bc.ca\)](https://sd73.bc.ca)

8. Adjournment: at 1940- Approved by Chris and Erin.

Thank you for attending!

Next meeting May 21/2024 at 6:30 pm