

MINUTES



Date: May 22, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Abbotsford School Board Office

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

Voting Members in Attendance:

Abbotsford Middle	Angela Minetti
Abbotsford School of Integrated Arts (ASIA) Sumas Mountain	Eruke Omorogieva (DPAC Rep)
Abbotsford Senior Secondary	Winsome Rauch
Abbotsford Traditional School	Rani Prakesh
Aberdeen Elementary	Michelle Duffels (DPAC Rep)
BlueJay Elementary	Parampreet Kaur Grewal (DPAC Rep)
Bradner Elementary	Elva Lottenbach
Chief Dan George Middle	Becky Williams Spruit (DPAC Rep)
Clayburn Middle	Shannon Rose (DPAC Rep)
Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary	Amy MacKenzie (DPAC Rep)
École Centennial Park Elementary	Amanda Degenhardt (DPAC Rep)
Eugene Reimer Middle	Parampreet Kaur Grewal (DPAC Rep)
Harry Sayers Elementary	Jen Shieh
Irene Kelleher Toti:Itawtxw	Amy Wiese (DPAC Rep)
King Traditional Elementary	Gurpinder Kaur (DPAC Rep)
Margaret Stenersen Elementary	Emily Kasper
Mt. Lehman Elementary	Melissa Markle
Prince Charles Elementary	Shannon Rose (DPAC Rep)
Robert Bateman Secondary	Tracey Lamoureux (DPAC Rep)
South Poplar Elementary	Pinkey Bhatti (DPAC Rep)
W.J.Mouat Secondary	Josephine Leonard (DPAC Rep)
William A. Fraser Middle	Eruke Omorogieva (DPAC Rep)
Yale Secondary	Michelle Bastien (DPAC Rep)

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Aman Brar (South Pop), Stacey Parson (Abby Sr), Rehan Siddiqui (Abby Sr), Jocelyn Radom (Bradner)

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1 Call to Order

Chair Shannon Rose called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. A quorum was met with 23 voting members.

2 Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

3 Approval of the Minutes from April 24, 2025

Secretary Winsome Rauch read the minutes of the April 25, 2024, meeting.

It was MOVED by Winsome Rauch (Secretary) and SECONDED by Michelle (Vice Chair) THAT the minutes of the April 24, 2025 General Meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED

4 Treasurer report

Treasurer Tracey Lamoureux provided Closing G/L Account balances as of May 22, 2025

4.1 Abbotsford DPAC Gaming Account Summary as of May 22, 2025

Opening Balance as of April 24, 2025	\$ 5153.79
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Add:

Less:

Closing Balance as of May 22, 2025	\$ 5153.79
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4.2 Abbotsford DPAC General Account Summary as of May 22, 2025

Opening Balance as of	April 24, 2025	\$ 5496.06
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Add:

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Closing Balance as May 22, 2025	\$ 5496.06
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A cheque for \$2,000 from the Gaming fund has been issued for guest speakers.

There are two Zoom license renewals, each costing \$240.69: One is for DPAC meetings, paid from the Gaming account, the other is for PAC use, paid from the General account.

5 Old Business

5.1 BC Gaming Grant Applications for 2025/26

The application period for BC Gaming Grants for the 2025/26 school year is open until June 30. Members were reminded to complete the BC Gaming Grant applications by the June 30 deadline.

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5.2 BCeID account

A reminder to members to ensure that your PAC has a business BCeID before applying for the BC Gaming Grant. Activation can take several weeks, so apply as soon as possible if you haven't already.

6 New Business

6.1 PAC AGMs

Remember to elect a DPAC Representative at your AGM and send us the updated contact information.

6.2 BCCPAC AGM Saturday and Sunday

Proxies have been received and sent to BCCPAC for this weekend's AGM. A total of 24 proxies were received from schools. The final AGM booklet is now available online. Should you wish for DPAC to vote a certain way on resolutions on behalf of your PAC, please submit your vote to DPAC via email by the end of the day Friday (May 23). If we do not receive voting instructions, your vote will be cast the same as DPAC's vote.

6.3 Parent survey coming out from the district for Parent Night series for next year. Make sure you respond to that survey.

6.4 Proposed amendments to Constitution and Bylaws.

Chair Shannon Rose provided an overview of the proposed changes, including updates to Ministry of Education name and replacing the legal name with the operating name, and invited discussion. It was explained that a committee was not formed as no significant changes were being proposed.

Secretary Winsome Rauch sought to move to refer the proposed changes a Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Vice Chair Michelle Bastien ruled that the motion was not in order at that time and Chair Shannon Rose did not recognize the motion.

6.4.1 Discussion on Constitution and Bylaw Amendments:

Some key points

- A member noted that the current notice period of 14 days is not sufficient time when factoring in member PAC meetings.
- BCCPAC recommends including the Immediate Past Chair role in PAC and DPAC bylaws.
- Clarification was sought on the term limit and voting rights of the Immediate Past Chair. The role lasts for one year immediately following their term as Chair, and they retain voting rights only if they continue as their school's DPAC representative.

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- Some members expressed concern that communicating with a Past Chair no longer on the executive could violate the Code of Conduct, while others did not view confidentiality as an issue.
- Some supported the Immediate Past Chair role as a mentoring position; others felt it could compromise privacy and governance structure.
- Succession planning, documentation, and parent involvement were discussed as important.

6.4.2 Motion to Refer the Proposed C&B Changes to a Committee

It was MOVED by Vice Chair Michelle Bastien moved and SECONDED by Rani Prakash (ATS):

THAT the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws be referred to a committee consisting of the 2025–2026 Executive DPAC members and up to three additional members, to be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the assembly. The committee shall consult members and invite feedback on the proposed changes, review the changes accordingly, and report back at a future general meeting to be held prior to the 2026 DPAC Annual General Meeting.

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6.5 Abbotsford School District Board meeting

The next board meeting will be June 17, 2025 at 6 pm. The 2025/26 budget is on the agenda to be approved.

7 Open Floor

Concerns were raised about frequent and unpredictable school bus cancellations, particularly affecting Bus 85 (ASIA Sumas) and routes such as Bus 48 (Aberdeen), Bus 72 and Bus 80. Some routes have been cancelled 7–8 times, with one route reportedly cancelled every Thursday for the remainder of the year.

Issues discussed included:

- Safety risks with children left home alone or waiting on roadsides were raised at a board meeting last year. These issues were mostly rectified this year, aside from occasional situations beyond the District's control
- Impact on student attendance, including lateness to events like track and field meets.
- Concerns about the absence of a transportation manager for six months.
- Suggestions for rotating route closures and more equitable solutions.

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DPAC will bring these concerns forward to the district.

8 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

9 Next Meeting

September 25, 2025 at the School Board Office