



# DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council  
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

## September 2024 DPAC Minutes

Date: September 26, 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), Miyuki Shinkai (Secretary & BCCPAC Rep/ ESS), Jana Curll (Director at Large/CSS), Rachael Eastman (Treasurer/ PHSS), Tamara Hedden (CGE), Marissa Fischer (CGE), Emily Doyle (GES), Karla Shields (LES), Nicole Huska (HMBE), Jennifer Olson (MPES), Amanda Amaral (Trustee Rep), Kate Kerr (Superintendent).

**Regrets:** (WSE), (KES), (Spider), (DBE).

**7:05 PM** Approvals:

- May 23, 2024 Meeting minutes - Moved by Miyuki, Seconded by Rachael. All in favour. m/s/c
- May 23rd, 2024 Agenda Approval Moved by Miyuki, Seconded by Tamara. All in favour. m/s/c

**7:05 - 7:40 PM Guest Speaker: Johan Stroman SD46 Active Travel Coordinator & Meghan Molnar, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) – “Supporting AST – Why, What & How”**

- SD46 district-wide Active School Travel Week – Oct 7 to 21, 2024.
- Mental Health and Physical Health benefits.
- How can SD46 better support PACs Active Travel efforts at Schools?
- Walking School Bus Program – Is anybody interested in learning how you can coordinate at your site?
- Request PACs to allocate \$100 - \$300 per semester to support prize purchases for fall (Oct) and spring (May). PACs- please directly contact Johan.

Presentation link here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GNBsNjARWEH4ZEc1nYdtFkylsI0UZKQa/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103890916194934380625&rtpof=true&sd=true>

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## 7:40 PM Regular Reports:

### • Chair report: Scott Davis (attached)

Scott Davis - sdavisarch@gmail.com

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

1) Resignation of DPAC Vice Chair. In early August I spoke to Matt Carpenter and he informed me that he was moving his children out of the district for personal reasons. He resigned and would not be attending any more DPAC meetings. In late August he returned the chequebook to Miyuki. I want to thank Matt for his volunteer efforts and wish his family all the best in the future.

2) BCCPAC – Ongoing Issues 2024. Over several weeks, I have received numerous email messages from BCCPAC issues and resignations by board members. An election to fill vacancies is planned. We were reminded to renew our BCCPAC membership.

3) Resources Information received. I received four posters and Miyuki will share them on our DPAC resources. (Facebook Sd46 DPAC page)

Fairness for Children Raised by Relatives Society

Car Free on Cowrie St and Active Advocacy by Trac

ACT Autism Community Training

French For Kids by Valerie Tremblay

4) Gaming Grant Approved. I received communication from Gaming Online Service that our application was approved for \$2,500.

5) Questions for all B.C. Provincial Election Candidates.

I received communication from the Institute for Public Education about a link to a website with a survey with responses due on October 15th. The link will be in our resources – Facebook SD46 DPAC page.

6) Fire Safety Regulations. I received updated information, and Miyuki will update our DPAC resources.

### • Treasurer report by Rachael Eastman

- Gaming Account – Reconciled balance as of Sept 25th, 2024 - \$205.94 (after committed funds approved).

- Operating Account – Balance \$ 237.70.

- The 2024/2025 Gaming grant \$2500 was received.

Moved by Miyuki, Second by Rachael. All in Favour. m/s/c

**8:00 PM New Business** – DPAC Board of Directors – Nomination and Notice of the Election 2024-2025 on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> DPAC AGM.

- Standing Board Members are Miyuki Shinkai (Secretary/ BCCPAC Rep), Jana Curl (Director-at-Large), and Rachael Eastman (Chair or remaining as the Treasurer).
- The outgoing Board Member is Scott Davis (considered as an advisory or Director-at-Large).
- Tamara Hedden put her name for the VP position.
- Marissa Fischer is interested in the Director-at-Large position.
- Jennifer Olson is interested in the Treasurer's position.
- Nominations are ongoing till AGM on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. For more info, please contact Scott / Miyuki for the duties of officers, etc.

**8:20 PM · Trustee report: Board Chair Amanda Amaral** (attached separately)

- Highlights: Strategic Plan, Budget Consultation in the fall, Student Trustee Alexis Proust. PACs are welcome to send an email to [trustees@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:trustees@sd46.bc.ca) for a trustee representative to attend your regular meeting.

- Subscribe Trustee's Newsletter: <https://sd46.bc.ca/tbemailsubscribe/>

Next Public Board Meeting: October 9th at 7 pm.

Parents are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings.

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)**

## REPORT TO DPAC

### SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Submitted by Superintendent Kate Kerr

September 26, 2024

**A. 2024-2025 Student Trustee:**

We are excited to welcome Alexis Proust as the student trustee for the 2024-2025 school year. Alexis, a Grade 12 student at Chatelech Secondary, is the 12th student trustee in the district's history and an active member of the District Student Leadership Team. Her role will be vital in amplifying student voice in board discussions throughout the year.

**B. "Best Youth Film" Award:**

Elphi TV students recently competed in the 2024 Run N Gun 48-hour film competition, where their short film "*Chad & Brad's Musical Adventure*" was selected among the top 40 entries out of 149 and screened at the Orpheum Theatre. They were awarded the "Best Youth Film" honor, receiving \$250, a

\$1,000 G&E package from The Lockup, and a Youth Acting Class from Mitribe. Their film was also showcased at the Heritage Playhouse, accompanied by a crew panel discussion. We are incredibly proud of their remarkable achievement!

**C. September Start-Up:**

Students and staff returned to our schools with enthusiasm and hope for the year ahead. We are grateful to the Sunshine Coast Learning Community for infusing our schools with renewed energy and excitement.

**D. StrongStart, SPARK! and Child Development Classes:**

Our StrongStart, SPARK!, and Child Development programs have resumed for the fall, offering valuable opportunities to engage with families and support early childhood development within our community.

**E. Educational Leadership Team Summer Session:**

Our leadership team gathered this summer to align district goals with provincial priorities for the coming school year. The session provided a strong foundation for leaders to guide their schools and teams in aligning with the district's new Strategic Plan and Ministry's direction.

**F. Operations Kickoff Session:**

In late August, the Educational Leadership Team, School Board Office staff, administrative assistants, and clerical staff came together for our annual Operations Kickoff Session. This event provided training on Compassionate Systems Leadership, led by Caroline Picard, and launched our new Strategic Plan, ensuring alignment and readiness for the school year ahead.

**G. September 3rd Pro-D Day and Strategic Plan Launch:**

Over 400 educational staff members gathered at Chatelech Secondary for a powerful day of learning and collaboration, launching our new five-year Strategic Plan. The day began in circle on the field and continued with engaging group activities in the gym, introducing staff to the Strategic Plan's aspirational goal and nine supporting strands. In the afternoon, school and department teams worked together to align their practices and goals with the new district plan, deepening their commitment to this shared vision.

**H. Maintenance and Facilities Department:**

Throughout the summer, our Maintenance and Facilities team has been hard at work completing key projects and ensuring our schools and departments are ready for the new school year. Their dedication has provided welcoming, safe, and well-organized spaces for students, staff, and families as we begin this new

chapter together.

- I. **Summer Institute:** In late August, District Principal of Learning and Innovation offered Literacy Primary and Intermediate Workshops.

**8:25 PM Committee reports:**

· **Healthy Schools**– No report. A representative from DPAC - Jessica Wollen

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

· **Family Engagement by Miyuki Shinkai**

DPAC / PACs Leadership Training on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 5 pm @ Golf Course - Compassionate Systems Leadership & How to run effective meetings. DPAC Executive and PAC chair & VP (or appointed executive members, 2 delegates from each PAC) are invited. The session will weave compassionate systems leadership connected to running a meeting and developing strong community relationships, as well as how to work with your Board of Education. Dinner will be served.

Registration will start soon: [SD46.bc.ca/CSLEVENT24](https://sd46.bc.ca/CSLEVENT24) – Miyuki will send a reminder & invite.

- Events: GPAG TRC Art exhibit by Miyuki & Jessica Silvey September 23 – October 28 / SCLC All-Candidate Forum at ESS Library October 1, 6-8 pm. Everyone is welcome.

- PAC and DPAC Constitution & Bylaw should be reviewed and revised every 4 years or so.

· **Active School Travel by Miyuki Shinkai**

SD46 Fall campaign will start Oct 7-21. Contact to Johan for prize purchase.

- If you are interested in becoming a DPAC/PAC's AST Rep to attend seasonal meetings with VCH and municipalities, please contact Miyuki for more info.

· **Education, Operations, Committee of the whole - 4th Tues. of the month –Next meeting is on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 am -3:15 pm** at the SBO for 3 separate committee meetings for an hour and a half each. If you can make one of three meetings, please contact Miyuki / Scott to receive more information. DPAC Executive highly recommends more parents to take part in. The meeting environment is welcoming, and the agenda covers many important topics for parent groups as a stakeholder.

Discussion & Sharing: PACs reported their first month of the new school year has been positive, and good enthusiasm from new parents joining PAC meetings.

**8:38 PM Meeting to Adjourn**

**Next meeting:** October 24, 2024, 7 pm | Chatelech Library & Zoom

