

DPAC minutes Apr 16 2024 and May 21 2024

1. [Indigenous Languages, Story Telling, Identity, And Voices](#) April; [May](#) ;
2. DPAC Chair Bonnie McBride was elected as President of BCCPAC. DPAC appreciates those PACs who sent their proxies with SD73 DPAC delegation. LGES was one of them. This is a big win for the families in BC to have an Inclusive Education advocate represent all students. Also, a voice from the Interior of BC, from a rural and urban district.
3. Successful May'24 DPAC Parent Engagement Night on Active School Travel. Presentation by Dr.Trent Smith Interior Health. Councillors, trustees, parents, in attendance. Discussion around structural challenges, real versus perceived dangers to children, what can school do to create calmer school zones, 10% shift in mode of transportation is a big shift-it doesn't have to be everyone to call it a success.
4. Report from Dr.Nixon highlighting ongoing pressures to the upkeep of ageing facilities as provincial funding lags behind our district's needs.
 - a. FYI from me: SKSS is adding another portable. This affects LGES graduates.
5. Correspondence to DPAC: a parent in the district emailed DPAC inquiring about RCMP officers presenting to SD73 students on the topic of healthy relationships and online safety. The concern is that these officers are not trained teachers and whether they are equipped to lead these conversations with students and whether these presentations should be outsourced to outside agencies with trained staff/trauma informed.
6. Big shoutout to the District for allocating another \$5K in the Budget for DPAC which supports all parents' growth and allows for greater advocacy. Big thank you for access to Henry Grube Education Centre for DPAC general meetings as well as parent engagement nights.
7. Next meeting Tuesday September 17 2024 6:30pm zoom and Henry Grube.
8. Find us on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/zlua5GWjfdPgE3pE/> and the older pg which is still active, here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/NL8nNbZh7ZoK4z16/>