



# DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council  
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | Time - 7pm

Location – Zoom

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### 7:03 PM Greetings and Introductions

**In Attendance:** Jo Thomson (Chair), Scott Davis (VP), Tracey McClelland (Treasurer/MPE), Miyuki Shinkai (BCCPAC Rep/ ESS), Karla Shield (LES), Udo Rosenberg (SCAlts), Ewa Kusnierek (KES), Amy (KES), Jane Van Klinken (CSS), Nicole Andreassen (HMBE Alternate), Jen Bolton (DBE), Andrea Glickman (RCCE), Kate Kerr (Superintendent), Kerry Mahlman (District Principal of Indigenous Education Program and Services), Staica Leech (Trustee Rep), Maria Hampvent (Trustee)  
**Regrets:** Amy Robinson (Secretary), Emily Doyle (GES), Urszula Dragowka (CGE), Kelsey Oxley (HMBE)

### 7:15 PM Approvals:

- September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 Meeting minutes (SD46 website) – Amended by Karla, page 2 – Vaccination rate in our area changed to VCH area: as of today, 92% first dose, 85% second dose. Moved by Miyuki, Seconded by Tracey. m/s/c
- October 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 Agenda – Addition under Healthy Schools – Covid update moved by Jo, Seconded by Karla m/s/c

### 7:20 PM Director Kerry Mahlman's Presentation Indigenous Cultures - The Equity Scan (Power Point Presentation PDF attached)

'School can be catalysts for equity. Education has to be a path to Justice' by Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside.

- [https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/667/2021/06/Declaration\\_Act\\_-\\_Draft\\_Action\\_Plan\\_for\\_consultation.pdf](https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/667/2021/06/Declaration_Act_-_Draft_Action_Plan_for_consultation.pdf)
  - Education-Specific Actions: 1.9, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.20, 4.22
- Andrea suggested DPAC to take initiatives and support indigenous learners' advancement.
- Miyuki reminded members that DPAC approved to host Blanket Exercise for Parents two years ago. As soon as public health order is lifted, we would like to hold in-person workshop with collaboration with Kerry.

### 7.59 PM Regular Reports:

1. Chair Report by Jo Thomson
    - a. BCCPAC renewal
    - b. Kim Barthel's presentation
    - c. Read PAC 101, Constitution and Bylaws on SD46 website DPAC page
    - d. Emily from GES inquired about DPAC funding support to Digital Literacy education to parents. Jo advised GES PAC to send a request letter to DPAC.
  2. Treasurer's Report by Tracey McClelland
    - a. Financial 2020/2021 Overview and Correspondence
      - i. **Balance: Gaming Account- \$4,426.42** (2021/2022 Gaming Grant \$2,500 received. Paid Kevin Lamoureux's fee \$2,000)
      - ii. **Balance: Saving Account \$979.24**
- **Spending Motion – Support Food Safe Online Course Expense of \$125** for two parents per school site. Expense to be claimed by June, 2022. Contact Tracey for reimbursement. Moved by Miyuki, seconded by Tracey. m/s/c
  - **Spending Motion – Funding up to \$2,500 for Kim Barthel's Presentation.** Moved by Miyuki, seconded by Tracey. m/s/c
  - **Spending Motion – Paying BCCPAC Membership \$150.** Moved by Tracey, Seconded by Miyuki. m/s/c
  - **Discussion:** Majority of members voted for January to be the Kim's Presentation time instead of November 24, 7pm. Miyuki will follow up with Kim's office and the district about booking.
  - **Comment:** DPAC encourages members to bring ideas on funding parents' educations in 2021/2022.
  - **Parenting Teens Workshop:** Miyuki reported that Shirley French from SCCS and her instructor partner would be interested in giving in-person workshop again. They have refrained organizing zoom workshop. Cost of Parenting Teens would be \$1,500-\$2,000 for 6 sessions. 'Parenting Teens' workshops were held at the CSS and ESS locations 3 years ago.

### 8.20 PM Board's Report:

1. Superintendent's Report by Kate Kerr
  - a. Circle of Care
  - b. Student Voice
  - c. PAC Visits
  - d. Focus on Staff Wellness

<https://sd46.bc.ca/superintendents-report-to-the-board-october-2021/>

2. Trustee's Report by Stacia Leech (attached)

- a. Reconciliation continues with our work with Kevin Lamoureux and Ensouling our Schools, as well as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Sept 30
- b. Trustees added Reconciliation as a standing Item on the Agenda of our Education Committee and look forward to hearing and discussing it regularly on a monthly basis.
- c. Traffic and Bussing topics for discussion at Operations committee meetings, along with advocacy with MOTI and RCMP continues. November will start the stakeholder engagement on both the transportation and regulations.
- d. Public Budget Consultation Session on November 16, 6:30-7:30pm. Website link: <https://sd46.bc.ca/public-budget-consultation/> Also, next DPAC meeting on Nov 25 is a good opportunity to ask questions directly to Districts Secretary-Treasurer Nic Weswick.
- e. Parent concerns regarding Public Health Mandates and Vaccination Clinics can contact the VCH representative: Dr. John Harding. Phone: 604-983-6701

PARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Next public board meeting: November 10, 2021 at 7pm

Send your questions to: [questions@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:questions@sd46.bc.ca)

<https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/board-of-education-and-governance/board-meeting-schedule/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

Next committee meeting day is Nov 23, 10 am to 4pm.

DPAC members welcome to attend.

#### 8:28 PM **Committee Reports:**

- Healthy Schools Report - None
- Covid Safety – Andrea drew DPAC’s attention to her observation of the current VCH’s inadequate notification system for students and families which creates a delayed response. Kate responded that current VCH notification procedure respects Privacy and Communication Rights of individual. Jo recommended that Andrea to write to DPAC and DPAC would create a letter of request to VCH to reflect on parents’ frustrations. Joined by Karla. Andrea and Karla will follow up on letter writing to DPAC and the new chair will take an action. Tracey referenced recent presentation by Ministry of Health to K-12 parents hosted by BCCPAC. Link: The session with Dr Reka Gustafson and Minister Whiteside. The meeting was recorded. The recording is now available for all DPAC teams - [https://youtu.be/4IZvl\\_UJSQ](https://youtu.be/4IZvl_UJSQ)

Thank you to Tracey who was able to attend and participate in the BCCPAC session with VP, Public Health, PHSA & Deputy Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Reka Gustafson and Minister Whiteside on October 5, 2021 (Tracey’s notes attached)

- Schools are still considered to be a low risk setting due to the structured environment. Extending the mask mandate to K-3 is in response to overall increased case counts in school age children, but not necessarily that specific age group. The goal is to keep schools low risk, to ensure that they are able to remain open and operational. 80% of respondents to the covid survey in the spring indicated that schools remaining operational is a very high priority for them
- Masking is only one aspect of the broader safety plans
- Masking being in place during the school 'term' as described means until January. The situation is expected to be re-evaluated in December
- When questioned about data for masking effectiveness for k-3, there is not the same type of data available for that as there is for something cut and dry like vaccines, as there is lots of room for error. Masking has to be done correctly and consistently to be effective. In general though they feel that there is enough information out there to support this measure at this time. A study from Ontario was mentioned.
- In general, Regional measures over broader provincial measures are preferred
- In school ventilation concerns have been identified and are being addressed. When asked about HEPA filters etc, Dep PHO said that in general if ventilation systems are current and operating at capacity they will perform well enough to address all issues.
- The highest risk setting for transmission of covid remains in the home. Next is social settings. Schools are low risk
- The public Service body mandatory vaccinations had just been announced, with no PHO., so implemented by the employer. This does not involve the education sector, though different sectors will likely start to see more pressure to do so. MoE indicated that if there was no PHO, this would be done at the district level as the Boards are the employers. They are putting together and ADHOC advisory committee that will work on pulling together a common set of principles, guidelines and standards that all districts can use in informing their decision making about how individual board could implement similar measures.
- Capacity limits would apply to PAC meetings
- Vaccine Passports - their role is for discretionary activities, Meeting as a PAC would not be considered discretionary, but Galas, and santa breakfasts etc would
- Rapid testing being more widely done was discussed. Rapid testing in general was not found to be effective, unless there is an outbreak in a specific area. Dep PHO said that they are looking at how to make PCR testing more readily available and in more convenient locations (gargle test at a drug store for example)
- Exposure notifications were discussed. People who are in direct contact are informed first, prior to general notification in school. A note the data showed that the risk of acquiring Covid 19 in or around the school setting was around 3 per 1,000 (.3%), yet 71% of parent reported receiving an exposure notification. School notifications are more of a situational awareness.
- Vaccines are the number one way to help right now. Masking is a tool, but nothing is as effective as the vaccine

- DPAC, PAC and parents are encouraged to share their experiences and stories and concerns appropriately with their schools, their district, and with the ministry and Public Health to help shape future guidance. We can help support staff by modelling healthy behavior, and supporting regional and provincial orders where applicable.
  - Family Engagement - meeting in November
  - Education, Operations, Committee of the whole - 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of month

- 8:51 PM**     **Executive Election** – Nominations for  
 Chair – Scott Davis, nominated by Tracey and acclaimed.  
 Vice Chair – Ewa Kusmierek, nominated by Miyuki and acclaimed.  
 Treasurer – Tracey McClelland, nominated by Scott and acclaimed.  
 Secretary – Miyuki Shinkai, nominated by Tracey and acclaimed.  
 BCCPAC Rep - Miyuki Shinkai, nominated by Karla and acclaimed.  
 Members at large- Andrea Gilckman, nominated by Miyuki and acclaimed.
- 9:00 pm**     Update on Active Travel Report by Miyuki Shinkai – Since the meeting went over time, AST report was omitted, will be given next month.
- 9:01 PM**     **Meeting to Adjourn**  
 Service Recognition to Chair Jo Thomson – DPAC members showed the deepest gratitude to Jo for many years of her service to SD46 DPAC/PAC. We wished her all the best.
- Next meeting:**     25<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7pm via Zoom  
 1. Guest Speaker: Christa Rive, the new Director of Instruction for Inclusive Education – MDI and YDI  
 2. Guest Speaker: Nic Weswick, District’s Secretary- Treasurer – School Facilities with Q and A