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## SD46 District Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2020 | Meeting called to order by Chair: Jo Thomson 7:07pm Via Zoom

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### In Attendance

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Jo Thomson            Miyuki Shinkai            Martial Guillard            Maria Hampvent  
Patrick Bocking            Udo Rosenberg            Marilyn Baines            Angie Dickson  
Regrets: Amy Robinson

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### Approval of Minutes

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Motion: To approve the minutes from last meeting February 27, 2020

Move to motion: Marilyn Baines, Udo Rosenberg 2nd

The minutes were accepted as presented

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### Agenda

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Opening comments and approval of Agenda.

All in favor

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### Presentation

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Not applicable

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### Treasurers Report

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Jo Thomson will speak with Scott Davis about applying for Grant Money

Account Balances carry forward from February 2020

Gaming Account Balance: \$3318. 87

Savings Account Balance: \$1022.00

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### Committee Report

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Chairs Report – Jo Thomson

Jo is registered to attend BCCPAC AGM to be held May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

09:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Zoom

Udo Rosenberg and Miyuki Shinkai are also signed up.

All PACs that are BCCPAC members can register to attend.

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## Superintendent and Board Report

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### Patrick Bocking

We want to take exceptionally good care of our District – Physical and mental health.

Ministry has four priorities:

**Health and Safety of staff and students** – highest level of cleanliness and where to sanitize. Custodians have been trained and communicate carefully with all people using the buildings.

**Essential Service Workers in the Community** – SD46 must provide daycare for Tier 1 workers children. Both in Gibsons and Sechelt. Full time custodian in each of the locations. Moving towards Tier 2 worker’s children support.

**Vulnerable Students** – Academic, “Couch Surfing” kids. Schools can provide a mental health break as well. Currently just being rolled out. Some kids are hungry. A rather fluid situation. Kate Kerr is lead person on vulnerable students’ situation.

**Continuation of Learning** – Invite students and families to learn. Difficult to support all students. Staff is fully aware that there is a complete range of opportunities in homes. Elementary and Secondary frameworks. Also – Assessment? How to do it fairly when 30% of homes do not have a supportive home.

How do we support families?

We want everyone at the end of this school year to be in a “good place”. District realizes that everyone is doing the best they can.

All questions are good questions.

Please email or phone Patrick Bocking [pbocking@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:pbocking@sd46.bc.ca)

### Maria Hampvent -School Trustee

BCSTA are still have an AGM (virtual)

Next Board meeting – May 13, 2020

Education/Operations, Committee of the Whole Meeting will be next Tuesday April 28. 12:00p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Discussion on how parents can participate in an virtual sense. Meeting will be live streamed and parents can

Email during the meeting with questions.

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## Healthy Schools Committee

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Marilyn Baines email address: [mbaines@dccnet.com](mailto:mbaines@dccnet.com)

### Healthy Schools Committee and Local Action Team

Appears some parents have held back. Important to have some support for the students and the parents.

Youth clinics are open – considered an essential service. Marilyn happy to share and answer questions.

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## Discussion

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### Group Discussion:

- Special needs students missing out on a lot.
- Difficult for parents to teach high school level subjects. Some students just don't want to do anything. Not all parents are teachers. How to engage parents? How to get student's engaged? (especially at high school level) Possibly through each PAC?
- More families experiencing hands on learning – often as a group. The district is not doing the “on-line learning”. We are actually doing a form of emergency teaching.
- If a family is struggling? What kind of help can the district give? Solution: each student has a key teacher who is to check with them. Thought is that participation will increase when kids are more familiar with zoom?
- At Chatelech all scholarships information has been put on-line.
- Parents helping parents. Investigate through each PAC – each school is different.

### Question for Patrick:

- Will schools be Re-opening?

Will be based on science. For us – we are early in the curve. What format? How many students etc?

Many things to consider.

Dr. Bonnie Henry will give the directive.

- Will any of the high school level students be held back?

Grades at the end of June will be based on the whole year including the last 3 months.

A lot of students are not engaging.

- What if the parent does not want the student to go back to school?

Same as before. Parents would be required to provide home schooling. In the end, it is the parent's decision.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19 p.m.

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## Next Meeting

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May 28, 2020

Via Zoom (Virtual Meeting)