



## SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

### General Meeting

#### Minutes

April 24, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

14033 92 Ave., Surrey, BC, V3V 0B7

Present: 33 attendees (30 schools represented) and 5 guests

#### 1. Welcome and introductions

President Dean McGee opened the meeting.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

#### 3. Adoption of minutes of the previous General Meeting

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the Feb. 27, 2019 General Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

#### 4. Board of Trustees update

Trustee Garry Thind reported on some of the impacts of the continual increase in student population. 33 portables will be placed for this fall (21 new and 12 relocations), bringing the total number of portables in Surrey to 375. Parents were encouraged to advocate for additional government funding by contacting their MLAs. The district is having to make use of all available space, which has resulted in 10-12 on-site daycares (primarily in South Surrey) being given notice that they must relocate. Some schools may also have to go to a two-bell schedule.

#### 5. Camp We Empower

Gurvir Singh Jammu presented information about Camp We Empower, a non-profit organization that currently offers programs for K-12 students in five countries including Canada. This presentation is available at <http://surreydpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SD36-Camp-We-Empower3.pdf>, and more information on the organization can be found at <http://www.campweempower.net/>.

#### 6. Afterschool for All (City of Surrey)

Daljit Gill-Badesha, City of Surrey Healthy Communities and Middle Childhood Manager, provided information on a number of recreation programs available in Surrey, including both after school programs and summer activities. The goal of Afterschool for All is that all children should have access to after school activities by 2030. A particular focus is on programming for children aged 6-12, which is informed by current middle years research and the Middle Development Instrument (MDI). There are currently more than 42,000 children in this age range in Surrey, with approximately 500 more babies born every month at Surrey Memorial Hospital. The presentation is available at <http://surreydpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/DPAC-April-24-2019.pdf>

Current programs include:

- MYzone drop-in after school program (<https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/17668.aspx>)
- MY Fun Pass (<https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/24321.aspx>)
- Active PLAYces Equipment borrowing program (<https://www.surrey.ca/community/27606.aspx>)
- Live 5210 Playboxes (<https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/22866.aspx>; [www.live5210.ca](http://www.live5210.ca))

## **7. Kids Play Foundation**

Kal Dosanjh, CEO and founder of Kids Play, shared information on the foundation's various programs for youth. The organization's goal is to keep youth away from drugs, gangs, and violence – and create young leaders – by getting them involved in recreational activities throughout the Lower Mainland. These include sports programs (field hockey, ball hockey, cricket, soccer, kabaddi, basketball, football), forums and school presentations (anti-bullying, women's empowerment, anti-racism, drugs and gangs), after school programs (karate, mentorship), and special events. The presentation is available at <http://surreydpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/KIDS-PLAY-FOUNDATION.pdf>.

## **8. Door prize draw**

Four lucky attendees took home some treats. The DPAC Board thanked all who attended.

## **9. Update on Food Truck policy**

DPAC representatives have been working with the district to develop *Food Truck Guidelines for Elementary PAC Events*. The draft document was circulated, and members were encouraged to send any feedback to DPAC. The district hopes to have formal procedures and standard vendor agreements in place by the fall, but will pilot the procedures at up to 2 events this school year.

The district will also develop a list of pre-qualified vendors. This will not preclude PACs from hiring other vendors, but will mean that the district deals with general risk management issues so that PACs can focus on event planning. It may be possible to have the standard agreements distributed with the internal Facility Rental permit, to streamline the process for PACs and create a single source of information for event planning. Once the guidelines are working for Elementary events, a separate set of guidelines will be developed for Secondary events.

## **10. BCCPAC resolutions, AGM, and proxy votes**

The DPAC Board submitted seven resolutions for the BCCPAC AGM, two of which were withdrawn on the advice of BCCPAC for additional consultation. The submitted resolutions are available online in the AGM booklet (<https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Documents/Resources/AGM/2019-AGM-Booklet.pdf>).

Several DPAC Directors will be attending the conference and AGM. All PACs who are eligible to vote at the AGM must complete a proxy form delegating someone to vote on their behalf. PACs not sending representatives were encouraged to give DPAC their proxy votes. The DPAC Board will also directly contact all eligible PACs to confirm that they have completed their proxy forms.

## **11. PAC Support and Mentorship Committee**

The Board suggested creation of a subcommittee to assist PACs with issues relating to governance and conflict. This could include experienced members who are not on the Board of Directors. Such a committee can be formally created at a future meeting.

## **12. Review of proposed C&B changes**

A number of changes are being proposed to the DPAC C&B. These were posted on the DPAC website on April 22, and print copies were distributed at the meeting. The reasons for some of the proposed changes were also reviewed. These will be voted on at the AGM on May 22.

## **13. Adjournment**