



DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

September 2025 DPAC Minutes

Date: September 25, 2025 | Time: 7 pm

Location: (In person and via Microsoft Teams at ESS Library)

7:00 PM Greetings, Introductions + Land Acknowledgement

The meeting took place in unceded traditional land and sea of the Squamish Nation and Sechelt Nation.

In Attendance: Tamara Hedden (Vice-Chair), Scott Davis (Past-Chair), Miyuki Shinkai (Secretary & BCCPAC Rep/ ESS), Jana Cull (Director at Large CSS), Derika Naidu (CGE), Marissa Fisher (CGE), Karla Shields (LES), Christina Man (CGE/ESS), Tara Porter (ESS), Deb Rockall (ESS), Debra (?), Johan Stroman (Guest Speaker), Christina Knox (CUPE 801), Darin Bros (CUPE 801), Amanda Amaral (Trustee Rep), Kate Kerr (Superintendent).

Regrets: Rep (WSE), Rep (Spider), Rep (DBE), Rachael Eastman (Chair/PHSS), Jen Sumner (MPES), Rep (HMBE), Ayren Debrett (KES), Rep (GES).

7:05 PM Approvals:

- May 22, 2025, Meeting minutes available on (the SD46 website)
Moved by Miyuki, Seconded by Scott. All in favour. m/s/c
- September 25, 2025, Agenda Approval Moved by Tamara, Seconded by Derika.
m/s/c

7:05 -7:30 PM Guest Speaker:

SD46 Active Travel Campaign Week by Johan Stroman Oct 6 – Oct 17, 2025.

<https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/active-travel/>

Please get in touch with Johan if your PAC would like to purchase AT prizes. He requested that PACs allocate \$75 to \$300 per semester for prizes. Contact by Friday, October 3, johan@heartwoodsolutions.ca / 604.989.3079

Here is a link to the presentation as a PDF. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rh1gtx3gC-Mz8lOslMB5lslUYcQCaiF0/view?usp=sharing>

If your PAC would like to learn more about the Walking School Bus Program, Safe Walking Routes to School, please reach out to Johan.

7:40 PM Regular Reports:

· Vice Chair report: VC Tamara Hedden

-Chair Rachael Eastman resigned in August 2025. VC Tamara is currently acting chair. The DPAC board election is in the October DPAC meeting.

-Notice of the DPAC Executive Election on October 23 at 7 pm in the CSS library and hybrid platform. Nomination is welcome. A list of nominations will be included in the

agenda package. If you are interested in executive positions, please email sd46dpac@gmail.com for more info.

• **Treasurer Report: Jennifer Sumner (absent) none**

Financial Report 2024/2025 has not been submitted to the Gaming Branch. SD46 DPAC missed the deadline for the 2025/2026 Gaming Grant application. Currently, the board is sorting out this problem and applying for the Gaming Grant ASAP.

• **Trustees Report: Amanda Amaral**

New Trustee's Newsletter available online:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/N4j7bGrh5k4kyvpB?ref=Link>

Question: Regarding SD46's land disposition in Gibsons, when is the deadline for sending feedback to the board?

Answer: The board welcomes to receive public comments and questions until the next board meeting on October 8th, 2025.

• **Superintendent Report – Kate Kerr**

<https://sd46.bc.ca/calendar-and-news/news-and-updates/superintendents-update/>

-On October 30 at the Golf Club, Annual SD46 Board and DPAC/PAC Forum- In collaboration with your local Board of Education and facilitated by Caroline Picard, we will dive deeper into how to run a meeting and build engagement through a compassionate systems lens, including how to work collaboratively with your Board of Education.

-Suggestion to DPAC: Relocate the meeting to the Early Learning Centre in Sechelt all year round to support the hybrid platform with reliable and consistent technology systems.

Motion: Miyuki moved that the DPAC Executive will send a Google poll to receive DPAC members' feedback and share the results at the October meeting.

Seconded by Tamara. m/s/c

7:25 PM Committee reports:

• **Healthy Schools**– No report. New representative from DPAC - Jessica Wollen

<https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/health-supports-resources/>

• **Family Engagement by Miyuki Shinkai**

-Communicate with every PAC about the Oct 30th Forum.

-DPAC could host a workshop for PAC executives, such as parliamentary procedure/Roberts rule, treasurer's financial reporting and how to apply gaming grant.

• **Active School Travel by Tamara Hedden**

VCH AT Working Group meeting is ongoing.

• **Education, Operations, Committee of the whole - 4th Tues.**

Typically, from 10 am – 3:30 pm at the SBO for 3 separate committee meetings for an hour and a half each. If you can make one of the three meetings, please contact Miyuki/Tamara to receive more information.

PAC Sharing:

CGE PAC- Multicultural Cookbook Fundraiser returns

ESS PAC- Grad fundraisers, Cafeteria entrée price and feeding future program.

Successful Fall Fun Fest.

7:47 PM Meeting to Adjourn

Next meeting: October 23, 2025, 7pm | Chatelech Library & Microsoft Teams



SD46SC + D(PACs) Event

Effective Meetings, Collaborative Work, & Compassionate Systems Leadership



30th of October, 2025
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

You are invited!

All Sunshine Coast School District PAC Chairs, Vice-Chairs (or two designates), DPAC Executives, Principals and Trustees are invited to join this connecting event.

RSVP NOW!

Registration Deadline is October 22nd, 9 am

About the Event

Where? Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club 3206 Highway 101, Roberts Creek

What? In collaboration with your local Board of Education and facilitated by Caroline Picard, we will dive deeper into how to run a meeting and build engagement through a compassionate systems lens, including how to work collaboratively with your Board of Education.

Details: A dinner buffet will be served.

RSVP 



<https://forms.office.com/r/aEkw7qm7j1>

Questions? Contact communications@sd46.bc.ca or 604-886-4489



REPORT TO DPAC
SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

Superintendent's Report
Submitted by Superintendent Kate Kerr
September 2025

This report highlights key updates and events from the past month, all grounded in our core values of **learning, belonging, integrity, and equity**.

September Start-Up

Students and staff returned to schools in September with energy and optimism for the year ahead. We are thankful to the entire Sunshine Coast Learning Community for bringing a renewed sense of excitement and possibility to our spaces and learning experiences.

September 2nd Professional Development Day and Strategic Plan Year 2

On September 2, approximately 450 educational staff gathered to launch the second year of our Strategic Plan journey. The day began in circle on the Chatelech Secondary field with a Land Acknowledgement, followed by a welcome and song from the shíshálh Nation, as well as greetings from union presidents and the superintendent.

Inside the gym, artifacts and growth plan posters from every school and department highlighted the learning and growth taking place across the district. Staff were guided in their learning by Shane Safir, bestselling author of *Street Data* and *Pedagogies of Voice*, who shared strategies to strengthen student voice. A powerful Kiva Panel featuring three students further brought this work to life in an authentic and moving way.

In the afternoon, staff worked collaboratively in their school and department teams to apply their learning and plan for the year ahead. This day marked another important step in our shared commitment to creating learning experiences where every student can thrive.

StrongStart, SPARK! and Child Development Classes

This fall, StrongStart, SPARK!, and Child Development programs are once again welcoming families, providing meaningful opportunities to connect and support early learning and healthy child development across our community.

2025-2026 Student Trustee

We are pleased to welcome Poppy Mackenzie Arnet as the student trustee for the 2025-2026 school year. Poppy, a Grade 12 student at Pender Harbour Secondary, is the 13th student trustee in the district's history and a dedicated member of the District Student

Leadership Team. In this role, she will play a key part in ensuring student perspectives are represented and amplified in board discussions throughout the year.

"Best Youth Film" Award

The Elphi TV crew has once again earned top honours, winning *Best Youth Film* in the Run 'N Gun 48 Hour Film Competition. Their film, *Detective D'Angelo and the Case of the Missing Tie*, was screened at the Orpheum Theatre on Saturday, July 5. The team received a \$200 cash prize and a \$500 credit to Gearbase, a film equipment rental company.

This year's winning team included students: Andrew Maxwell, Atala Herrera, Nathan Perrins, Mervy Mingo, Hana Fraser, Garnet Janyk, Morris Emmerson, Mason Ferguson, Connor Murawsky, Clara Fraser, and Zoey Bornman.

Teacher sponsor Emily Sheridan shared her pride in their achievement: *"I'm so proud of these students! They worked very hard on this project, and it's an incredible accomplishment for them to win this for the second time."*

Educational Leadership Team Summer Session

This summer, the Educational Leadership Team came together to align school growth plans with district priorities and provincial directions for the year ahead. The session laid a strong foundation for school and district leaders to support their teams in advancing the Strategic Plan. We were also joined by JB Mahli, Director of Instruction for Racial Equity at Surrey Schools, who facilitated an engaging anti-racism workshop that deepened our collective learning and commitment to equity.

Technology Department Updates

- **Device renewal:** All schools are now part of an ongoing renewal (evergreening) cycle for student and staff devices. Last academic year, we replaced 600 student devices across the district, and this year we will continue replacing older equipment, with a particular focus on iPads.
- **Student email and tools:** Student email accounts have been migrated to the **SD46.ca** domain. Students now have access to the full Microsoft Office suite, giving them improved tools for learning and collaboration.
- **Cybersecurity training:** We are placing a strong emphasis on strengthening our cybersecurity practices, with upcoming learning opportunities to build awareness and promote the safe, secure use of technology.
- **Network and server upgrades:** A major project is underway to upgrade the district's network and server infrastructure. These improvements will enhance the experience for students and staff while ensuring the district is well prepared for future growth in technology.

Operations Training Sessions

In late August, the Educational Leadership Team, School Board Office staff, administrative assistants, and clerical staff participated in virtual operations training. Sessions included updates and skill development in M365 and technology, Finance, MyEducation, and website management, ensuring teams were well-prepared to support the year ahead.

Maintenance, Facilities, and Custodial Teams

Over the summer, our Maintenance, Facilities, and Custodial teams worked diligently to complete key projects and ensure schools and district sites were ready for the year ahead. Their dedication and attention to detail provided students, staff, and families with safe, welcoming, and well-maintained learning environments to begin the school year.