

## SD46 District Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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*Zoom Meeting*

*May 28, 2020 | Meeting called to order by Chair: Jo Thomson 8:03pm*

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### In Attendance

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Jo Thomson	Olwen Cowan	Miyuki Shinkai	Lorena Ruth
Udo Rosenberg	Patty Shields	Matt Rockall	Maria Hampvent
Patrick Bocking	Scott Davis	Amy Robinson	

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### Approval of Minutes

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Motion: To approve the minutes from last meeting April 23, 2020

Move to motion: Patty Shields 1st Miyuki 2nd

The minutes were accepted as presented

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### Agenda

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Opening comments and approval of Agenda.

Scott Davis 1<sup>st</sup> Patty Shields 2nd

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### Presentation

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**Olwen Cowen** -Principle at Cedar Grove Elementary.

Immensely proud of Cedar Grove staff. Their great ability to adjust to remote learning and outreach to vulnerable learners.

Custodial Staff have been working extremely hard.

Also caring for Kindergarten class butterflies.

Stage 3 staff have been coming into the building and practicing the new protocol.

Adjusting to new learning 35% expected to return as well as essential workers children

The silver lining: What have we learned from this experience and what will we do different when we go into stage 2.

Many staff working from home. The community has been well connected.

People have been very flexible, and the majority of feedback has been complimentary.

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## Treasurers Report

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Scott Davis

BMO online password reset requested.

Deposit from Deb small \$300 Re: Laura Beesting Event

Account Balances carry forward from April 2020

Gaming Account Balance: \$3318. 87

Savings Account Balance: \$1059.73

Grant applied for with the help of Aspen Wing and Jo Thomson

We can rollover our money from this year.

The PACs have 3years to spend their money.

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## Committee Report

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Chairs Report – Jo Thomson

Received correspondence from concerned parent. Re: amount of work gr8 getting IE not enough. Recommended her to speak with teacher, principle, and superintendent.

BCCPAC AGM attended zoom general meeting with Myuki. Around 300 participants in total.

The meeting went well.

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## Superintendent and Board Report

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### **Patrick Bocking**

4 priorities

1. Health and safety following Bonnie Henrys advice. Setting up remote learning.

2. Essential service support

3. Vulnerable learners (some more impacted than others not attending school)

Food, and vulnerable learning needs addressed.

4. Continuum of learning. Access to a level of education that we have never had before.

Concerns have been heard from parents saying both too much material offered as well as not enough.

Our SD46 website has updated with links to learning opportunities.

Education BC Stages:

Moving thru the Pandemic.

Stage 4 – school density targets. Can be up to 20% full including essential workers students.

K-12 Limited

5 days per week available for essential service, students with disabilities, severe abilities, and students who require additional support.

Remote: K-12 Majority

Stage 3 Monday we will be here\*

Grade K-5, 2-3 days per week 50%  
Grade 6-7, 1 day per week  
Grade 8-12, 1 day per week  
5 days per week still available as mentioned above.  
Stage 2 grades K-7 100%  
Grade 8-12 40%  
Balance of learning remote/online  
Stage 1 hopes for September 2020  
In Class instruction Grades K-12, 5 days per week.  
Stage 5 was beginning of Pandemic. All instruction suspended.

Discussion:

Summary of letter sent to parents today.  
Discussed the things that will be changing  
Students and staff only to attend.  
Classes 50%  
Transportation will resume. One student per seat except siblings.  
Cross boundary and courtesy riders to contact bus company  
Minimal contact with students from other classes.  
Staggered recess.  
Students not permitted to attend with any cold and or flu symptoms.  
Year end events will be different this year. Schools looking at ideas to work around this.  
Grad to be virtual and video taped June 6. Pictures to be taken with video production to be played on our  
Utube channel.

There have been some concerned parents, but not too many. District staff have been extraordinary moving thru this transition. The staff has been adaptable and flexible.

Jo: Some parents ask; what is the workload for each grade.

Patrick Bocking reply: Elementary K-5, 1 hour. Grade 6-7, 1.5hr supplementary with service app. Establish responsible citizen role at home.

We recognize the success varied with different type of learners. If concern about identifying workload should be addressed with the teachers.

Masks will not be required in our District. Research shows that it is not highly effective.

Personal Hygiene and respiratory hygiene will be.

Each school principle will be providing hygiene video teaching children how to properly hand wash and sneeze.

Miyuki question: 25% returning to Langdale Elementary.

If 41% for our district returning, what is the approximate number.

In September will we move to stage 2?

Patrick Bocking Answer: about 1200 returning. The numbers will change according to those who did not complete survey.

The ministry can move to any stage. They will let us know based on the research.

The parent's feedback is very important. He welcomes to hear.

### **Maria Hampvent**

Passed the Budget at the last public board meeting.

Survey sent to all parents 59% home 41% will be attending school in-class instruction

Smaller classes with safety protocols in place.

Parents are not able to come to the schools at this time.

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### Healthy Schools Committee

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Marilyn Baines – Unable to attend this evening.

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### Discussion

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### **Matt Rockall**

Stages set by ministry based. All school districts to follow same.

We are required to follow this model.

Udo comments: There are some districts with alphabetical attendance has been set by other districts.

Stage 3 attendance 2 days but percentage is based on numbers in school not the staff.

Olwen Cowan reply to Udo. They had thought about that model for Cedar Grove Elementary. Most metro districts are set up with the alphabetical model.

Udo follow up question: will there be a change of designation before the end of the school year?

Patrick Bocking reply; notes that is highly unlikely due to the 4 weeks left of instruction time.

The trends of the summer will determine attendance for September 2020.

Mathew Rockall comment:

strategies and contingencies may be addressed in Fall 2020 depending on the trend of the Covid19

Continuing teaching in global health crisis- the need to recognize the magnitude of the stress and struggle of attending in such a climate. This creates different reactions regarding opinion of instruction.

Gives huge thank you to all in the district for their hard work during this time. Helping us all move forward with their flexibility and support.

Scott Davis: Comment on personal experience with his children. He contacted teacher and was extremely impressed at how quickly she replied. The support has been immediate.

Udo requests: June DPAC meeting and wrap up to the school year.

Miyuki addresses: There is no DPAC rep for Kinnickinick and asks Patrick if there is any feedback from that school. Especially wanting to know that the vulnerable students have the attention they need.

Partnership with indigenous circle. A wonderful relationship with Sechelt Indian Band. There has been excellent support to the Indigenous community. 22% of our students is Indigenous.

Maria offers to report of SIB from the Board. There has been feedback collected by Kerry Mulman and could be brought to our next meeting.

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## Next Meeting

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June 25, 2020 via Zoom