

DPAC Meeting Minutes

Date: April 23,2026

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Executives in Attendance:

President Winsome Rauch
Vice-President Amy MacKenzie
Secretary Melissa Crump
Treasurer Michelle Bastien
Director Stacey Parson
Director Pinkey Bhatti
Indigenous Representative Eruke Omorogieva
Inclusion Representative Lisa Hemeon

Special Guests:

Michelle Robertson, Counsellor
Board of Education Chair Stan Petersen
Superintendent Nathan Ngieng

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting opened by President Winsome Rauch.
 - Acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Stó:lo, Sema:th, and Matsqui First Nations.
 - Introductions of DPAC executive and guest speaker.
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2. Presentation: Post-Secondary Planning

Presenter: Michelle Robertson, Together Counselling and Educational Guidance

- Overview of BC graduation requirements and post-secondary pathways (university, college, trades, gap year).
 - Application timelines, scholarship planning, and key decision points.
 - Importance of Grade 11 and 12 academic performances.
 - Resources: Education Planner BC and BC Transfer Guide.
 - Overview of program pathways (e.g., teaching, accounting, dentistry) and transfer routes.
 - Discussion on supports and accommodations for neurodiverse students.
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3. District Updates

Superintendent Nathan Ngieng

- Overview of school planning cycle aligned with district strategic plan (2024–2028).
- Emphasis on required consultation with staff and parents.

Trustee Preet Rai

- Encouraged participation in public budget consultation.
 - Reinforced importance of DPAC engagement in district processes.
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4. Approval of February Minutes

- No requests for changes to last month’s minutes

5. President’s Report

- Attended District Planning Team Meeting (March 2) and Board Stakeholder Meeting (April 7); focus included parent/PAC engagement and survey collaboration.
 - Two DPAC Executive meetings held in early April.
 - Hosted “Study Smarter” session (April 8) and participated in the Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair (April 9).
 - Planning and promotion underway for “Feel Better” parent learning event.
 - Call for nominations for DPAC Executive positions has been distributed.
 - Preparation for BCCPAC AGM (April 25–26) included proxy distribution, member input survey, and candidate information session (April 19).
 - Director Stacey Parson to serve on Trustee Indemnity Committee.
 - Ongoing response to parent inquiries regarding bylaws, elections, and gaming grants.
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6. Treasurer’s report

February:

General balance (end): 5008.33
Gaming: 2913.90

March

General balance (end): 3914.74

- Feel better book purchases
- Facebook ad for antibullying webinar
- bank fees

Gaming: 2413.90

- Transferred \$500 to general

7. Committee of the Whole – Constitution and Bylaws

- Motion to move into Committee of the Whole to consider Constitution and Bylaws amendments was called by the President.
- Motion moved by Amy MacKenzie (DPAC Vice President, Dr. T.A. Swift Elementary DPAC Representative).
- Motion seconded by representative from King Traditional.
- Vote called; no opposition noted.
- Motion carried.
- Meeting moved into Committee of the Whole for discussion of proposed amendments.
- Meeting moved into committee with open discussion and relaxed rules

Michelle Bastien chaired and presented the latest draft of the bylaws

- Draft had been recently posted; committee met again to finalize updates
- Key change: revised eligibility for DPAC executive roles
- Excludes elected officials and those in instructional, administrative, or governance roles within SD34 or the Ministry
- Allows participation from parents in non-governance roles (e.g., crossing guards, noon-hour supervisors, bus drivers)
- Purpose: maintain independence while remaining inclusive
- Minor updates included grammar and formatting changes
- Question raised about timing for approval due to recent posting
- Additional feedback and questions invited; eligibility section seen as clearer than before

8. Announcements

- Constitution and Bylaws amendments reviewed. Feedback deadline set for **May 11**; final approval at AGM on **May 28**.
- Nominations committee formed; additional volunteers requested.
- Upcoming events:
 - “Feel Better” event (May 11)
 - Online safety webinars (cyberbullying, sexting, internet safety)
- Community Gaming Grant deadline: **June 30**

9. Action Items

All DPAC Representatives:

- Ensure proxy forms are submitted for all schools, particularly: Blue Jay, Bradner, Clearbrook, Dave Kandal, Dr. Roberto Bondar, Dr. Thomas A Swift, Matsqui, Ross, Sardis, Terry Fox, Abbotsford Middle, Clayburn, Fraser Middle; follow up as required.
- Review Constitution and Bylaws draft and submit feedback to Michelle Bastien by May 11.

- Remind PACs to elect DPAC representatives and submit proxy forms for all schools.
- Encourage PAC review and final feedback on Constitution and Bylaws prior to AGM.

All PACs:

- Elect DPAC representatives at AGMs and submit contact information to DPAC.
- Apply for Community Gaming Grant by June 30 and ensure required reporting is complete.

All Members:

- Submit nominations for DPAC Executive positions via support.dpac.sd34@gmail.com.
- Provide feedback on public budget consultation survey prior to deadline.
- Contact Stacey Parson if interested in joining the nominations committee.

Committee / Executive Actions:

- Stacey Parson to lead nominations committee and recruit members.
 - Winsome Rauch / Michelle Bastien to update website with correct Constitution and Bylaws deadline (May 11) and ensure latest draft is posted for review.
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10. Adjournment

- Meeting concluded with reminders of upcoming deadlines and AGM scheduled for May 28.

11. Attendance

Name (original name)
Amanda Dundass- Terry Fox (DPAC Rep) (Amanda Dundass Terry Fox)
Amy MacKenzie - DPAC VP# Dr. T.A. Swift Elementary DPAC Rep (Zoom user)
Barry Wijnandts - Clearbrook DPAC rep
Becky Williams - Chief Dan George - DPAC Rep
Bibi.J.AbbySenior
Chandra Holm - King Traditional (DPAC Rep)
Chelsea Muirhead-Sandyhill Rep (Chelsea Muirhead)
ERMS Rep (parampreet kaur grewal)
Eruke Omorogieva-DPAC Indegenous Rep (Eruke Omorogieva)
Josephine Leonard DPAC Rep W.J. Mouat Secondary (Josephine Leonard)
Kim Anema - Yale Secondary (Kim Anema)
Lisa Hemeon Inclusion Rep
Manoj Goyal
Melissa Crump - DPAC secretary Bradner Ellementary
Michelle Bastien - DPAC Treasurer# Fraser Middle# Yale# PC reps (Michelle Bastien)
Michelle Robertson
Nathan.Ngieng
Phong Hoang
Pinkey Bhatti - DPAC Director - South Pop-Dpac Rec (Pinkey Bhatti)
Preet Rai - Trustee (Rai)
Revalyn Prince Charles
Stacey Parson - DPAC Director (Stacey Parson)
Stephanie Setala- Rick Hansen DPAC
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Winsome Rauch - DPAC President (DPAC Abbotsford School District)