



DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

May DPAC Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2026 | **Time:** 7 pm

Location: Sechelt Early Years Learning Centre, in-person and Hybrid
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Meeting ID: 281 918 103 40 **Passcode:** ge93dm. **Dial in by phone** [+1 647-794-5938](tel:+16477945938)
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In Attendance: Tamara Hedden (Chair), Devika Naidu (Vice-Chair/CGE), Shannon Rody (CSS, Spider), Melissa Lennox (Treasurer/GES), Jana Curll (Director at Large/CSS), Sharon MacKenzie (CUPE 801 President), Nicholas Weswick (SD46 Secretary-Treasurer), Kate Kerr (SD46 Superintendent), Marissa Fisher (Director-at-Large/CGE), Amada Amaral (Board Chair), Ayren Debrett (KES)

Regrets: Karla Shield (LES), Miyuki Shinkai (Secretary & BCCPAC Rep/ ESS), Statia Leach (Trustee Rep),

Absent: Rep (SCAS), Rep (RCCS), Rep (PHSS), Rep (MPES), Rep (HMBE), Brair Teal (DBE), Jude Pelletier (GES), Scott Davis (Past-Chair), Kirsten Brackett (WSE)

7:00 PM Greetings, Introductions + Land Acknowledgement

7:05 PM Approvals:

April 23, 2026, Meeting minutes (*please see [attachment](#)*)

Melissa and Marissa (m/s/c)

May 28, 2026, Agenda

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7:07 PM Regular reports:

Chair report

- Tamara thanked everyone on the DPAC and the reps sitting at the table. Tamara acknowledged that this is Miyuki's last meeting, and very sad she couldn't attend due to other commitments. Miyuki has served the DPAC for many years and has worn so many different hats. These are big shoes to fill, and she will be truly missed by everyone.
- Bank switching
DPAC members would like to switch from the current BMO bank to Sunshine Coast Credit Union. Melissa will be meeting with the credit union to discuss next steps. More information in Melissa's update.
- BCCPAC AGM on April 25-26,
Marissa, Miyuki and Tamara attended this year. A good room to engage with other PACs and listen to what they are advocating for
Positive feedback received on Sunday on SD46 and a shout-out to Marissa on discussing amendments.

- Parents' Event Ideas for next year:
 - Sexual Health Workshop for parents with Jessica Wollen will be held in Sept or Oct 2026
Gaming grant funds can be used towards workshops such as sexual health and Foundry.
Met with Lisa from Foundry and am excited for their opening in the fall.
- Notice of Executive Election in September.
All positions will be open. Asking people to think about attending
- SD46 Constitution and Bylaw amendment
Discussed moving the election from Sept/Oct to May/June, but decided to stay with Sept/Oct, and if we decide to change, then we will require changes to the Constitution and Bylaws

Treasurer Report:

- The credit union needs a letter of direction to switch banks. Also, the bank requires that the 2 members have a personal account. Tamara has one, and Melissa will sign up.
- BMO charges \$4 a month and can't do e-transfer with dual signers.
- The credit union has no fees but is able to do e-transfer for \$1.50, but no checks.
- Parents' Events 2026/2027: looking for sponsorship in the summer. Roberts Creek's community centre rental is only \$300. CUPE can also support as a sponsor. This can be opened to have a table for the Board.
- DPAC is interested in having a PAC 101 session next year.
- No response from the bank on the current balance. Rates are estimated from last month minus a \$4 fee.
 - Approx Gaming Grant: \$2648.69
 - Approx Operating Chequing Account: \$190.20

7:25 PM

Board reports

Trustee report

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/NzEgNuU62N8uJcc1?ref=email>

Regular meeting with May had District Student Leadership Team (DSTL) share a snapshot of their work this year and highlighted student-led initiatives that aligned with the district's strategic plan. Trustees have been touring schools. Next week is Cedar Grove and Roberts Creek.

The Board provided feedback to SCR D on their OCP. Students had an opportunity to provide feedback on the plan via various methods.

Active travel week is May 25 to June 5. Trustees will be attending the Active Travel Blitz at Gibsons Elementary and other groups. Attended school fairs and Capstone presentation. Great to hear from students about their Capstone projects and future.

Elections are in the Fall 2026. The board reviewed the work completed in the past term of 4 years. This month, the work is being focused on governance and leadership. [Board Term in Review.](#)

Next meeting June 10.

Question about Trustees attending PAC meeting. This was discussed with the committee, and a series of recommendations were suggested: there should be a trustee appointed to a school, and they can attend 1 PAC meeting by invitation from the school.

Superintendent's

report <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/3DIzjubPkGHRddx0?ref=Link>

Reviewed **"How to Communicate With Us - Guidelines for Resolving Problems or Concerns for Students, Parents, and Caregivers**

Guideline covers:

- Constructive dialogue with parents and guardians
- Impeded the values of strategic plans
- The resolution process is the same except at the end where the parent can appeal to the board if they meet section 11 of the School Act

Melissa suggested changing the title to say contact with SD46 vs "Us".

District is planning to do a brochure for parents on these regulations that can be provided to parents

Melissa suggested a friendly brochure for kindergarten parents and something that could have a checklist to ensure the parents have used up all the resources before connecting with the district. Another suggestion was the brochure could have a QR code that leads to a checklist on the website if the checklist doesn't have space on the physical brochure.

7:40 PM

Committee reports:

Healthy Schools

Report not submitted

Shannon R recently attended a zoom with featuring a dietitian at Roberts Creek and talked about nutrition and how often students are eating good and bad food. Very informative session.

[Healthy Bodies Recording](#)

Family Engagement

Report not submitted

Active School Travel

Tamara attended the May 14 Active Transportation meeting with ICBC, and they talked about blitz and about 2 different programs at the high school level. One is an interactive program where they re-enact the crash and find this approach to be very effective.

Kate confirmed that SD46 has this before, but it hasn't been done for a while. It does require a lot of care as the matter can be sensitive.

Gibsons Elementary is doing school bus and bike tune-ups for the blitz.

Shannon R suggested having a bus come and teaching kids how to put a bike on the bus.

Nicholas mentioned that the SD46 has been working with BC Transit to streamline the process for obtaining bus passes for high school kids. Appreciation for volunteers and the district wants to see more options.

Nicholas also mentioned they are engaged with the Ministry of Transport regarding reducing barriers for unsafe infrastructure and improving community standards on infrastructure.

Tamara asked for an update on Langdale and Kinnikinnick Elementary transport concerns. Nicholas stated that Kinnikinnick Elementary is getting an archaeological review done in the area and is in discussions regarding a crosswalk for Langdale Elementary.

Shannon R suggested connecting with the Transportation Collective (led by Sally McBride), which can help support the

~~Tamara work on the road to school. Tamara identified~~
~~Transportation Collective, which can help support the~~
Education, Operations, Committee of the whole - 4th Tues of the month, School Board meeting - 2nd Wed of the month

Next meeting **June 23**

Viewable on YouTube on SD46, and the video will stay active for 14 days.

Next School Board meeting is **June 10 at 7 pm** at the School Board office, and viewable on YouTube as well (and stay active for 14 days) <https://sd46.community-ca.diligentoneplatform.com/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=477>

7:55 PM Old business follow-up

- No old business.

7:55 PM **Guest Presenter** – BCCPAC 101 by Former BCCPAC President Kendra Mann

- Went over the role of BCCPAC, PAC and DPAC. PPT attached for more details.



PAC-DPAC-BCCPAC
101.pptm

8:10 PM **Q&A**

- No questions

8:10 PM **New Business:**

- Remuneration committee: A question was asked regarding raise and context of the remuneration committee.

Nicholas stated that there is new structure this year. The committee recommended no raise for the trustees. Committee is looking at removing barriers and perception of self benefit. Also, looking at removing barriers for participation for full time working individuals and not only have to be available for retired individuals to run for trustees. A whole report with 7 pages with recommendations have been produced. The document will be voted on by the board to be adopted in June.

<https://sd46.community-ca.diligentoneplatform.com/document/06f41274-5e28-4d5b-a7d5-fa87e985efcc/>

Marrissa R would like to put her name forward for the secretary position.

Sports Days June 12 at Cedar Grove and Gibsons Elementary.

Chatelech PAC presents “Screen Agers Next Chapter” screenplay on June 18

8:13 PM **Adjournment**

Next meeting: September 24th at 7 pm @ School Board Office and hybrid – AGM