

Pac Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2023, virtual meeting via Zoom

In Attendance:

Linda Piroddi, Rachel Griffith, Meiling Brain, Tanya Riggs, Elwira Rosiak, Melanie Dumas, Hayley Hurren, Brandi Read, Diane Richards, Jayne M, Remy Wong, Carly Filipic

Minutes by: Rachel Griffith

Meeting called to order by Linda @9:30am

Adopting of January 2023 minutes, 1st. Linda, 2nd. Tanya, **PASSED**

Administration Report:

- Admin presented 2023-24 LG school fees; will be presented to the School Board next month.
- Online report cards working out very well.
- Another school affordability email will be sent to parents, admin encourages all families to take the \$40 refund.
- Pink shirt day was a success. Thank you to Chelsea Jules for the art work on the LG shirts.
- There will be a Track and Field clinic for all intermediate students on April 5.
- Tentative date for LG Track and Field day is May 10.
- Basketball is coming to an end before Spring Break.
- Parents are reminded to drop off any items for their child at the office for delivery. Please do not disrupt students while class is in session.
- Parents are reminded to not knock on the school windows or doors, to always use the front doors during the school hours.

Treasurer's Report:

- Linda presented the January 2023 bank account transactions.

Fundraising Report:

- Tanya presented the profits from Booster Juice, Pacific Taco, and Señor Froggys.
- Purdy's orders are due March 4.

New/Tabled Items:

- PAC's Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. Thank you to Mr. Murphy and all the parent volunteers.
- The Grade 7 Market fundraiser will be combined with the [previously postponed] Back To School BBQ event on May 11, 2023.
- PAC will look into a lunch for Teacher Appreciation Week in May.

- Parents have concerns regarding LG students participating in the Track and Field Provincials in Vancouver this year. On March 3 2023, the school received this response from the Sports Council Rep:
 - *There is no such thing as provincials for elementary track and field. This year the Kamloops Track & Field club is starting a new track meet for elementary school students. I believe it might even be open to students from other cities. This is a KTFC initiative, not an SD 73 event. We are going to try to support it by advertising and letting the students and their families know about it.*

Correspondence/Clubs:

- **Canadian Parents For French (CPF)**
 - Concours is March 16.
 - Registration for French summer camp has started, see website for details.
 - www.cpf.ca
- **DPAC**
 - February 2023 minutes are available to read on the DPAC website DPAC.sd73.bc.ca
 - Elwira presented minutes from January and February 2023.

Funding Requests:

- Kindness prizes total was \$198.
- Motion to fund \$500 for an author's visit to LG. 1st.Meiling, 2nd.Elwira. **PASSED**

Meeting adjourned @10:23am

Next meeting Monday, April 17, 2023 @9:30am via Zoom

DPAC February 21 2023

1. BCCPAC is seeking members for the BCCPAC committees. You do not have to be a DPAC rep, this is open to all SD73 parents and caregivers. Please contact DPAC at sd73dpac@gmail.com if you have an interest in any of these committees:
 - a. Awards, Constitution & By-Laws, Finance, Inclusive Education, Indigenous Education, Leadership Manual, Nominations, Policy, Resolutions, and I believe there is also an Events Committee that helps plan the DPAC Summit and AGM.
2. Workshop for parents through the District Inclusion Education on how Competency-Based IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) are designed to support students. This takes place on zoom March 8 2023, link to registration provided:
<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx?newsId=181cff15-f313-4a11-b0d5-934471b00ee2>.
3. Trash around Schools – Earth Day Clean up? You can contact Civic Operations at 250-828-3461 or civicoptions@kamloops.ca
 - a. If you do a garbage event the City will supply bags and safety vests plus arrange for pickup / disposal.
4. Superintendent/Trustees Reports
 - a. Dr.Nixon reiterated what Inclusive Education should look like in the district. Partial days are not permitted, unless that's an outcome of what family and educational team agree on. Concerns should always be brought forward to the principals, if unresolved, please contact Dr.Nixon directly.
 - b. Dr.Nixon explained what a school acquisition fee is, it is a charge to residential developers, collected by municipal governments and transferred to school boards to help them fund new schools. I'm including a link:
<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/our-district-board/school-site-acquisition-charge.aspx>
 - c. This was prompted by a discussion around SD73's Capital Fund and Long Range Facilities Plan for 2023. Link included
<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/our-district-board/policies-reports-and-regulations.aspx#reports>.

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d. Trustee Hickson relayed info on Annual Facility Grant that districts receive from the province. Our district's needs for infrastructure upkeep is currently around \$150MLN and we receive around \$3.5MLN annually from the province.

Dr.Nixon reassured us that our buildings are old and nearing the end of life cycle but they are safe and well maintained.

e. Some parents raised concerns about a program involving RCMP and SD73 called Safe Spaces

<https://www.kamloopsthisweek.com/community/kamloops-rcmp-teams-up-with-others-to-offer-safe-spaces-6583657> , citing concerns relating to

i. The LGBT Purge perpetrated by the Government of Canada against queer people <https://lgbtpurgefund.com/>,

ii. FAFIA report <https://fafia-afai.org/en/a-report-on-the-toxic-culture-of-misogyny-racism-and-violence-in-the-rcmp/>,

iii. treatment of rape victims by RCMP,

iv. role of RCMP in residential schools,

v. as well as ongoing litigation against the RCMP,

vi. and reports of violence of RCMP against racialized people.

vii. The image of an officer in the picture with a gun is not congruent with safety, for all. Lack of consultation with parents that led to this was described as "elitist".

5. There is no March 2023 DPAC meeting. Next Meeting: April 18th 2023 at 6:30 PM

DPAC January 17 2023

There was no December 2022 DPAC meeting and the January 2023 meeting was one day after our LGES PAC meeting (Jan 16 2023).

1. DPAC is looking for more members to join the Capital Committee.
 - a. While the district can limit new registrants at LGES, once our children go to SKSS they are facing studying in portables. There are plans to add more portables at SKSS, next year.
 - b. According to a public letter on the SD73 School Board's website, from their meeting with Kamloops Thompson MLAs, around 1,500 students are learning in portables.
 - c. If you'd like to learn more about this issue or support DPAC in its advocacy, please email sd73dpac@gmail.com for more info. You do not have to be a DPAC rep. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to join.
2. DPAC is looking for volunteers to keep our social media accounts updated. You do not have to be a DPAC rep, you do not have to attend meetings. This would involve things like posting minutes and updates generated by the executive team, to our website and/or social media accounts. Please email DPAC if you'd like to help out.
3. Food Safe. There are 4 additional spots open to get certified. Please email sd73dpac@gmail.com for info.
4. DPAC Parent Education. If there are any topics that you'd like to see covered. Please email your suggestions to sd73dpac@gmail.com.
5. DPAC Chair Ponti gave a lengthy update on his BCCPAC conference attendance. Those are in the official DPAC minutes on FB.
6. Indigenous Languages, Storytelling, Identity and Voices. DPAC Executive member Valerie shared information relating to Cree Nation. Links and an infographic included.
 - a. **Cree Female - Cree Language (5 minutes)**
<https://youtu.be/CFUQyidy46w>
 - b. **Cree Male - History of the Cree Language Part 1 (59 minutes)**
https://youtu.be/CpvuED_hJTM
 - c. **Cree Creation story (8 minutes)**
<https://youtu.be/Qn0z1QH2Zc>