

## DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 9, 2023 | 6:30 - 7 Social | 7 - 8pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### Attendance:

Christy Wright - Vice Chair DPAC, Taylor Bean - Carlin, Savala Axell - South Broadview, Robyn Keating - Chair DPAC, Suzanne Lewis - Salmon Arm West, Rebecca Heslop - Silver Creek, Terry Stone - Sullivan, Dustin Hyatt - SMS, Jenny Kucy – DPAC Member at Large, Serena Caner- South Canoe, Corryn Grayston - Trustee

### 1. Welcome

We acknowledge that where we live, work and play is within the unceded and ancestral home of the Secwepemc People.

### 2. Motion to approve of agenda

**Moved:** Terry Stone

**Seconded:** Taylor Bean

### 3. Serena Caner, Food Action Society, Stone Soup Challenge (10min)

- Shuswap Food Action Society is having another Stone Soup Challenge, they are donating all of the ingredients for the soup to all schools to participate, this is a free soup that can be served to all students- email [info@shuswapfood.ca](mailto:info@shuswapfood.ca) to sign up and ingredients can be picked up on February 18th at the Salmon Arm Farmers Market.
- There is a fundraiser on February 25th “The Coldest Night of the Year” this is a family friendly walk to raise money for our local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness.

### 4. Superintendent Report - Donna Kriger (10 min) presented by DPAC President

- Donna could not attend as she was in Vancouver, however we do have an update. Carol Ann has resigned from her position as Director of Instruction (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion) and is going back into the principal pool.
- Indigenous Education had an outside assessment in the past and DPAC had asked for Diverse Learners to also have an assessment done, Donna has hired Nora

Kennett to do a review of Inclusive Education and the position that Carol Ann held.

#### 5. Trustees (10 min)

- a. Report (if anyone present wishes to)  
Corryn Grayston
  - The budget process is starting next week. Strategic planning sessions are ongoing. Donna did provide feedback to parents regarding their concerns regarding the Thought exchange. It was just meant to be a conversation starter; the next step is to hold public meetings. This was just the beginning.
  - The Ministry has not increased the per student amount for funding. The board wrote a letter to the Ministry asking for an immediate increase. All of the utilities and other necessary costs have increased yet the funding remains the same. We all need to advocate for appropriate funding for our children.
- b. January 17, previous meeting held at AL Fortune in Enderby
- c. February 21, upcoming meeting, in person and via Teams at the DESC (District Education Support Centre) or Pleasant Valley Secondary, Armstrong, 6 pm
- d. Agenda link: <https://sd83.bc.ca/board-meetings/>

#### SHORT BREAK TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF AND TRUSTEES TO LEAVE THE MEETING (5 min)

#### 6. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of General Meeting January 12, 2022, corrections and discussions added
- Financials January 31, 2023
  - - General Account: \$6,515.07
  - - Gaming Account \$8,568.14.

#### **Motion to approve consent agenda items**

**Moved:** Jenny Kucy

**Seconded:** Suzanne Lewis

#### 7. BCCPAC – Sandy Thon, not present

#### 8. Business arising from previous meeting

- a. Parent Survey - North Shuswap survey was sent out Feb 9 and will close Feb 28, again our apologies for the miss.

## 9. New Business

- a. Indigenous content graduation requirement, information night was happening March 2 both in person at the DESC and via teams, however, with Strategic Sessions, we are looking at April 5th now.
- b. February 23, March 2, and 6 - Online webinar 6:30 - 7:30 on Sextortion, Online Gambling & Safety in the Net, more info to come with the link access from the District
- c. DPAC will do a PAC 101 later in the year, April or May
- d. LASS is doing the Spelling Bee Fundraiser again, see attached
- e. The Sd 83 website as well as DPACs are being overhauled
- f. BCCPAC has been asked to fo a virtual PAC 101 workshop hoping for April or May
- g. The Narcan kit policy has been rescinded and SD83 will not be able to hand out Narcan kits anymore, however there is the possibility to have Public Health come in and run classes and hand out kits.
- h. There is a Budget Meeting next week and there are some things that DPAC will bring up
  - Inclusive education needs more support.
  - We need more EA support.
  - There is a fund for recruitment but SD83 can't find people
  - We need all schools to have sustainable breakfast or lunch programs - this means all schools first need to have a program and they should not be run solely by volunteers; each school needs a paid staff running these programs.

## 10. Updates - PAC's & Committees (as needed)

- We talked about microaggressions in language, particularly in regards to racism some brainstorming was done and some ideas were to offer information on awareness and language
- DPAC will ask the District why we are not able to have a rep sit on the transportation committee, this needs to be questioned and we do have a rep willing to sit on the committee and voice parent concerns for rural areas. (i.e. There is a concern that kids are riding the bus for over an hour, for what could be a 15 min bus ride.)

## 11. Next DPAC Meeting

**Thursday, April 13, 6:30 pm social, 7 pm meeting start**  
**No meetings in March - off for spring break**

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm