

MINUTES



DPAC
DISTRICT PARENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL
ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: May 25, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Abbotsford School Board Office

Executives in Attendance: Shannon Rose, Chair
Michelle Bastien, Vice Chair
Tracey Lamoureux, Treasurer
Winsome Rauch, Secretary
Amy MacKenzie, Director

Attendance: Jas Badesha (ATS)

1 Call to Order

Chair Shannon Rose called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. A quorum was met.

2 Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

3 Approval of the Minutes from April 27, 2023

Secretary Winsome Rauch read the minutes of the April 27, 2023, meeting.

It was MOVED by Jas Badesha and SECONDED by Tracey Lamoureux THAT the minutes of the April 27, 2023 General Meeting be approved as amended. CARRIED

4 Treasurer report

Treasurer Tracey Lamoureux provided Closing G/L Account balances as of April 27, 2022

General = \$1955.18

Gaming = \$9055.72

It was MOVED by Shannon Rose and SECONDED by Michelle Bastien THAT DPAC reimburse the School District \$472.50 (including GST) from the Gaming Account for the "CyberSafe from Exploitation" presentation. CARRIED

5 Old Business

5.1 GEM Presentation

It was discussed that arranging a Parent Gender Equity Presentation (GEM) in May was not feasible. DPAC has suggested that the GEM team should reach out after the new executives are voted in to book a time for the new executives to preview the presentation. DPAC has received two supportive emails from schools regarding the GEM presentation. It was noted

that the GEM presentation has not been viewed since the initial presentation at Bateman last year. DPAC has extended an invitation to the GEM team to approach again in the fall.

5.2 BCCPAC Conference & AGM

Michelle Bastien and Shannon Rose attended the BCCPAC Conference held on May 5, followed by the AGM on May 6 and 7. It was noted that Abbotsford sent 27 proxy votes, in addition to the DPAC representative, resulting in a total of 28 voting representatives from our district. This made our district the one with the highest voting representation in the province.

Michelle shared information about the BCCPAC annual scholarship, which is available to schools that are BCCPAC members. There was a discussion about the importance of educating PACs about BCCPAC, ensuring they understand the benefits of membership and why it is important to join. Several resolutions were discussed during the conference, with a focus on advocating for the province to fund Parent Advocacy initiatives.

5.3 Cybersafe from Exploitation

A total of 68 parents participated in the May 15 2-hour “CyberSafe from Exploitation” online meeting. The recording of the meeting is accessible on the DPAC Facebook site for reference. Due to its large file size, the PDF version of the PowerPoint slides is available upon request via email from DPAC.

Attendees expressed the need for principals to be notifying parents when organizing similar presentations or events at district and school levels. Shannon Rose will raise this point with Mr. DeWit and our Superintendent.

5.4 District Website update reminder

Due to district website updates, some PAC sections on school websites did not transfer properly. PACs should check and update their information as necessary.

6 New Business

6.1 June 30 Gaming Grant Deadline

Shannon Rose reminds members to apply for their Gaming grants. PACs will need to upload minutes from last Annual General Meeting (AGM); using 2022 AGM minutes is allowed if that is the most recent AGM minutes available.

6.2 PAC AGMS

Contact DPAC to schedule a Zoom meeting for your AGM if necessary (sd34zoom1@gmail.com). Remember to elect DPAC Representatives and send your PAC's updated contact information to dpac.sd34@gmail.com

6.3 SD34 Public Board Meeting

The next Public Board Meeting will be held June 13th at 7 pm at School Board Office

7 2023/24 Elections of the Abbotsford District Parent Advisory Council

7.1 Chair

Nomination: Shannon Rose

Nominated by Michelle Bastien, Seconded by Tracey Lamoreux

Shannon Rose accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Shannon Rose was declared Chair for the 2023/24 school year by acclamation.

7.2 Vice-chair

Nomination: Michelle Bastien

Nominated by Tracey Lamoreux, Seconded by Jas Badesha

Michelle Bastien accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Michelle Bastien was declared Vice-Chair for the 2023/24 school year by acclamation.

7.3 Treasurer

Nomination: Tracey Lamoreux

Nominated by Michelle Bastien, Seconded by Amy MacKenzie

Tracey Lamoreux accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Tracey Lamoreux was declared Treasurer for the 2023/24 school year by acclamation.

7.4 Secretary

Nomination: Winsome Rauch

Nominated by Jas Badesha, Seconded by Michelle Bastien

Winsome Rauch accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Winsome Rauch was declared Secretary for the 2023/24 school year by acclamation.

7.5 Special Education Representative

After three calls with no nominations, the nominations were closed and the position was declared vacant.

7.6 Inclusion Representative

After three calls with no nominations, the nominations were closed and the position was declared vacant.

7.7 Director

Nomination: Amy MacKenzie

Nominated by Michelle Bastien, Seconded by Jas Badesha

Amy MacKenzie accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Amy MacKenzie was declared a Director for the 2023/24 school year by acclamation

A second Director position remains Vacant

7.8 Elections Closed

7.9 Appointments

The DPAC executive made the following appointments:

7.9.1 Heidi Vinois as Special Education Representative

7.9.2 Clara Chahwan as Inclusion Representative

7.9.3 Kara Dickson as second Director

7.10 Signing Authority

There are no changes for the three signing officers for the DPAC Gaming Account and General Account. Shannon Rose, Michelle Bastien, and Tracey Lamoureux remain as signing officers.

8 Open Floor

8.1 Concern about a secondary school not offering Physics 12 and French 11.

Neither Physics 12 nor French 11 will be offered at a particular secondary school for 2023/24. Twenty-one students had expressed their interest in Physics 12, a pre-requisite for many university programs; others for French 11, a secondary language pre-requisite for many university programs. It was reported that unfortunately, students who are interested in taking Physics can enroll in the offering at Yale Secondary. The course will be held from 5-8 pm on two nights a week. It was mentioned that students who cannot attend the course at Yale can explore online classes offered by the Vanderhouf School District. www.Ebus.ca.

It was discussed that all the secondary schools should include courses that are pre-requisites for university, ensuring that students have the necessary qualifications for higher education. School administration must prioritize offering courses that are pre-requisites for university, ensuring students have the necessary qualifications for higher education.

Chair and vice chair to bring up the issue of course availability in the Superintendent meeting.

9 Next Meeting

The next DPAC meeting will be held September 28, 2023 at 7pm (Board office).

10 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM