



# DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council  
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

## February 2024 DPAC Minutes

Date: February 22, 2024 | Time: 7pm

Location: (In person and via zoom at ESS Library)

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### 7:00 PM Greetings, Introductions + Land Acknowledgement

Meeting was taken place in unceded traditional land and sea of Squamish Nation and Sechelt Nation.

**In Attendance:** Scott Davis (Chair), Matt Carpenter (Vice Chair/ RCCE), Miyuki Shinkai (Secretary & BCCPAC Rep/ ESS), Jana Curll (Director at Large/DBE/CSS), Tamara Hedden (CGE), Rachael Eastman (PHSS/MPE), Ayren Drebbett (KES), Clayton Klein (HMBE), Kate Kerr (Superintendent), Stacia Leech (Trustee Rep).

**Regrets:** Liz Hills (WSE), Sandy Buck (Spider), Simon Croack (CGE), Emily Doyle (GES), Karla Shields (LES).

### 7:05 PM Approvals:

January 25, 2023 Meeting minutes available on (SD46 website)

Moved by Miyuki, Seconded by Matt. All in favour. m/s/c

February 22, 2024 Agenda Approval Moved by Miyuki, Seconded by Matt.

All in favour. m/s/c

### 7:05 - 7:40 PM Guest Speaker – April Struthers, Report from the Sunshine Coast Anti-Racism Advisory Group. For more info: [www.witworks.ca](http://www.witworks.ca)

604.885.0651, [april@witworks.ca](mailto:april@witworks.ca)

In lieu of the new ministry's K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan, the SD46 currently is looking for a few parents representative to take part in the working group.

Sharlene Prasad who is a teacher and the lead of the Anti-Racism working group introduced herself. The group will meet quarterly. If you are interested in becoming a parent's rep, please contact to Miyuki for more info – Expression of Interest. Sharlene also hosts SD46 Social Justice Book Club you can join in.

### 8:00 PM Regular Reports:

**Chair report: Scott Davis (Chair's Report attached)**

Scott Davis - [sdavisarch@gmail.com](mailto:sdavisarch@gmail.com)

Since my last report, my chair duties were primarily, communicating with presenters for our meetings, receiving email, newsletters and 5 topics.

1) SD46 2024-2025 Calendar for review. Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Roberts sent DPAC the calendar for our review and comment until tonight Feb 22. It is posted in our DPAC information.

2) Strategic Plan Writing Committee started Tuesday Feb 20. DPAC representatives were communicating with me prior to the start date asking for information.

3) BCCPAC – Town Hall Advocacy Training February 27 7-8:30.

The meeting is on Zoom and open to all DPAC + PAC members of SD46.

4) BCCPAC – Parent Education Conference & AGM March 3-5 2024.

The Early Bird Registration and Hotel Room Rate Cut Off is April 2, 2024.

The Conference & AGM Registration Deadline is April 28, 2024.

Our next DPAC meeting is April 25. This week we have been communicating to settle the funding and how many can attend before early bird deadline.

5) BCCPAC – dates & deadlines. Parent Award Nomination deadline is February 28, 2024.

Student Award Nomination deadline is February 28, 2024.

Nomination for Board of Directors is March 31, 2024.

#### **Treasurer report by Rachael Eastman**

Gaming Account – Reconciled balance as of Feb 22, 2024 - \$3,166.49.

Operating Account – Balance \$ 423.66 (including Deposit from BCCPAC for Scott and Matt \$137.57)

- If your PAC member is interested in taking a food safe certification, please contact to Rachael for more info about DPAC reimbursement process.

- **Vice Chair: Matt Carpenter – Writing Team update:** First Strategic Writing Team met on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Golf Club. Thirty or so representatives from all sectors. The session was all day and productive. Next session is on March 12. DPAC sent Matt, Rachael, Shannon Rody, and Jay Dodge to represent parents voice. Reach out to reps for more inquiries about the process.

**8:00 PM** Old Business:

\*Amended Spending Motion – SD46 DPAC cancel \$800 funding allocation to Parenting Teens workshop with Shirley French, instead fund \$700 for ‘the Parenting Through Big Emotions’ workshop with Laura Barnes at the HMB and KES. (\$350/session x 2)

Moved by Miyuki, Seconded by Matt. Carried unanimously. m/s/c

\*Spending Motion – SD46 DPAC fund \$500 for Sending delegation to BCCPAC AGM & Conference on May 3-5.

Moved by Miyuki, Seconded by Tamara. Carried unanimously. m/s/c

- BCCPAC Online Town Hall Parents Advocacy Training – February 27 at 7pm. Free! Register today at [www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca)

- DPAC Workshop: Blanket Exercise – February 29 at 6-8:30pm @ CSS Foyer. Register at [elphinstonepac@gmail.com](mailto:elphinstonepac@gmail.com)

WORKSHOP HOSTED BY



**KAIROS**  
**Blanket Exercise**



**29**  
FEBRUARY

6:00pm - 8:30pm  
Chatelech Secondary Foyer  
RSVP: [elphinstonepac@gmail.com](mailto:elphinstonepac@gmail.com)

THE BLANKET EXERCISE PROVIDES A RICH CONTEXT AND FELT EXPERIENCE OF THE HISTORICAL INFORMATION WE ARE BECOMING MORE AWARE OF THROUGH THE WORK OF RECONCILIATION.

**8:20 PM**  **Trustee report: Board Vice-Chair Stacia Leech** (attached separately)  
Next Public Board Meeting:

Parents are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings.

The next public Board Meeting is on March 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in person at the School Board Office, 494 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons and live streamed to YouTube Live stream.

- **Board reports: Superintendent Kate Kerr** (attached)

### **Superintendent's Report**

Submitted by Superintendent Kate Kerr

February 22, 2024

## **1. Circle of Care: Students**

- a. The **registration for Kindergarten** began on February 12th! We're excited to welcome new kindergarten families into our school communities. We encourage families to register online through MyEd or to visit their local school office for registration. **(1b)**
- b. **Literacy Week 2024:** From January 22 to 26, SD46 students enjoyed captivating ZOOM sessions with amazing Canadian authors like Kenneth Oppel, Karina Zhou, Kim Spencer, Karl Subban, Jack Wong, Valerie Sherrard, Natalie Hyde, Andrea Fritz, Samantha Beynon, and Kallie George. A huge thank you to our partnership with the Writers Festival and everyone involved in the 'Celebration of Authors, Books, and

Community' for making this event a memorable experience! In addition, schools created a week of unique opportunities to celebrate literacy from theme days to whole school activities. **(1d)**

- c. Accessible In-School Health Clinic Services at Pender Harbour**  
**Secondary:** Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the School District 46 Health Schools Committee, comprised of representatives from various organizations, including Vancouver Coastal Health Public Health Nurses, VCH Nutritionist, and VCH Tobacco and Vaping Reduction Coordinator, Sunshine Coast Regional District Recreational Services, and School District Staff, students have access to a new in-school health clinic service at Pender Harbour Secondary School. This clinic is currently available once a week and offers a range of essential services to students, including lunch and health promotion activities. The dedicated Nurse Practitioner will be present every Tuesday from 12-2pm, providing comprehensive support in areas such as sexual health, physical health, and mental health. This initiative aims to enhance the overall well-being of students within the school community. **(1f)**
- d. Black Excellence Day and Black History Month:** On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Burnaby Schools and the Ninandotoo Anti-Racism Society organized the third annual Black Excellence Day event for students in grades 4-12. Our district and youth and staff from across BC participated in this inspiring virtual event to stand in solidarity with Black Canadians. Moreover, From February 1 to February 29, people across Canada will be marking Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people and their communities in Canada. The 2024 theme for Black History Month is: "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build". This theme celebrates the rich past and present contributions and accomplishments of Black people in Canada, while aspiring to embrace new opportunities for the future. The theme aligns with the 10th year of the [International Decade for People of African Descent](#) and recognizes that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected. We continue the work at SD46 of creating an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environment for all. Events like these are important and powerful ways to bring awareness, learn and grow together, and advocate for change. **(1h)**

**e. Careers Update: (1I)**

- **Salmon Enhancement Hatchery Visit**
  - Pro Cook class toured Salmon Enhancement Hatchery recently.
  - Learned about Chum Salmon's ecological importance and hatchery's role.
  - Explored forest for wild mushrooms and discussed First Nations' edible plants.
- **Culinary Showcase at Chatelech Secondary School**
  - Pro Cook students prepared and served lunch to demonstrate skills.
  - Aimed to encourage enrollment in the program.
- **Course Completion Celebration**
  - Held at the end of January for parents/guardians, trustees, and senior management.
  - Students displayed culinary skills with a flavorful lunch.
  - Awaiting SkilledTradesBC theory test results for student pass rates.
- **Train in Trades Carpentry Program**
  - Fully enrolled with 14 students
  - Industry guests visited, provided safety gear, and inspired students with career talks and a field trip to St. Pauls hospital construction site.
- **Early Childhood Education (ECE) Online Courses**
  - One SD46 student continuing ECE online course for ECEA certification in May.
  - Another student completed 2 ECE courses last semester and is near ECEA application submission.
- **BCIT Enrollments**
  - Two SD46 Grade 12 students enrolled in BCIT for helicopter mechanic and Metal Fabrication.
  - Train in Trades programs unavailable for their chosen careers; SD46 sponsored tuition.

**2. Circle of Care: Staff**

- a. **Navigator's Nook:** The Navigator's Nook session on January 31<sup>st</sup>, offered by our Family Support Navigators: Karys Foley, Vivian Bott, and

Sarah Joseph, delved into the challenges of specific behaviours in the classroom within complex conditions and trauma. The session aimed to resource educational staff in School District 46 with effective strategies to understand these behaviours and provide much-needed support. Attendees were encouraged to share their experiences, fostering a collaborative atmosphere to provoke critical questions and identify solutions and additional support systems. **(2b)**

- b. **Trustee School Tours:** Trustees and senior management will embark on visits to all schools in the district on four specific days: February 12, April 29, May 13, and June 3rd. These visits are another wonderful way to witness the unique and exceptional work being carried out in our schools. **(2d)**

### 3. Circle of Care: Community

- a. **Strategic Plan Update (3a, 3c)**
  - On January 29th, we convened at the Band Hall for a **shísháhlh Nation Listening Circle with the Elders**, aimed at informing the creation of the new strategic plan. This preliminary session will set the stage for more extensive listening circles scheduled for February 29th, where we will continue to respect and integrate the perspectives of rights holders throughout this process.
  - **Writing Team:** The composition of the writing team for the new strategic plan is now complete, including representatives from rights holders, parents/caregivers, SCTA and CUPE members, and the Educational Leadership Team. This team will engage in four writing day sessions, starting on February 20th and concluding on April 18th.
- b. The **School Calendar for 2024-2025** is currently out for public consultation until February 22nd. After this period, it will return to the February Committee of the Whole for a final review and then presented at the Board Meeting on March 13th for final approval and submitted to the Ministry. **(3a)**

**8:25 PM Committee reports:**

**☐ Healthy Schools– No report. DPAC is looking for a representative. If you are interested in, please contact to Scott and Miyuki.**

**<https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/health-supports-resources/>**

**☐ Family Engagement by Miyuki Shinkai**

- Miyuki sits in BCCPAC Resolution, Facility, and Inclusive Education Committee. The committee is hosting on Feb 27, 7-8:30pm zoom Town Hall

**☐ Active School Travel – Next VCH hosted AST Stakeholder meeting is on March 4 at 1-2:30pm. Contact to Miyuki if you can be an alternate.**

**☐ Education, Operations, Committee of the whole - 4th Tues of month – Next meeting is on February 27, 10-4pm.**

Typically from 10am – 3:30pm at the SBO for 3 separate committee meetings for an hour and half each. If you can make one of three meetings, please contact to Miyuki / Scott to receive more information. DPAC Executive highly recommends more parents to take part in. The meeting environment is welcoming and agenda covers many important topics to parents group as a stakeholder.

**8:34 PM Meeting to Adjourn**

**Next meeting:** April 25, 2024 7pm | Chatelech Library & Zoom