



# DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council  
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

**Date - September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 | Time - 7pm**

**Location – Zoom meeting**

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7:00 PM Greetings and Introductions

In Attendance: Jo Thomson (DPAC Chair), Scott Davis (VP), Tracey McClelland (Treasurer/MPE), Miyuki Shinkai (BCCPAC Rep/ESS), Karla Shield (LES), Udo Rosenberg (SCALts), Emily Doyle (GES), Ewa Kusnierek (KES), Urszula Dragowska (CGE), Jane Van Klinken (CSS), Marilyn Baines (Health Schools Rep), Kate Kerr (Superintendent), Paul Bishop (SD46 Director of Instruction for Human Recourses and Secondary Programs)

Regrets: Amy Robinson (Secretary), Stacia Leech (Trustee)

7:15 PM Land Acknowledgement

Approvals:

- May 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 Meeting minutes (SD46 website): moved by Miyuki, seconded by Urszula. m/s/c
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 Agenda: moved by Urszula, seconded by Karla. m/s/c

7:20 PM Update on School Start Up and Year Ahead Presentation by Kate Kerr: Joined by Matthew Douglas, Student Trustee 2021/2022 – Bringing students voice to the district and emphasis on importance of DSLT function (District Students Leadership Team).

- District's Health & Safety Presentation by Paul Bishop – H & S Guidelines are available on <https://sd46.bc.ca/school-start-up-and-health-safety-updates/>

Frequently asked questions page contains the updated provincial guidelines for K-12 settings cover many topics, including mask use, hand hygiene, vaccinations, regional responses to the pandemic, cleaning, ventilation, gatherings, extracurricular activities, meal programs and sports.

- Process to address parents and students concerns – Please bring it up to the supervisor and school staff. The district is committed to provide duty for care and resources for staff to accommodate.

- VCH Immunization Clinic at Secondary Schools for students, staff and families who wished to have a first or second shot and haven't done so yet. Public health nurses were available to consult.

- Covid Exposure Notification Process – New changes are on its way from the Ministry of Health. The district is updating procedures based on BC CDC protocols, endeavour to send constant new messaging to parents and students.

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- Vaccination rate in our area: as of today, 92% first dose, 85% second dose.

7.40 PM Regular reports

1) Chair report by Jo Thomson:

- BCCPAC renewal – DPAC Membership \$150 was paid; PACs are encouraged to purchase their BCCPAC Membership with their Gaming Grant fund. \$75 per PAC. (Contact Miyuki for more Info)
- Speaker Kevin Lamoureux – ‘Ensouling Our Schools’ on September 28, 7pm via zoom. Please invite your PAC members. So far, 100 registrations, 300 max. Possibility of recording Kevin’s lecture, potentially, increasing cap in order to open up invitations to greater community. Kate will check in with Kevin and follow up with Jo and Tracey.
- DPAC meeting via Zoom? - All in Favour of meeting via zoom, at least till end of this year. After January, meeting location/platform TBA
- SOGI Reps and District’s SOGI Committee will meet.

2) Treasurer’s report by Tracey McClelland:

- Balance \$3,923.92 (Gaming Account)  
\$ 980.44 (Saving Account)
- Gaming Grant 2021/2022 applied in mid-June. Gaming Summary and request were sent to retain the balance \$3,923.92 for disbursement this year - submitted in September 19.
- Speaker Kim Barthel’s event is on hold till we find out about this year’s grant application result.
- Confirmation - Speaker Jesse Miller’s fee was paid full by DPAC.

7:50 PM Board’s report

1) Superintendent’s report - Kate Kerr

- Ensouling Our Schools presentation by Kevin on Pro D day, September 27. Training is available to staff.
- Flags at Half-Mast – September is the National day for Truth & Reconciliation. September 30 – federal commemoration, no school.
- Enhanced Student Learning document was adapted at the last board meeting. Doc is available to all on SD46 website.
- H & R hired 60 TTOC. Many teachers are not interested in full time position.
- West Sechelt Elementary School upgrade and grand opening – Parents would like to know if their school is on the district’s upgrade priority list. Kate will follow up and perhaps be able to give us a facility report in October.
- No changes to the current Funding Model.
- Next Sept 2022 – Ministry will introduce new assessment model.

2) Trustee - Stacia Leech - none

8.05 PM Committee Reports

1) Healthy Schools Report by Marilyn Baines (attached):

Healthy Schools Committee Report to DPAC  
September 2021

This is my final report as the DPAC representative on the Healthy Schools Committee. My involvement over the years has been fascinating and compelling as well as a terrific personal learning experience.

The purpose of the committee is to focus on health issues for school age youth utilizing a comprehensive school health framework by collaborating, communicating and networking with community partners (including DPAC). I believe School District 46 to be highly progressive in the many areas we have discussed and that the parent voice is essential in navigating these ever changing priorities.

Meetings regularly include VCH Public Health updates and those from other community partners. The voice of students is reflected in the data from students themselves, from the DSLT, and important findings from the MDI and other data (with the YDI soon to come). Mental Health initiatives, and curriculum enhancements (such as Social-Emotional learning, and Mental Health Literacy) as well as policy development, most recently on Racism, and Anti-Poverty are some additional examples.

Upcoming are matters such as the Equity Scan and Food in Schools. (I don't think any topic in the past has mobilized our PAC's more than discussion about "Food in Schools"). And of course Covid measures continue to impact us all. These are only some examples of the rich discussions and important ways we as parents are an essential part in determining the path forward. As many of you know (yawn) I have found a welcome outlet for a particular area of concern myself in mental health and substance use affecting our children and youth. So I am grateful for your patience with my expounding on these areas in the past.

Thanks to you all for the privilege of representing you on this very important committee,

Sincerely,

Marilyn Baines.

Next Healthy Schools Committee Meeting is on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in, please contact to Marilyn. She will be happy to give an orientation to new representative.

2) Family Engagement Report by Jo Thomson

- Just had a check-in meeting a few days ago.
- Received 'Ensouling Our School' book written by Kevin.
- Reviewed Grade 7 Parents Engagement held in May.
- Possibly parents in-person events in a near future.

- Education, Operations, Committee of the whole - 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of month. Committee meetings are open to the public. Any DPAC/PAC members who are interested in, please check out District's website for schedule information. Recorded meeting is available to the public for a limited duration.

8:35 PM Active Travel update by Miyuki Shinkai

- September 27- October 10: SC Active Travel Week
- SC TraC hosting campaign events (Miyuki will email)
- October is the LES Active Travel Contest Month – Walk, Bike, Bus to/from School.
- Miyuki attending SC Active Transportation meeting as the DPAC rep. Anyone interested in or has a question related to Active School Travel, contact to [mshinkai@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:mshinkai@sd46.bc.ca)
- BC Healthy Communities Active School Travel Pilot Program Grant available for 2021/2022

8:43 PM Meeting to Adjourn

Next meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 7pm - via Zoom

- Speaker – Kerry Mahlman- Indigenous Cultures
- DPAC Executive Election