

Sep 19 2023 DPAC General Meeting minutes prepared for LGES PAC

1. In accordance with the BC Accessibility Act, Draft Accessibility Action Plan has been approved by the Board on Aug 28 2023 and is available for viewing on [pgs 62-67 of the Regular Public Board Meeting agenda](#). It will be reviewed periodically. Questions can be directed to accessibilityplan@sd73.bc.ca. Bonnie McBride, DPAC Vice Chair is a member of the Accessibility Committee.
2. [Kamloops Naturalist Club has shared some concerns](#) with the school board around the new school construction in Pineview Valley and has been working with the city and the district to address them. The district is very excited about the possibility of outdoor education at that location and the list of themes from engagement sessions can be found [here](#). You can also view the draft plans and are welcome to give input at the bottom of the page under Facility Input, especially if you live in that area. Likewise, if you're a nature and outdoor education enthusiast you can reach out to Patricia Spencer earthwise@shaw.ca and Bill Gilroy bjgilroybc@gmail.com who can take you on a short nature tour where the new school will be located.
3. Student and Family Affordability Fund and [The Feeding Futures Fund](#) will increase food security for SD73 students through the expansion or creation of new school snack and meal programs. To learn more about how to access this fund, if you are a parent or student, please see your school administration. If you are a community partner who would like to be involved at a district level, please contact Michelle Mattes at: mmattes@sd73.bc.ca.
4. Foodsafe certification available again this year to PACs via DPAC funding.
5. Transportation Committee:
 - Pac Way Elementary is planning a Bike Bus in time for Go by Bike Week and we are hopeful that Bike Buses and projects like Safe Streets where streets around schools are open to students for playing become normalized and prevalent.
 - We also discussed the topic of school buses that are not accessible. What does it mean for students when field trips are organized.
 - We discussed unreliable transit for students who do not use school buses but are reliant on BC Transit to get to school.
6. Indigenous Languages, Storytelling, Identity and Voices
 - [Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework](#)
7. Next DPAC Meeting Tuesday Oct 17 2023 at 6:30pm and following positions are available at the AGM: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Members at Large.