



DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

May Meeting Minutes

Date: May 22, 2025 | **Time:** 7pm

Location: Elphinstone Secondary, Library 5904 Cowrie St. Sechelt

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Meeting ID: 281 918 103 40 **Passcode:** ge93dm (online feature)

In Attendance: Rachael Eastman (Chair, PHSS), Miyuki Shinkai (Secretary/BCCPAC rep, ESS), Karla Shield (LES), Jana Curll (CSS), Scott Davis (Director/ Past Chair), Kate Kerr (Superintendent), Kerry Mahlman (District Principal of Indigenous Learning), Amanda Amaral (Trustee Rep). Sharon McKenzie (CUPE 801 President)

Regrets: Kate Kowalczyk (RCCE), Rep (SCAS), Ewa Kusmieriek (WSE), Leah Elfriede (HMB), Rep (GES), Jessica Wollen (CSS), Ayren Drebett (KES), Jennifer Sumner (Treasurer, MPE), Brair Teal (DBE). Sandy Buck (ESS), Tamara Hedden (Vice Chair, CGE).

7:00 PM Greetings, Introductions + Land Acknowledgement

7:03 PM Approvals:

- April 24, 2025: Meeting minutes available on SD46 website, moved by Rachael, seconded by Karla. All in Favour m/s/c/
- May 22nd, 2025, Agenda, moved by Rachael, seconded by Scott m/s/c

7:05 PM PAC Updates and Sharing

- Elementary PACs hosted fairs for fundraisers. ESS PAC is conducting a parents' survey for the students' attendance report.

7:15 PM Guest Presenter – Kerry Mahlman – Indigenous Education

- Policies and Bill 40, 2023 School Amendment Act 2023 BC Tripartite Education Agreement (BCTEA).
- The relationship has been good between SD46 and the Sechelt Nation and the Squamish Nation.
In This We Journey Together - A Distinctions-Based Approach, consultation with First Nation.
- Eighteen students identify as belonging to the Squamish Nation on the coast, while 21% are from the Sechelt Nation. Six hundred ninety students with First Nations, Métis, or Inuit ancestry make up 205 of the total resident student population.
- There are two aspects of Indigenous Education: education about Indigenous peoples in BC and Canada, and nurturing the learning spirit.

- The recent HSPP grant directly supports the parents of Indigenous students attending post-secondary institutions. This encompasses the pyramid of support in Indigenous Education.
- Targeting funding across various needs. Program support and staffing include \$1.1 million for staffing and \$10K for program support. The Pro D Program provides support for TRC, cultural experiences, field trips, and canoe culture. Additionally, strategic planning is essential for enhancing school practices.
<https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/strategic-plan/>
- <https://indigenous-education.sd46.bc.ca>

7:40 PM Regular Reports

- Chair's report: Rachael Eastman – none

Correspondence: BCTF Conference Report by Amy White, KES PAC (attached)

- Supported the Letter to Premier Eby by BC DPACs Coalition
- BCCPAC Conference & AGM on May 23-25. Tamara, Miyuki, and Lisa are attending online in the ESS library. Everyone is welcome to join.
 - Treasurer's report: Prepared by Jennifer Sumner
- As of May 22, 2025, Gaming Account \$1,200.94 (Balance remaining to spend from Gaming \$250.94 after Foodsafe Certification \$700, meeting snacks \$50, BCCPAC AGM & Conference Registration \$199)
- Upcoming motion - \$200 towards BCCPAC membership in 2025/2026
- Operating Account \$217.70
- Food Safe online Certification for PAC members- full as of May 24. (RCCE, LES, WSE, KES, DBE, CSS, PHSS PACs)

8:05 PM Board reports

- Trustee report: (May 2025 newsletter attached)
- Superintendent's Report – *Superintendent* Kate Kerr (attached)

8:20 PM Committee reports:

- Healthy Schools – Jessica (attached)
- Family Engagement – The Board, led by the Ad Hoc Parents' Engagement Committee, met at 6 pm for the parents' survey draft. The survey will be released in September.
- Active School Travel Week – May 26 – June 6.
- Education, Operations, Committee of the Whole - 4th Tues of the month
DPAC needs someone from the DPAC/PACs to represent parents' voices at the table. Please contact Rachael/Miyuki for more info.

8:25 PM Meeting to Adjourn
Refreshment and Social

Next meeting: September 25th – location to be announced.