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SD46 District Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

ZOOM

February 25, 2021 | *Meeting called to order by* Chair: Jo Thomson 7:02pm

In Attendance

Jo Thomson	Patrick Bocking	Miyuki Shinkai	Marilyn Baines	Scott Davis
Lorena Ruth	Amy Robinson	Udo Rosenburg	Kelsey Oxley	Jeff Marshall
Tracey McClelland	Jennifer Boulton	Stacia Leech	Jacquie Chess	Patty Shields

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from last meeting January 28, 2021 via Zoom

Move motion Scott Davis, Miyuki Shinkai 2nd

The minutes were accepted as presented

Agenda

Opening comments and approval of Agenda.

Miyuki Shinkai motion to move and Scott Davis 2nd

Motion to approve agenda: all in favor

Presentation

Jacquie Chess – Family Smart (Parent in Residents for Gibsons/Sechelt)

- Health and well being advocate for youth
- PRI Parents and caregivers who are parenting a child young adult with mental health and or substance abuse problems.
- Meet in person/virtual
- All of BC has access to PRI, includes youth in residence
- Listening and provide supports, navigate option to what resources available for support
- Help prepare for what they need to ask for
- Host 'in the know' events, workshop speakers
- www.familysmart.ca/itk
- Free service, no waitlist
- Jacquie Chess Jacquie.chess@familysmart.ca

Treasurers Report

Tracey McClelland Reports:

Gaming Account Balance: \$4642.67

Savings Account Balance: \$1192.94

(1) Invoice for food safe.

Reminder: 2 people per school approved for course funding.

(2) Committed funding for Jesse Miller event

(3) Request funding for Langdale PAC askable adult \$472.50

Miyuki MOVE to fund askable adult, parent's workshop, Tracy 2nd

Motion carried

Proposal from Jessica Wollen, wants to present to parents "online safety", body science, subject.

(4) Another idea from SOGI district, parent's night, Flag ceremony first week of June tba

Committee Report

Jo Thomson – DPAC Chair

- Correspondence – ideaspac - 10 different courses for children/adults
- www.ideaspac.club
- Invite to TRAC speaker March 6. Poster to be distributed with minutes.

Miyuki Shinkai, BCCPAC Representative

BCCPAC AGM

May 1, 2021 VIA Zoom

Superintendent and Board Report

Stacia Leech, Board DPAC Rep

- In normal times, would be doing school tours around this time. This year the principals are attending meetings with the boards to hear of their annual plans
- ADHOC community
- Recruiting firm assigned for position of Superintendent for July 2021
- Budget meetings, preliminary budget and priority considerations. #1 is mental health
- Students access to food in schools.
- COVID supports
- Family supports, navigator, possibly expanding that
- Technology expansions, licenses.
- Link on our website for families for help with mental health

- Board level, motions, BC school's AGM motions to go to Ministry ROOT Of empathy program (restore core funding for this program), Motion to request multi-Ministry funding for mental health.

Parents are always welcome to attend the public board meetings. Also available 46 website and YouTube. Board Operations and Committee meetings on the 4th Tuesdays of the month. You can also watch it online.

<https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/board-of-education-and-governance/board-meeting-schedule/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

Patrick Bocking, Superintendent SD46

Monthly Superintendent report

Highlights:

1. Pink Shirt Day, Acts of kindness theme.
2. Kindergarten registration Month
3. Black History Month, purchased more library resources including Canadian Black authors and resources around Black literature.
4. Student transportation research continues. Voice of parents valued to the board
5. Student and Staff attendance up.
6. Will be sending COVID update to parents and district before spring break.
7. Spark to Secondary four virtual sessions for all parents with children entering high school

Register online

Jeff Marshall, West Sechelt Principal

- Anxiety and stressors reduced since Pandemic hit last March.
- Including School staff, families and students
- Protocols, student spacing, cohorts have reduced conflicts
- Current expansion taking place at West Sechelt. Currently has 5 portables.
- The expansion/construction going very well.

Miyuki Shinkai

-Thank you to Patrick Bocking for his letter to BCFSA

-Regarding Refund for Travel Club students for Cancelled trip last spring.

UDO

Question: What is the budget for WS elementary expansion approved = 11 Million, 6 classrooms and outdoor area. Including childcare center. Noting GES was 14 Million. Noting SCAZ building needs repairs, has there been discussion around when that will be?

Response: It is on the list for funding to be requested with the Ministry

Marilyn Baines Report: February 2, 2021

1. **Equity Scan Update:**

The Indigenous Advisory Circle is currently working on question selection with parent input/discussion likely sought by Spring. The **anti-racism policy** recently adopted by the Board of Education is highly relevant to this work.

2. The Board of Education is currently working on an **anti-poverty policy**.

3. The above also relates to the many ways VCH is incorporating work on the social determinants of health.

VCH Public Health focus is on Covid 19 **vaccinations** of LTC residents and health care personnel, and is working closely with the Shishalh Nation.

The VCH Covid line (604) 885-8714 -will provide a recorded message with where we are at in the vaccination roll-out and when it will be your turn. Currently staff are awaiting direction from the Public Health Officer regarding the when and where of other School-age vaccinations.

4. **Mental Health Literacy (MHL)**: This is a 3-year process including not only staff training (teachers, principals, and counselors) but also incorporating within the curriculum. Currently MHL is being piloted in the Secondary Schools and includes a major emphasis on decreasing stigma. It is part of Physical Education and Career Education Curriculum and in grade 11/12 it becomes an elective.

5. **District Student Leadership Team**: Recent DSLT survey indicated more about **Mental Health** was wanted. The structure of the **Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)** program happening now is well liked with more attention to other elements like **LGBTQ, Substance Use, and Racism** desirable. We want to ensure we have the **student voice** connected to all.

6. **Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)**: Grade 4 through 8 students self-report about how they think and feel about their experiences in and out of school. Five areas of development are included: Physical Health and Well Being, Connectedness, Social and Emotional Development, School Experiences and After - School Time. This year the MDI will be administered to Grades 5, 7 and 8. Conversations around results including with the students will be in the Spring, and data shared with DPAC, Community agencies and the Board of Education. Attention to pre and during Covid 19 results will be a focus. MDI is part of the Rural Grant, Pathways to Care Initiative with Children's Hospital involvement.

7. **Substance Use Panels**: With the involvement of the SCCYMHSU Local Action Team the Substance Use panels are being prepared for delivery via Zoom. The first recorded session for grade 7's (likely after Spring break) will include a live follow-up.

8. **Restorative Practice Training**: Principals and Counselors are involved in training to imbed principles of restoration in schools without shame and blame while focusing on supports.

Next Committee meeting April 20/21
Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Baines

Parent Engagement Committee

Suggestion to DPAC possibility for May 2021.

Intro for Gr7 parents to be welcomed by Zoom into the High schools.

Potential for Kids to do virtual tour and invite parents of Grade 7 students.

Jo Thomson to follow up with this request at next Committee Meeting. Suggestions Welcome

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Discussion

Tracey McClelland – Will naloxone kits be permitted to be trained in schools for high school students.

Patrick Bocking response: low risk in schools thus not offered on site in schools.

Jo Thomson – requested the district student leadership to do video for GR7 parents of students in transition. Invitation to be sent to GR7 parents to attend May Highschool PAC meeting for video presentation.

Miyuki Shinkai - Active Travel Pilot Report- February/2021

LES, DPAC Rep

1) DPACs and PACs are getting on board!

(Written by Trac)

There's been a flurry of activity from DPAC and several PACs over the past few months that is super encouraging. Kudos to the parent champions who have:

- hosted a well-attended presentation on **Reverse the Trend of the Backseat Generation: Get Kids Moving Through Active Travel to School** by Dr. Guy Faulkner and Dr. Mariana Brussoni
- received \$10,000 in funding for Active School Transport projects from the BC Alliance for Healthy Living
- lobbied the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) for new school crossing signage for Langdale Elementary at Port Mellon Highway and Forbes Road
- organized a soon-to-be-launched walking school bus program at Langdale Elementary and fielded questions from other interested schools
- organized Langdale Elementary parents to produce homemade safe crossing signs at Port Mellon Highway and YMCA Road
- identified the need for safer crossing signage at Chaster & Pratt Roads for the Cedar Grove PAC and KES PAC
- begun to develop a relationship with key management at MOTI

- created a BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils resolution calling on MOTI to provide more active transport support for rural school zones
- spoke to Trac, ICBC rep and RCMP for safety workshop plans
- Lobbied MP & MLA since public announcement came out

Some very exciting news to share with you all: The Province has just published their news release about the AST Pilot Program, and BCHC has followed suit with an announcement on our website.

Provincial Government News Release:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TRAN0014-000243>

BC Healthy Communities News Release:

<http://bchealthycommunities.ca/ast-participating-schools-announced/>

2) BCCPAC resolution was submitted on February 20, 2021.

BCCPAC AGM

May 1, 2021 VIA Zoom

Meeting adjourned 8:54 p.m.

Next Meeting

April 22, 2021 7:00 p.m. Zoom