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## DPAC General Meeting Agenda

*Thursday May 11, 2023 / 6:30 - 7 Social / 7 - 8:30 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

Zoom link: [Click here to access](#)

**Attendance:** Christy Wright - DPAC VP/SAS PAC, Robyn Keating - DPAC Pres./South Canoe PAC, Christine Jonz-Barber - DPAC Treasurer/Grindrod PAC, Nicola Gennings - , Sandy Thon - BCCPAC, Serena Caner - Food Action / South Canoe PAC, Taylor Bean - Carlin PAC, Rebecca Heslop - Silver Creek PAC, Corryn Grayston - Trustee, Nadine Golz - AL Fortune, Brent Gennings - Trustee

**Regrets:** Jenny Kucy - Member at Large, Savala Axell - DPAC Secretary,

### Welcome

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

### Motion to approve of agenda

Moved: Robyn      Seconded: Christy

### Feeding Futures (10 min)

- Serena Caner, re Food Action and the new funding coming out for the next 3 years and getting kids to eat healthy foods
- Stigma piece is really important and the schools do not have capacity to do the food programs, and sometimes not the skills
- main idea for solutions was to have a universal hot lunch once a week to be subsidized by the district
- 90% of kids are participating as it is not presented as a choice but an opportunity for them to try something new
- need to incentivize healthy eating
- great way to destigmatize the food options
- promotes the culinary arts program if there is one, they can prepare the meals
- easy and inexpensive thing to fund
- discussion continued
- not able to use foods rooms if schools have them - do we know why? Robyn will follow up with this
- lots of schools do not have facilities to cook

### Christy's report

- Food Action Society May 8, 2023
- Serena Caner did an amazing job of advocating for universal food support in schools. She collected principals, senior staff, interior health, food banks and ...

Access to regular food is a Child's right under the UN declaration. Studies show that learning outcomes are correlated with nutrition. In Salmon Arm 1 in 6 kids are food vulnerable.

The provincial Feeding Futures Fund is 144 Million of which SD83 will receive \$900,000 sometime next year. This can be used for food, but not salaries. Alternative is purchase FAS prepared foods.

We need to pay attention for stigma. For most kids 'POOR IS WORSE THAN BEING HUNGRY'

She has proposed several models

1. The Jackson kitchens sells lunches for \$5.00. This does not cover the costs but parents are unwilling to pay more.
2. Elementary PAC hot lunch. \$5.00 . Parents choice to sign their child up. About 60% of parents pay but almost 90% of kids eat.
3. Souper meals \$3.00 – need to work out logistics

Kids will eat the lunch when it smells good, they are hungry and their friends are eating it (regardless of what the say at home)

Proposal:

Elementary schools; meal is served one day /week as part of the curriculum. Students have assigned dishes and clean up. Classrooms eat together.

Secondary schools: daily program but lower to \$4-\$5 per meal and SD make up difference.

#### Trustees (10 min)

- Brent Gennings - working away, lot's going on, getting the work plan set up and strategic planning, ICY - Integrated Child and Youth program
- Corryn Grayston - ICY is a program that we are going to be able to participate in an the children chosen will get designated and get funding, postings coming out soon for these positions
- question - what is being identified for the child and youth program? Not sure, just got the info and will bring more to you
- Working diligently on the budget for 2023/24 and working very hard to build the budget and reference the priorities when they are known, so thank you. First reading will be presented May 16th at the board meeting
- Food program and compliments to Serena from Donna on organizing the meeting, \$900,000+ coming to our District for food programming
- Comment from Christy as a DPAC rep and awareness of inconsistencies at schools with volunteer assistance and staff
- Question - how do books for school libraries get chosen? book selection, are parents able to make suggestions? Committee? what?
- May 16th District Board Meeting, in person and via Teams at the DESC, 6 pm
  - Agenda link: <https://sd83.bc.ca/board-meetings/>

[SHORT BREAK TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF AND TRUSTEES TO LEAVE THE](#)

#### [MEETING \(5 min\)](#)

#### Consent Agenda - none

- Minutes of General Meeting April 13, 2023 - none
- Financials March 31, 2023 - none
  - General Account: \$6,516.69
  - Gaming Account \$9,100.09

## BCCPAC update - Sandy Thon

- 2nd Vice President for BCCPAC, and thank you for that vote
- recently attended AGM and conference and thank you for providing me with your proxy to represent you for voting at the AGM
- Food was one, and is going forward to the Ministry
- Voted in a really great board (names provided, please see BCCPAC site for new board names and for committees you may be interested in being apart of)
- passed several resolutions
- had great presentations, really encourage everyone to attend if you are able
- Section 11 - is the appeal process, is not consistent across schools and is not well known, can be filed by a caregiver or a student (in the Education Act)
- will be training parent advocates, every district should have a position for a parent advocate on the board, not chosen by the board (as per Sandy)

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

- PAC DPAC Representatives - as per attending participants
  - Carlin Market, May 27th, vendors, food trucks - 10-3
  - Silver Creek Carnival, June 13th, new board coming in, lots of stress at the school
  - SMS and Rancho, Cross Country Running concession stand, Grade 8's going to Eagle Bay for their overnight and then breakfast, worked on food and athletic needs
  - AL Fortune, 50-50 for the drumline trip closes Monday, funded athletic needs as well
  - PAC reps advising of lots of concerns at school, all advised to look at the appeal process
- DAAC – Nothing progressing as of yet. Trying to manifest interest, there will be an executive meeting where this will be discussed. If anyone is interested in the diverse abilities advocacy committee please check in with Christy.
- Policy – none since March
- Budget – May 10, Christy attended for DPAC, DPAC letter sent in to reiterate the needs of the community, Christy presented the pie chart from the meeting
  - Plan was for committee to rank the results of the Thought Exchange regrading priorities for budget items.
  - Partner groups had big concerns with this.
  - DPAC felt we should not be ranking Thought Exchange (literacy, numeracy, teachers, CEAs)but talk about each Department in the District. Have each dept present how they are working to meet DPAC priorities.
  - The budget is trying to avoid a DEFICIT in 2023-2024 and is trying to find money/make cuts.
  - My opinion they need to get creative.

## Bring forward items

- PAC 101/201 workshop facilitated by BCCPAC on May 18th from 6-8 pm on our zoom link. 101 is for brand new people thinking of joining and the 102 is for experienced PAC members to learn more and get refreshed on the role of PAC members.

### **PAC 101/201 Workshop - 2 hours**

Learn about the PAC's role and key elements. This session will include relevant information about the School Act, Constitution & Bylaws, Governance, Effective Meetings, Elections and a brief overview of Financials.

\* For more detailed Financial information, check out the PAC Treasurer 101 session below and watch the recording of BCCPAC [2022 Gaming Grants](#) webinar.

New Business - none

Next DPAC Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 6-8 PAC 101/201 with BCCPAC