



DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

May 2023 DPAC Minutes

Date: May 25, 2023 | Time: 7pm

Location: (In person and via zoom at Elphinstone Secondary Library)

7:00 PM Greetings, Introductions + Land Acknowledgement

In Attendance: Scott Davis (Chair), Ewa Kusmierek(VP/KES), Tracey McClelland (Treasurer / MPE), Miyuki Shinkai(Secretary & BCCPAC Rep/ ESS), Liz Hills (CSS/WSE), Emily Doyle(GES), Jana Curll (DBE), Karla Shields(LES), Simon Croack (CGE), Nicole Andreassen(HMBE), Stacia Leech(Trustee Rep), Kate Kerr (Superintendent)

Regrets: Udo Rosenberg(SCAS), Cherie Stone(PHSS), Rachael Eastman (MPE), Briar Hartwell (RCCE).

7:05 PM Approvals:

- April 27, 2023 Meeting minutes available on (SD46 website)
Moved by Miyuki, Seconded by Emily. All in favour. m/s/c
- May 25, 2023 Agenda Approval
Moved by Scott, Seconded by Tracey. All in favour. m/s/c

7:05-7:30PM Guest Speaker- Valerie Tremblay 'French To Go'

- French language opportunities for children from 5-17 years old.
- Exchange Program in France – linguistic and cultural immersive experience for youth aged 10-17. www.frenchtogo.ca info@frenchtogo.ca
- Miyuki is sending out 'French to Go' brochure and poster to all PACs.

7:30-45 PM Guest Speaker – Johan Stroman 'GoActive Travel May 29- June 9'

- Benefit of Active School Travel and reasons behind
<https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/active-travel/>
- Johan invited PACs to donate fund \$100 -\$150 towards GoActive Travel Weeks' campaign. The fund will be used to purchase prizes for active traveller winners at each school site.
- Miyuki will email DPAC Reps a copy of Letter of Funding Request written by Johan for each PAC to consider funding towards the proposal.

7:45 – 8:00PM DPAC - Opportunity to Share

- West Sechelt Elementary School Carnival Fundraiser on June 22nd, Thursday, 5-8pm.



- Langdale Elementary Spring Fair fundraiser was a huge hit.
- Elphinstone Secondary PAC hosting Parenting Teens workshop sponsored by DPAC. 20 registered but 8-10 participants per week. Hoping for the fall session in Chatelech. Spring Art Club sponsored by ESS PAC was successful. Art show was held at the ESS tonight.

8:00 PM Regular Reports:

Chair report: Scott Davis

Scott Davis - sdavisarch@gmail.com

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

1) Miyuki sent a letter of condolence to the Sechelt Nation.

The recent heartbreaking news of unmarked graves discovered at the former Sechelt Residential school property, DPAC sent our deepest regards to their nation.

2) Miyuki sent two letters of support of transportation.

The letters gave DPAC support of the proposal by the District Student Leadership Team for free public transport for students and DPAC support to Trac SC's Connect the Coast.

3) Miyuki sent a letter regarding Gaming Grant Funding.

In early March we learned that Gaming funding was limited on the amount DPAC can spend to send delegates to the BCCPAC AGM. Miyuki with the help of Tracey asked for modification of the rules so it will better match our needs.

4) CapU Education Assistant Program

Debbie Mah sent an email announcement that there is classroom space available in the fall semester 2023 at the CapU North Vancouver Campus. This is posted in our DPAC information.

5) Fire and Flower Girls Empowerment Camp

I received an email from Beatrice Kwan announcing a camp for girls age 10 to 14 this August in Gibsons. This is posted in our DPAC information.

6) May 29 to June 2nd Go By Bike Week.

Trac sent an announcement of the Go By Bike Week activities. This is posted in our DPAC information.

□ Treasurer report by Tracey McClelland (Report sent separately)

SD46 DPAC – Treasurer’s Report May 25th, 2023

Gaming Account – Balance remaining to spend from Gaming \$427.74

Operating Account – Balance \$241.09

- Tracey noted that for all transition night expenses paid by Gaming, DPAC require receipts for purchases to be submitted.

- Gamig Cheques #154, 155, 157, 158, 159 all voided due to gaming grant restrictions.

- Tracey also mentioned that she is in process of straghitnig the fisical year in order to adhere Gaming Grant reporting period. She will bring the motion to the executives via email.

□ BCCPAC AGM conference & highlights – Miyuki Shinkai

- May 5-7, 2023 in Richmond, joined by Tamara Hedden from CGE PAC and Kundalata James from CSS PAC.

- Laura Ward, a former Indigenous Director was elected in for VP - first indigenous woman to hold this position.

- Miyuki received BCCPAC 2023 George Matthews Award of Excellence in parent leadership. In the light of tragic unmarked graves discovery in Sechelt, Miyuki had an opportunity to present a message to 160 delegates from 60 districts about importance of parents’ learning the truth and true history to do better for our future generations.

- Letter to the Board was sent to request an annual funding support for DPAC delegation to BCCPAC Conference & AGM. It is a great provincial assembly for parents to access resources from ministers and other PAC leaders.

- Under the School Act, it is suggested that parents and community members are invited to join an opportunity for Indigenous focused offerings. Recommendation for next year was sent to Family Engagement Committee. ([Excerpt 8. \(2\) and \(4\)](#))

8:15 PM Board reports

□ Superintendent Report: Presented by Kate Kerr

1.Circle of Care: Students

a. DSLT Student Spring Forum:Secondary students from across the Sunshine Coast gathered recently at Chatelech Secondary school for the annual District Student Leadership Team Spring Student Forum. This event brings students, trustees, district leaders, and school administrators together to discuss important topics and initiatives affecting students across the district. It was a fantastic day filled with insightful discussions, collaborative problem-solving, and meaningful connections. Huge thanks to all the student leaders who participated and

contributed their ideas and perspectives. We look forward to continuing to work together to create positive change in our schools and communities.(1a)

b. DSLT North vs. South Hockey Game Fundraiser: Thanks to the efforts of our community, the District Student Leadership Team (DSLST) was able to collect \$780 for the local food bank at the recent DSLT North vs. South Hockey Game Fundraiser. We're proud to have been able to make a difference in our community and help those in need. DSLT members Mika Schutz, Kiana Hamlin, Annalisa Achee, and Darwin Miller-Hogg visited the Sunshine Coast Food Bank to commemorate the donation.(1a)

2.Circle of Care: Staff

a. CAISE Conference: Twenty-two educators from SD46 attended the annual two-day Council of Administrators of Inclusive Support in Education (CAISE) Conference in Vancouver. The program included presentations by Shane Safir and Shelley Moore.(2b, 2c)

b. Human Resources Job Fair in Toronto: Director of Instruction Bishop and Manager of Human Resources Sweet attended a job fair in Toronto in April, seeking to attract talented individuals to join our team. They engaged with numerous job seekers and showcased the exciting career opportunities available. The event provided an excellent platform for networking and building relationships with potential candidates. (2d)

c. Progress on the Equity in Action Project: We are nearing the end of Year 3 of the Equity in Action Project. Along with the information gained through the Equity in Action Inquiry process engaged in by staff and district governance, and the street data collected directly from students, it is important to understand how the parents, guardians and care-takers of Indigenous students view their children's experiences in school. The Indigenous Family Survey, with a link and QR code sent by e-mail to each family of Indigenous students in the district, was live for 18 days between April 13 and April 30, with a reminder sent on April 24. The Survey is now closed and the data collected will be reviewed by the Equity in Action Steering Group. There are plans for Indigenous community engagement through focus groups/talking circles regarding six key questions –but we are pausing for a bit before we start those events, out of respect for the shishalh Nation.(2e)

3.Circle of Care: Community

a. Mental Health Awareness Week and Launch of Agency Resource Hub: Mental Health Week took place from May 1st-May 7th. The Canadian Mental Health Association's CMHA Mental Health Week is an annual national event that takes place during the first week in May to encourage people from all walks of life to learn, talk, reflect and engage with others on all issues relating to mental health. It is with great pride and fitting with this week of acknowledgement that we also share the launch of a mental health resource hub on the district's website, a joint effort with local agencies. (3a, 3c)

□ **Trustee report: Presented by Stacia Leech**

We stand alongside the shíshálh Nation in support. School district 46 lowered its flags to half-mast to remember the Children who did not come home, in honour of the Survivors, and to honour their Families and Communities.

- The Board of Education is exploring new and different ways to connect with parents outside of attending monthly PAC meetings. With the shift we hope to connect with a larger group of parents on a larger variety of issues.

In September/October 2023 a trustee will attend school PAC meetings to introduce the Board of Education, explain the role and work of the board, and review how to connect with us. Throughout the school year, monthly written reports will be sent to PAC Chairs for inclusion in the meeting agenda package or meeting minutes. At the end of the 2024 school year a trustee will attend each school PAC meeting to review the year and collect feedback on how this new process worked.

A trustee representative will continue to regularly attend DPAC meetings, school PAC reports and questions shared at DPAC will continue to be heard by the Board. At any time during the school year, school PAC's can request a trustee representative to attend their meeting to discuss issues specifically related to the work of the Board. To make such a request, please email trustees@sd46.bc.ca, outlining the issue, noting the date and time of the meeting you would like a trustee to attend.

- The SD46 application to the Zero Emission Transit Fund has been approved, securing funding for the electrification of up to 8 buses. We are hoping that two of the new electric buses will be here for the start of the new school year. School District 46 continues to be a provincial leader in environmental education and climate change action. Our educational initiatives (school environmental Leads, outdoor classrooms, school yard gardens, nature play areas, NEST programming, Outdoor Education at the high school level) and facilities upgrades (solar panels, LED lighting, waste management, LEED buildings) put the Sunshine Coast on the map as a district committed to climate change action.
- The SD46 Board is moving forward with the process of reviewing and updating our strategic plan for the next five years. The Framework for the process involves a high-level visioning exercise, an education plan with a clear focus on student learning, alignment with the operational plans, and continuous improvement process. The work begins with a high-level visioning workshop for the Board in June, then going out to stakeholders in the fall of 2023.
- SD46 Board of Education heartily congratulates **Miyuki Shinkai** upon receiving the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils George Matthews Award for Excellence in Parent Leadership. *Miyuki makes it a priority to attend BCCPAC events and always encourages other parents to join her and share in the learning. She always brings the learning back to the whole SD46 PAC community.*

Parents are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings;

Next public board meeting: June 14th 2023 7pm. <https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/board-of-education-and-governance/board-meeting-schedule/>

The meeting is live streamed to YouTube https://youtu.be/Ei_Uf_Z6M5g.

- Discussion around Trustees engaging with PACs was held.
- Question about a trustee's relocation.

8:45 PM Committee reports:

☐ Healthy Schools by Ewa Kusmierек – No report.

The next healthy schools meeting is June 6, at 9am, at Kinnikinnick elementary. Anyone can attend?

☐ Family Engagement by Miyuki Shinkai

Last Family Engagement Committee meeting was held on **May 15th, 3:45-5:15pm** at SBO.

1) SOGI presentation and discussion with Vanessa Marie and Christa Rive.

Resources for families and community can be found here:

<https://sd46.bc.ca/schools-and-services/inclusive-education/sogi/>.

2) DPAC Report

3) Suggested DPAC to conduct the PAC Food in Schools survey and forwarding it to Food in Schools Committee by June 1.

4) Announced to dismantle Family Engagement Committee due to considerable overlap with established structures of DPAC and PACs and suggested agenda item for Family Engagement remains on DPAC agenda.

5) DPAC requested continuing the district's engagement with parents and families by sharing educational opportunities, open house, and forums.

☐ Active School Travel by Miyuki Shinkai

1) Next SC Active Transportation Stakeholders meeting hosted by VCH will be on Tuesday, April 30 at 3:00- 4:30pm via zoom. Stakeholders from SCRД, Town of Gibsons, District of Sechelt, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructures, SD46, SC Trac will be at the table. Any questions, please send to Miyuki.

2) In May and June, a few schools receiving BC Cycling workshop 'HopOn'

3) Speed Watch month organized by ICBC team. Hosted on LES school zones on Monday, May 29, 3-4pm, etc.

3) Response letter from SCRД BC Transit on free bus fare for students was received on May 23. Recommendation will be brought to the SCRД board before end of 2023 to implement.

☐ Education, Operations, Committee of the whole - 4th Tues of month

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.

- Tracey was able to attend the Operations Committee meeting on May 23, 10am

-Noon.

- She brought up a few highlights: Challenges around Active Travel in Pender, New Bus Company in September, and useful information from Budget presentation. Tracey also thanked the district's fast communication and accurate and informative procedure in response to the recent bus accident in Pender.

Chair Scott thanked DPAC Reps, board, and superintendent for their contribution in 2022/2023 school year.

8:51 PM Meeting to Adjourn

Next meeting: September 28, 2023 7pm | Elphinstone Library & Zoom