

MINUTES



DPAC
DISTRICT PARENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL
ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: October 24, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Online on Zoom

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

Attendance: See Zoom Attendance list attached.

Special Guests: Deputy Superintendent Nathan Ngieng, Trustee Preet Rai

1 Call to Order

Chair Shannon Rose called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. A quorum was met.

2 Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

3 Special Guests – Deputy Superintendent Nathan Ngieng and Trustee Preet Rai

Deputy Superintendent Nathan Ngieng gave an update on middle schools in the district. They are guided by an updated strategic plan focused on student success, resource optimization, engaging opportunities, and a progressive workforce.

Key areas that he oversees, emphasizing equity and inclusion, include:

1. Curriculum Department: Enhancing literacy and numeracy, supporting early learning, and providing professional development.
2. LSS Department: Addressing diverse student needs and promoting safe, inclusive environments.
3. Indigenous Department: Offering cultural and academic support through initiatives like drum making and partnerships with local First Nations.

4 Q&A with Deputy Superintendent Ngieng and Trustee Rai

There was discussion about:

4.1 Equitable Access for Students in Need

The measures to ensure equitable access for students eligible for services but lacking access due to resource limitations focus on graduation rates, particularly for vulnerable groups like diverse learners, Indigenous students, and children in care. Tools like report cards and FSA data help identify and address achievement gaps.

4.2 Students who are eligible but the district lacks resources

For students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP), schools engage in consultations with parents and explore additional resources, including discussions with the principal, to provide necessary support.

4.3 Stability in Choice Programs:

When asked why students in choice programs aren't guaranteed continued access to their curriculum amid overcapacity, the Deputy Superintendent highlighted AP 336, a policy aimed at minimizing family disruptions. Capacity predictions, seat limits from collective agreements, and physical space constraints impact enrollment. Additionally, a shortage of French teachers affects program continuity, especially in French immersion.

5 Approval of the Minutes from September 26, 2024

Secretary Winsome Rauch presented the minutes of the September 26, 2024, meeting.

It was MOVED by Jas Basdesha (ATS) and SECONDED by Pinkey Bhatti (South Pop) THAT the minutes of the September 26, 2024 Meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED

6 Treasurer report

Treasurer Tracey Lamoureux provided Closing G/L Account balances

6.1 Abbotsford DPAC General Account Summary October 24, 2024

Opening Balance as of September 26, 2024	\$ 8396.06
Add:	
Less:	
Closing Balance as October 24, 2024	\$ 8396.06

6.2 Abbotsford DPAC Gaming Account Summary October 24, 2024

Opening Balance as of September 26, 2024	\$ 2653.79
Add:	
October 2 Province of BC Gaming Contribution	\$ 2500.00
Less:	
Closing Balance as of October 24, 2024	\$ 5153.79

7 Old Business

7.1 BCCPAC Memberships \$2900 paid by DPAC for 29 schools

7.2 Elementary Education Night – “PAC 101”

Monday October 28, 7:30–9:00 pm at Prince Charles Elementary, Library Learning Commons. This event will explain gaming grants and what it means to be PAC member: roles, responsibilities, and the treasurer report.

Please RSVP to dpac.sd34@gmail.com

8 New Business

8.1 Parent Night Series

8.1.1 Mental Health – November 4, 7 pm at Fraser

8.1.2 Learning support November 19 will be at WJ Mouat at 7 pm in the Library Learning Commons

8.2 Board Meeting - The next School Board meeting will be held November 5, 7:00 pm at the School Board office. This can also be viewed on YouTube

9 Open Floor

- If you can't attend PAC 101, there will be no video available, but we can share a PowerPoint presentation instead.
- BCCPAC Update: We will cover the membership fees. There is an upcoming by-election, though no further information has been released yet.
- The Mental Health presentation will be led by our two middle-school clinicians, but the presentation will be of interest for everyone.

10 Next Meeting

The next DPAC meeting will be held November 28, 2024 at 7pm on Zoom.

11 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Zoom Attendance

Name (original name)
Shannon Rose
Preet Rai - Trustee (Preet Rai)
Nathan Ngieng
Winsome Rauch (DPAC Secretary) (Winsome Rauch)
Tracey Lamoureux
Nilam
DPAC Rep Abby Senior - Rehan Siddiqui (Rehan Siddiqui)
Chief Dan George Middle School# Becky Williams (Becky Williams)
Rep IKT - Amy Wiese (Amy)
Michelle's iPhone
gurpinder KTE (iPhone)
Michelle Moore (Chief Dan)
Amanda
Stacey Parson (Abby Senior) (Stacey Parson)
South Pop - Pinkey Bhatti
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Amanda Degenhardt-Centennial Park (Dr. Degenhardt)
Nina Lehtonen - Stenerson
Grace Janzen
Amy MacKenzie
Alycia Lessard
Josephine Leonard