



DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

February 2022 DPAC Minutes DRAFT

Date: February 24, 2022 | Time: 7pm

Location: Zoom

7:00 PM Greetings and Introductions

In Attendance: Scott Davis (Chair), Ewa Kusmierk (VP/KES), Tracey McClelland (Treasurer / MPE), Miyuki Shinkai (Secretary & BCCPAC Rep / ESS), Andrea Glickman (Director-at-large /RCE), Jane Van Klinken (CSS), Karla Shields (LES), Emily Doyle (GES), Jen Boulton (DBE), Rachael Eastman (MPE), Udo Rosenberg (SCAS), Cherie Stone (PHSS), Nicole Andreassen (HMBE), Urszula Dragowska (CGE), Kate Kerr (Superintendent), Stacia Leech (Trustee Rep), Kirsten Deasey (District Principal of Learning & Innovation)

Regrets: Aspen Wing (WSE)

7:10 PM Approvals:

- January 24, 2021 Meeting minutes (SD46 website) m/s/c
- February 24, 2022 Agenda – addition made by Andrea, under New Business 'Covid in School' m/s/c

7:15 PM Guest Presenter – SD46 Secretary- Treasurer Nicholas Weswick – SD46 Facilities Review (PPP is requested, it will be sent later)

- Funding Source and Notes:

Operating Grant - \$5.4 million – Funds regular maintenance, utilities, cleaning and repairs. 11% of \$49 million total.

- Annual Facilities Grant - \$1 million – Specific types of work, typically larger projects that increase the building's useful life.

- Capital Funding (Minor) – Playground Equipment Funding (PEP), Carbon Neutral, Capital Program (CNCP), and School Enhancement Program (SEP).

- Capital Funding (Major) – Expansion, Building Envelope, Seismic, Replacement.

Priority:

- Safety First – Anything that directly impacts student and staff safety must be first priority.

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- Maintenance of Building Systems and Envelope – Anything that ensures the buildings can continue to run and operate from a systems perspective. Roofing work, HVAC filters and upgrades to ensure high air quality, water leaks, drinking water filters, etc.
 - Strategic Plan and Long-Range Facilities Plan – We look to the Strategic Plan and LRFP to guide the kinds of projects that we apply for, or how those projects are prioritized and structured.
 - Rotating Interior Renovation Schedule – All sites are on a rotating schedule for interior renovations that we feel align with the goals of the strategic plan.
 - Principal / School Requests – We look for opportunities to make these projects happen, where resources allow and sometimes seek outside funding and support.

Interior Renovation Schedule and statues

Pender Harbour - Complete
Roberts Creek – Complete
Langdale – Complete
Gibsons – Rebuilt
Elphinstone – Complete
Halfmoon Bay – In Process
Chatelech 2022/23
Davis Bay TBD
Cedar Grove TBD
Kinnikinnick TBD
Madeira Park TBD
West Sechelt TBD

Questions around playground improvement, parking lot lightings, grant writing, solar panels, rainwater collection were brought up.

Contact to Nic if you have more questions: nweswick@sd46.bc.ca

7:35 PM Regular reports

- DPAC Chair Report February 24, 2022 by Scott Davis - sdavisarch@gmail.com
 - Since last month my chair duties were primarily communicating and receiving email, newsletters and updates on five topics.
 - 1) District Family Engagement Committee Meetings. The meeting time changed to after school hours at 3:45.
 - 2) Feb 10th Trauma-sensitive Education recording. Miyuki sent out individual links for DPAC reps to access the recording. Contact her for any inquiries.
 - 3) Covid Concerns Letter. DPAC representatives Karla Shields and Andrea Glickman communicated with me about their letter. A copy of the email from the Chair of VanDPAC was sent to them. Andrea will ask for time on the agenda to discuss her concerns.

- 4) Van DPAC Concerns about communication between VCH and parents. After being contacted by Andrea, Van DPAC chair Gord Lau sent a follow up message. He asked about the feelings from SD46 DPAC. I replied that parents in SD46 have mixed feelings ranging from major concerns to acceptance of the communication during Covid. I had nothing to reply until after our meeting. I mentioned the letter by Andrea and Karla and the time needed to share it with our PACs to get feedback. I said based on that varied feedback, we did not gauge enough parent support for the letter at this time and a motion to support the letter failed. We continued to support that DPAC Reps write the letter personally. I said our DPAC would like to hear more whenever he has information.
- 5) Daycare in school Nicole Andreassen DPAC rep - Halfmoon Bay Elementary mentioned that their PAC recently had questions regarding daycares potentially becoming part of the school district. She asked if anyone at the February meeting is able to offer a little more information on this.

- Treasurer’s report: Tracey McClelland

SD46 DPAC - Treasurer's Report February 24, 2022

Gaming Account

Opening Balance September 1, 2021 \$3,923.92
 Gaming Grant received \$2,500.00
 Expenses Paid
 11/24/2021 #143 Kevin Lamoureux \$2,000.00
 Bank Fees - Oct \$2.50
 12/13/2021 #144 Food safe x 2 MPES \$250.00
 Bank Fees – Nov \$1.25
 12/13/2021 #145 Tracey - BCCPAC Yearly Fees 2022 \$150.00
 Bank Fees –December \$1.25
 02/15/22 #146 Relationship Maters Kim Barthel \$2,500.00 uncashed
 02/21/22#147Jana Curll – Food safe DBESPAC \$105.00 uncashed
 Total Expenses paid \$5,010.00
 Reconciled balance as of February 24, 2022 \$1,413.92
 Committed Funds Total committed funds (unspent) \$
 Balance to Spend \$1,413.92
 New unapproved expense requests BCCPAC 2022 CONFERENCE (For discussion) \$900.00
 Balance Remaining (after requests) \$513.92

Operating account

Opening Balance \$980.44

Expenses Paid
Bank Fees (July-January) \$17.50
Flowers for Jo \$57.12
Balance \$905.82

- If your PAC members are still interested in taking online Food Safe Certification course, please contact Tracey. Guideline was to endorse two members per PAC. A few PACs representatives responded by her reminder as school’s restriction started to ease for parents assisting breakfast program and hot lunch programs.

- 7:45 PM Board reports:**
 - **Superintendent’s report: Kate Kerr**

DPAC REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Submitted by Superintendent Kate Kerr
February 24, 2022

1. CIRCLE OF CARE: STUDENTS

- A. Kindergarten Registration began February 14, 2022!** This is a very exciting time for us all as we welcome new families in to our school communities. Families have been encouraged to begin the process by filling out the online registration via MyEd. **(1b)**
- B. SPARK! to Secondary** offers four virtual sessions for all parents/caregivers with children entering high school next year. These sessions are offered through a grant from United Way of the Lower Mainland’s School’s Out Program and will be occurring in April and May. Registration is now open on the District’s Family Engagement page. **(1b)**
- C. Just B4:** We are pleased to announce the opening of the Just B4 early childhood education Child Care Program. This program is specifically designed for 4-year-old children to attend ‘Just B4’ Kindergarten, with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation or rich, joyful early childhood spaces.

This program provides an opportunity to strengthen early years to kindergarten transitions for young children and their families.

Just B4 utilizes the StrongStart BC space in the afternoon, with the same StrongStart Educator who leads the StrongStart BC program in the morning. Parents pre-register for the Just B4 afternoon program and choose the days of the week they would like their children to attend. Just B4 is a licensed pre-school program and therefore parents do not need to attend.

This program is offered for \$10 a day. Families may qualify for child care subsidies through the Ministry of Children & Family Development. In addition, we gratefully acknowledge the financial contribution of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education. This program is the third of its kind to open in the province and is intended to pilot a promising practice for strengthening early years to kindergarten transitions.

Interested families can contact the Early Years registration desk at rwatson@sd46.bc.ca to express interest and request the registration package. Any questions can be sent to Kirsten Deasey, District Principal of Learning & Innovation at kdeasey@sd46.bc.ca. **(1b)**

- D. Family Literacy Week** (January 24 to 28) was a huge success in School District 46! Through our partnership with the Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts and a grant for the 'Celebration of Authors, Books and Community' we were able to have authors from across Canada zoom into classrooms to provide information and inspiration. These nationally recognized authors shared writing strategies and tips for budding young authors and highlighted the importance of celebrating Indigenous cultures, diversity, and inclusion. Over the five days, these authors inspired over 2000 Sunshine Coast students! **(1d)**
 - E. SD46 Kindness Month, Valentine's Day, Real Acts of Caring Week, and Pink Shirt Day:** Annually in February we have the opportunity to celebrate and shine a light on the power of kindness and the continued year-round effort and practice of making all SD46 schools safe, welcoming, inclusive learning environments. **(1f)**
 - F. Black History Month** honours the legacy of Black Canadians: their contributions and their communities. The theme this year is: February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day. A new staff resource has been created on the internal staff Engage site: Black History; Black Lives; Black Excellence to support learning opportunities in this area. **(1h)**
 - G. SD46 Musical Theatre Ensemble proudly presents Brigadoon:** Starting tomorrow with shows this week and next at Chatelech Secondary School Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Strait Music. Covid protocols will be in place: 50% capacity seating and the actors will be masked as will the audience. **(1k)**
 - H. Dual credit registration is happening now!** SD46 offers: Cook, Automotive Service Technician, Carpentry and Early Childhood Education programs in partnership with post-secondary schools. **(1l)**
 - I. Find Your Fit:** The WorkBC Find Your Fit tour came to three of the secondary schools in February. It is an interactive, educational event that offers students a hands-on way to experience skills that specific career areas need. Grade 6/7 classes have also been invited to participate in this opportunity. **(1l)**
- 2. CIRCLE OF CARE: COMMUNITY**

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- A. **Covid-19 Health and Safety Updates:** Families/caregivers and staff received news this week regarding the easing of K-12 setting guidelines with the removal of the BCCDC addendum from early January, in particular the guidelines on spectators and visitors have returned to those laid out in the Fall of this school year. Updated information regarding international travel was also shared. (3a)
 - B. **District and School Calendars:** A more user-friendly online calendar is now available on all district and school sites. The district website now has all district public and staff meetings/events on the calendar for easy access and viewing. You can also subscribe to the calendars from the sites. (3a)
 - C. **Gibsons Elementary Tree Removal and Reforestation Project:** A virtual information session will be held on March 2nd at 6:30 pm. An information brochure and registration for the info session is available on the SD46 website. (3a, 3d, 3e)
 - D. **Covid-19 Rapid Antigen At-Home Test Kits Update:** The Ministry of Education delivered the delayed shipment of rapid tests kits for staff earlier this month. Repackaging, distribution of 2 tests per staff, and delivery to sites occurred in early February. The Ministry of Education has also begun their delivery to schools of rapid antigen at-home tests for symptomatic students. Within the coming weeks, each student will take home one box of 5 tests. (3a)
 - E. **SD46 adopts a mask recycling program:** SD46 schools received their boxes in early February and students and staff will be encouraged to recycle their disposable masks (3-ply, KN95 and N95's) through this program. (3d)
 - F. **International Students:** For second semester, we welcomed six international students to our secondary schools. (3g)

- **Trustee report: Stacia Leech**
- February/March 2022 GECS PAC-Trustee report-Trustee Stacia Leech
- 1.Budgets: At the February Board meeting the amended annual budget for 2021/2022 was passed
- The 2022/2023 Budget consultation has begun-our Secretary Treasurer, Nicholas Weswick, has reached out to our partner groups, SCTA, CUPE, District P&VP, Parents for their thoughts.
- Some of the focus for next year has been identified as follows:
 - Recruitment and Retention of staff
 - Recruitment Strategy
 - Increase Wellness Support

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- Continuous Improvement in Education
 - Strategic Planning
 - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: Ensouling our Schools, Truth and Reconciliation, Anti-Racism, Equity Scan, Inclusive Practices
 - Continuation of Covid Supports
 - Food in Schools
 - Enhanced custodial / Cleaning
 - Other Operational Needs Space GES/DBE
 - District Website Improvements Inflation
 - Vehicle Replacement
 - 2. Enrollment projected for 2022/2023 is 3,350FTE up by 175 students since 2018
 - 3. Transportation: Our school district continues to advocate with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure about road safety for our learners. We will be discussing this further at the March operations committee.
 - Our district has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to support active travel for students through the VCH Vision Zero Road Safety Grant. The funds will be used to pilot walking school buses, further develop “Best Routes” maps and support road safety training for students. Priority will be given to systemic improvements that will lead to systemic change.
 - 4. Final draft of the Transportation of Students will be presented at the March 9 board meeting, you can take a look on the district website. <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/4160-Transportation-of-Students-circulating.pdf>
 - 5. If your planning your vacations for the 2nd half of 2022 you’ll want to take a look at the draft calendar for the Sept 2022 -June 2023 school year. You can find it at:
 - <https://sd46.bc.ca/draft-2022-2023-school-calendar/>
 - And for an overview of your trustees work during this school year check out the new Trustee Blog here; <https://sd46.bc.ca/trustee-blog-trustee-reflections>

- PARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS Next public board meeting: March 9th 2022 7pm,
- Next committee meeting day is March 29th 2022 10am to 4pm
- Agendas can be seen here:
- <https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/board-of-education-and-governance/board-meeting-schedule/>
- And you can watch the meetings afterwards here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

8:00 PM Committee reports:

- **Healthy Schools**

- Healthy Schools Summary by Ewa Kusmierk
- Christa presented the MDI/YDI results (middle years development instrument)
 - o Similar presentation to the one presented to DPAC in January
- Laurie Chaisson, the Vancouver Coastal Health Tobacco and Vaping reduction coordinator would like to come to a DPAC meeting to present some education; or she can forward some educational materials if we like.

Motion to support Laurie's presentation event. Reaching out to secondary school parents to attend.

Next meeting: April 5th, 9am, on zoom

- **Family Engagement**

- Next meeting information by Miyuki Shinkai
New Time!! March 7th, 2022 at 3:45pm- 5:15pm at School Board Office or via zoom.
Contact Scott and Miyuki if you are interested in attending as the parent's rep.

- **Active School Travel**

- AST Update Report by Miyuki Shinkai
SD46 received \$20,000 Vision Zero Grant and Langdale Elementary PAC received \$20,000 Vision Zero Grant and \$2,000 from BCHC for 2022-2023 AST programming.
- District of Sechelt is working on Transportation Master Plan in 2022/23. Needs to reach out to the public about the prioritized areas of improvement.
- In April, WSE, KES, DBE, and CSS PACs and Principals would be requested to share their survey on Safe Road improvement for AST users. Stay Tuned.
- District is planning to develop AT maps and Safe Walking routes for piloting schools.
 - Education, Operations, Committee of the whole - 4th Tues of month

8:30 PM Old Business – DPAC Survey update by Emily Doyle (as of Feb 24 collection data attached here. Emily will send the final collection later.)

Sunshine Coast PAC Survey Winter 2022:

1. What projects/initiatives is your PAC working on this year?

Kinnikinnick: Mostly food related projects. Snack trays for each classroom each morning, prepared by parents & delivered to each classroom. Lunch most days (soup, sandwiches, smoothies) – used to be done solely by volunteers, now coordinated by new part-time position in our kitchen (Jan 2022), with help from volunteers. News letter (approx. once a month) by PAC parent. Collecting receipts from Claytons & IGA – get 4% back for every \$5000 collected. Prepaid gift cards from IGA – load with cash, get 4% back. Working with District of Sechelt to build sidewalk & improve safe active travel options around our school

Madeira Park Elementary: A new piece of playground equipment, safety around our roads and re-starting our annual May Day celebrations.

Sunshine Coast Alternative Schools: Christmas Purdies fundraiser.

Elphinstone: Supporting students wellness, healthy habits, and social justice projects- equity, inclusive, compassion initiatives.

Davis Bay: No new projects this year. Ongoing support of the Greenhouse

Gibsons: Supporting requests from the school (money for celebrations, toy storage for kindergarten outside area, guest speakers for education). Supporting active travel to and from school and promoting it (bike to school week). Planting a tree for the kindergarten cohort. Funding school wide skating day. Winter holiday celebrations (Santa visited the school and gave out candy canes). Supporting food in the school for hungry kids.

Langdale: Supporting events that bring an element Joy, excitement fun or treats to the students, as we are unable to support whole school outings which is our regular focus each year.

Pender Harbour Secondary: We are struggling with hot lunch, we do not have enough funds.

Roberts Creek: Communications committee was considering improving Coms with parents seed sales meat fundraiser, school garden education, looking at hot lunch program

Halfmoon Bay: Playground planning/fundraising.

Cedar Grove:

Chatelech: We are working on creating a policy around fixed shared assets, such as dishwashers, fridges, freezers, etc that PAC helps purchase and shares us of. Who is responsible for maintenance, repairs, etc. We are focusing on adding new members who are parents of younger students so they will hopefully be part of the Chatelech PAC for many years. We have a new parent who has taken on the role of Hot Lunch

Coordinator, and the new Hot Lunch Committee is revamping and reviewing the Hot Lunch program- what works, what doesn't, etc.

West Sechelt:

2. Do you have any multi-year or major projects or goals lined up?

Kinnikinnick: Fundraising for a new inclusive playground – 5 year timeline?

Madeira Park Elementary: If we cannot raise enough funds our playground fundraising will continue on to the next year. Really hoping to have our Halloween fun night this year and a great celebration for a graduates this year.

Sunshine Coast Alternative Schools: No

Elphinstone: No. Year by year. We receive approximately \$10,000 plus gaming grant. \$20 per kid. We receive teachers and students funding support requests and reviewing case by case every month at the pac meeting. We also receive comprehensive VP report by Vice Principal about school activities, current curriculum, students and district advocacy to keep parents in a loop. Needs arise from different area every year.

Davis Bay: Currently no big projects lined up

Gibsons: No

Langdale: Not at the moment

Pender Harbour Secondary: In need of new gym equipment and nets. - we need a new sign out front of the high school - we need safety kits for earthquake preparedness. - A better swimming program to be permanently added to the curriculum, bronze star, bronze medallion and bronze cross.

Roberts Creek: No

Halfmoon Bay: Playground

Cedar Grove:

Chatelech: One of our goals over the last 2 years is staff appreciation. We have upped our budget for that so staff know how much we appreciate them at this time.

West Sechelt:

3. Approximately how many people come to your meetings, on average?

Kinnikinnick: Between 5-10

Madeira Park Elementary: 9

Sunshine Coast Alternative Schools: 5

Elphinstone: 8-16 depends on the guest speakers topics. We have a guest speaker sometimes for the first 20-30 min. Could be counsellors, health related info, superintendent, SD46 secretary-treasurer, teacher, student presenter, etc.

Davis Bay: 5-7 people, generally just the executive is in attendance although we do encourage and welcome any parents who are interested.

Gibsons: The 5 people on the PAC executive, plus the principal, school trustee, and on average about 2 other parents: Total 9 or so.

Langdale: 6-8

Pender Harbour Secondary: 6 to 10 people in attendance.

Roberts Creek: 8 to 12 parents

Halfmoon Bay: 9

Cedar Grove:

Chatelech: 8

West Sechelt:

4. What helps with parent engagement at your school?

Kinnikinnick: Talking in person at pickup; talking with parents directly; talking with teachers directly and they communicate with the parents of their students. Emails from Ms Marie (principal) each Sunday. Newsletter put out by PAC parent

Madeira Park Elementary: In these times, it has for any parent engagement, in person meetings definitely are better. A lot of us would love to volunteer more also

Sunshine Coast Alternative Schools: Very little parent engagement.

Elphinstone: FB page, cougar apps, minutes and meeting notice email out to families every month. PAC email available for concerns and questions from families.

Davis Bay: Whenever we have opportunities to engage parents in person, we tend to have better results. The pandemic has made it difficult to welcome and build relationships with parents who are new to the school.

Gibsons: -emails out from the school secretaries

Langdale: Weekly newsletter sent by the principal, facebook group for the school community, communication with teachers.

Pender Harbour Secondary: Providing food especially sushi helps to encourage attendance when meetings are in person.

Roberts Creek: virtually not much! In person I'm guessing providing childcare and food and advertising

Halfmoon Bay: Not sure, we haven't figured that out yet, sadly

Cedar Grove:

Chatelech: This is always a struggle!

West Sechelt:

5. Are you meeting in person, on Zoom, or other?

Kinnikinnick: Zoom officially, some of us meet every few weeks outside, in person, for coffee and chat re: plans/updates

Madeira Park Elementary: We Zoom currently..

Sunshine Coast Alternative Schools: Zoom

Elphinstone: Via zoom last two years. 3rd Monday of month

Davis Bay: We are meeting on Zoom

Gibsons: Zoom

Langdale: Zoom

Pender Harbour Secondary: Zoom

Roberts Creek: Zoom

Halfmoon Bay: Zoom

Cedar Grove:

Chatelech: Zoom

West Sechelt:

6. How do you communicate to parents/caregivers and with school staff?

Kinnikinnick: PAC newsletter. Ask Ms Marie to put it in her Sunday update email. Sometimes Facebook (not updated very often)

Madeira Park Elementary: We do through our facebook page, and also through the Administration newsletter too.

Sunshine Coast Alternative Schools: Email and going to the school

Elphinstone: Facebook page, email send out, apps

Davis Bay: We utilize our facebook page for communication and have our PAC news and updates sent out weekly with the principal's weekly update. We communicate to school staff through the principal and office administrator.

Gibsons: PAC facebook page. Emails to families via the school secretaries. Posting PAC meeting minutes on the PAC area in the Gibsons Elementary website (no idea if anyone reads them though)

Langdale: Caregivers – Through the school newsletter, and through the community facebook group. Staff - through the principal, teachers pac rep, or direct emails

Pender Harbour Secondary: We have a Facebook group that parents are welcome to join, we have information provided on the website and on the app. Only the Facebook group is accessible to be updated by us, the app and web page are only accessible by the principal and secretary.

Roberts Creek: Facebook, in emails that the school admin send out

Halfmoon Bay: School emails

Cedar Grove:

Chatelech: Through informational emails, email invites to meetings. The PAC meeting Zoom link is sent out to parents each month.

West Sechelt:

7. What are your best fundraisers? Are there any you tried that you'd not do again?

Kinnikinnick: Purdys. Fresh to You. Hot lunch – we did not use “LunchAMunch” and the payment/inputting orders part was a pain (everyone put in paper orders & paid via e-transfer or cash...took long time to input info, actually food serving part was fine)

Madeira Park Elementary: Our Halloween fun night and may day celebrations. We also sell chicken in the spring and autumn. And we do a book fair each year also.

Sunshine Coast Alternative Schools: Christmas Purdies fundraiser.

Elphinstone: We only have IGA pre-paid card fundraiser to host teachers appreciation lunch, speakers gifts, meeting door prizes purchases - cougar T (to support school merchandise)

Davis Bay: Meat, coffee, Purdy's: consumables seem to do well for our fundraisers. We are not currently doing our weekly Popcorn day due Covid restrictions, but in the past about half of our fundraising profit was from Popcorn days

Gibsons: Fundraising is limited this year and last (no one specifically coordinating this on the PAC). We did a Beer and Burger fundraiser at the 101 - good way to build community but hard during the pandemic to get people out.

Langdale: Spring Fair is the best, do not find the ones where you are dependant on parents purchasing items successful

Pender Harbour Secondary: Best fundraiser were selling samosas. The most challenging fundraiser was gift cards, it would be unlikely we would do that again.

Roberts Creek: Meat fundraiser apparently, IGA cards

Halfmoon Bay: Fresh to you Veggies, Butcher Dave Meat.

Cedar Grove:

Chatelech: Hot lunch

West Sechelt:

8. What are the challenges your PAC faces?

Kinnikinnick: Getting more parents involved. Follow through on ideas – we have lots of goals/ideas but due to limited number of volunteers it is hard to get things done

Madeira Park Elementary: Without being in person, we haven't been able to really meet all the parents. Our zoom meetings are usually only made up of our committee of 7 plus the school principal and school trustee and a representative of the PH community school

Sunshine Coast Alternative Schools: Lack of parent participation.

Elphinstone: Nothing particularly. We have a solid team of executives last 7 years. Always look out for new parents who may be interested in getting involved to help succession going ahead of time. G7 transition parents orientation night was always very good way to introduce about Elphi pac and our fundraiser cards to the new parents. Last two years, we have not had the opportunity to reach new families in person. Yes, we see decrease in fundraisers revues since cards have not distributed well enough. They are available to pick up by students but it doesn't happen often.

Davis Bay: Finding new volunteers, encouraging parents to attend meetings and engage with the PAC.

Gibsons: PAC members feeling stretched for time/energy to take things on (no hot lunch going for now). Difficult to recruit more volunteers to join PAC. Zoom meetings are difficult to build relationships

Langdale: Moving from one big fundraiser to new/smaller ways of fundraising.

Pender Harbour Secondary: Our biggest challenge is getting parents to physically and financially help.

Roberts Creek: lack of engagement from parents, challenge having meetings when parents are doing bedtimes but unclear when else could be a good meeting time, lack of capacity to carry out tasks between meetings, lack of ability to clearly address hot topic issues like covid.

Halfmoon Bay: Limited people and resources.

Cedar Grove:

Chatelech: Parent involvement- we have a faithful core of PAC execs who are aging out of the school. Attendance at PAC meetings is always quite low.

West Sechelt:

9. Is there anything else you'd like to share?

Kinnikinnick: Would love to do a coast wide event/fundraiser (or a few)

Madeira Park Elementary: We would love to connect with other elementary schools on the coast, I feel that if we all connect we could all learn from each other.

Sunshine Coast Alternative Schools: SCAS is a very small PAC that has had only a handful of parents involved since its inception 9 years ago.

Elphinstone: PAC is the parents advisory body that can advocate for kids quality of education and helping to support the existing school systems. We can do various political and social support to help realize projects and initiatives driven by kids and clubs happen. PAC is not just meant to be neither the fundraiser organization nor sole functioning group to provide hot lunch and breakfast club.

It is important for parents to know that purpose of parents advisory council and its dynamic council autonomy to encourage new members participate in future advocacy and it's sustainability.

Davis Bay: no

Gibsons: Suggestion that DPAC organize once a year at the beginning of the year in September a special DPAC meeting, inviting all the PAC executives from the sunshine coast to talk and share ideas. The goal would be to get know each other, better understand what DPAC is doing and coordinate our objectives, helping each other as we could be more efficient and better organized

Langdale: The philosophy of Langdale PAC for many years was that funds raised by PAC would directly go to the students via experiences, piggy bank for teachers to plan classroom outings, focusing on bringing in things or sending students to something they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to do. We also disperse the funds equally, if the intermediates get an experience for \$1000 we will find experiences for the primary also costing \$1000. We do not fundraise for school equipment or supplies as we feel those are on the school/district to supply.

Pender Harbour Secondary: Our school is not lit at night, it is very difficult to see the driveway when picking up kids after late functions. We would like to see a street light or proper lighting to mark the driveway into the school and around the back of the school. We would also like help getting highways to take better care of the roads around us so that the school bus can still get the kids back-and-forth.

Roberts Creek: PACs are a balance between parent engagement and seeing if parents need help bringing anything forward, fundraising, and advocacy

Halfmoon Bay: No

Cedar Grove:

Chatelech: No

West Sechelt:

8:40 PM New Business – BCCPAC Conference + AGM April 29 to May 1st

- Spending Motion:

Motion to send one or two, possibly 3 DPAC delegates to in-person BCCPAC Conference and AGM in Richmond on April 29- May 1, 2022. DPAC will cover the cost of registration and possibly hotel cost depends on how many delegates are going. Transportation cost is covered by BCCPAC. Miyuki wants to attend as the SD46 BCCPAC Rep and a few other members are curious about the event. Some of reps are going to bring that up at their PAC meeting to see if they could send delegates from their PAC.

- Registration will be open on March 1. If you are interested in, please contact Miyuki and Scott. Info about conference & AGM:

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/conference-agm>

- DPAC approved to send Miyuki and one or two more DPAC members, preferably one from elementary and the other from secondary. m/s/c

- Actual proposed expense will be reported at the April meeting.

Tracey is gaging with foreseen expense requested by the food safe course participants.

- Additional New Business – Discussion on Covid in Schools

Questions around School attendance rate, new protocols, reporting procedures, and concerns around student's daily health checks, instruction days, and mental health support were shared.

- ✓ Action: Miyuki received a guest speaker request from Mrs. Phyllis Dyson, a district teacher and author of 'Among Silent Echoes' to engage parents about mental health and trauma literacy. Everyone is fine by inviting her as a speaker in May meeting or in September.

9:05 PM Meeting to Adjourn

Next meeting: April 21th, 7pm | Zoom (No meeting in March Spring Break)
Active Transportation Speaker – Nic Weswick and Guest- VCH Rep, Lianne Carley