



SD 75 (Mission) DPAC Meeting Minutes

Location: Held Via Zoom

November 21, 2022



Meeting Commenced: 7pm

Meeting Facilitator: Jacquelyn Wickham

Attendees Present: see below

1. Welcome – Acknowledgement:

Acknowledgment by the chair : *Mission Public School District is located on the traditional, ancestral, unceded and shared lands of the Stó:lo people, which includes Sq'ewlets, Leq'á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwi and Qwó:lt'el First Nations.*

2. Adoption of October Minutes:

Motion to accept October meeting minutes by Cheryl, Raegan seconds

3. Adoption of Agenda for November:

Motion to adopt November agenda by Cheryl, Jamie seconds

4. Correspondence: Jacquelyn Wickham

Concern about air quality (emailed Angus for guidance), has become more of an issue than in the past. May want to consider revisiting should this continue to be an issue

MunchaLunch - K-12 lunches– fundraiser – info is accessible if schools are interested, 1% transaction cost, they handle payment processing and deposit weekly into PAC accounts

Info Bulletin sent by Gaming Commission - on how to keep documents, all PACS who applied for Gaming Grants should have received

Minister Whiteside letter in response to the letter Cheryl sent on behalf of Mission DPAC, at this time no commitments, Mission's needs are not as pressing currently

Update on living wage calculations and how this can affect people - Zoom call at 11am tomorrow – Nov 21

Request to change by-laws and constitutions - parent/guardian references, can it be broader as stated in family law act? DPAC may discuss at another time

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5. Reports

Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

Board of Education – School Elected Trustees: Jash Bains, Linda Hamel, Randy Cairns, Shelley Carter, Tracy Loffler

Vaping – kids leaving class to vape, nicotine intake X3 more than cigarettes, older grades may receive stronger punishment, more likely to be an in-school suspension for some repeat offenders, it is felt suspensions may not be a deterrent

Social Media – school PACS using school logos on group FB pages - parents voicing negative opinions on teachers, issues, sensitive topics, posting photos of kids through such channels, this is a big concern and needs to be addressed

Issue with parent yelling at students (wrong child being blamed), Board working on articulating process for such issues

Traffic in and around school zones, student was hit near school, seems to be an annual occurrence, what can school district do? It is also a city issue. It is a challenge to manage the flow in and out of school, as many kids are driven to school

BCTF Collective Bargaining has gone through – no job action complications

Safer Schools Together – one session thus far, more to come for various groups

New District Principal – Early Learning (originally from Mission)

- In charge of readiness of K-12 system, will be working with early childhood providers and organizations organizing and advocating for space and qualified personnel
- Funding – fully funded by gov't, #75 received more funding than posting, be mindful that funding could be pulled (ie: this happens with Strong Start)

Flus flowing through schools actively

Chair's Report: Jacquelyn Wickham

New DPAC set up - emails set up, banking set up

BCCPAC Summit Report: Cheryl Blondin

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- Good attendance, zero people there from Richmond
- Friday full day of presentations
- Minister Whiteside – acknowledged the value of extracurricular activities put on by PACs, they are very important
 - Monitoring absences – kids health currently
 - 100,000 people moved to BC, 60% from outside of Canada, which affects enrollment
 - \$5m budgeted for playgrounds
 - Family affordability fund touched on
 - Working with partners on SOGI, student safety, consent education - how all ages will receive this education communication – grades 11/12), some kids do not take PE, which is where this is being touched on
 - Marketing – new verbiage – no longer called portables now called learning studios
 - Jennifer McRae, Assistant Deputy Minister – provided learning and supports update – mental health updates, what they are working on, 5 districts that currently have teams, eliminates kids from having to retell their story, team comes in and they all work together to identifying required supports needed, training starts in Jan
 - K-12 anti-racism action plan, create change throughout, working hard to systemically make changes
 - General update on health of kids – covid is a straight line, flu and common colds are seeing a real spike, spoke to stay home when you are sick, get vaccinated
 - 0-5 fees decreasing in childcare, school age fees should be decreasing for 6-12 years
- Saturday
- Round table discussions
 - DPACs are invited in every hiring of leadership roles within the district
 - Kids since the pandemic, struggling with social skills, possible opportunity for PACs to look into
 - Collaborative vs. collaboration, involve parents/DPAC during begging phases of planning

Treasures Report: Raegan Heidt

Gaming:

\$2400.15 (meet and greet cheque for \$248.23 cleared on October 21st and Zoom reimbursement cheque for Cheryl for \$255.23 cleared on November 4th)

Chequing:

Remains unchanged at \$2342.20

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6. Old Business:

Budget:

Motion to adopt by Alicia, Cheryl seconds

Vote to adopt Budget by Sheneal, Christine, Jamie, Ashley, and Joelle

Opposed: no, passed

7. New Business:

2022/2023 Calendar:

Calendar – moving forward with 3rd Monday of the month, except where it falls on a holiday and in Dec (2nd Monday), Jan 3rd, Feb 2nd Mondays, posted on website for review

Task Forces:

Executive members discussed committees vs Task forces, committees can be quite burdensome, so create Task Force, in hopes to move initiatives forward, then people can volunteer based on their capacity. In previous years: Inclusion, By-laws and Constitution, Safety committees had been formed.

Would like to see a Middle School Task Force, advocacy for change at the middle schools and address issues we are seeing and connect to data to support issues that students may be facing – those interested: Cheryl, Joelle, Missy, Jen; anyone else that would like to be involved or has questions or topics that could be addressed email: DPAC Chair

Students with support needs: how to support, effectively advocate, distribute information – those interested: Joelle, Alicia, Jacquelyn, Ashley

School district budgeting, how to read, how school funding works, parent education forum – those interested:

Identify ways that people can be involved in various Task Force initiatives; editing documents, penning letters, share-out information

Advocacy and Parent Education Plan for the year

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Could the above Task Forces be used to identify topics we can incorporate this year? Finding balance and / or identify ways to keep topics specific (somewhat broad) but not so specific that only those that experience them would be interested

Shelley Carter suggested - do a round table you could have a round table meeting and invite people to facilitate each table with a different topic at each table and gather info to share with the group – if anyone has any ideas email DPAC Chair

Review erase (expect respect & a safe education) website – may be a good tool

- o ACTION ITEM: Cheryl to speak to someone at Ministry re: how to present

Other topics, de-mystifying mental health, chronic health conditions (ie: type 1 diabetes), addictions, underhoused individuals, some may be peer led

Accessible BC Act:

School districts 2023 schools to have accessibility committee, a plan and tools to support accessibility with their school

Required that at least are half disabled or from an organization that represents disabled (wide-open as to who would represent)

Illness in Schools and the Protocols:

A lot more puke, brings up concerns, school custodians - no longer have the day time custodians or funding to provide them, are there any changes or considerations re: this - Angus – in a curious phase re: illness protocols (ie: other provinces bringing back masks)

If you have COVID no longer a need to isolate at home for 5 days

Pinworms happening in one particular school – special cleaning attention done

Day time custodial cleaning – is a part of the collective bargaining table, high up the list of importance but not the highest, fundamentally tied to money, additional budget for such services would mean money would have to be taken from elsewhere, Committee of the Whole is a good place for DPAC to be a part of the advocacy

Are barriers in high traffic spots being moved, hand sanitizers have been removed, soap is running out in shared spaces – Angus – not sure about hand sanitizer – will look into this

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Pexiglass have not been removed, but it was felt that cubes in classrooms were 'bad' for air flow

Request for instructional art on how to dispose of garbage, compost, recycling, etc.

ACTION ITEM: Angus to provide

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Cheryl, Raegan seconds

Meeting adjourned by: 8:19pm

Next meeting will be held December 12, 2022

Attendees:

District: Angus Wilson-Superintendent

Board: Shelley Carter-#75 Board Chair, Linda Hamel-#75 Trustee, Jash Bains-#75 Trustee
Jacquelyn Wickham-DPAC Chair, Raegan Heidt-Christine Morrison, Cheryl Blondin-Previous
Chair, Ashely Maclean-Albert McMahon-PAC Chair, Missy Caswell, Jen Woolley-Central PAC,
Crystal-Stave Falls, Brooke Christensen-SFES, Bunny-Cherry Hill DPAC, Jamie-SFES-DPAC,
Stacie Sharma, Kristine Matthysen-MSS, Melissa Wright-Silverdale-Chair, Sheneal Anthony
EST/Hatzic DPAC Rep, Alicia Hurd-HPMS, Christine Babuik-Mission Central, Joelle
Reynolds-Fraserview

Not in Attendance: Pascale-Sara Frenette, Tracey Loffler

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