



SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
14033 92 Ave., Surrey, BC, V3V 0B7

Present: 75 attendees (42+ schools represented)

1. Welcome and introductions

President Rina Diaz opened the meeting and explained that this meeting would provide an opportunity to demonstrate parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order.

2. Adoption of agenda

Motion: To remove item 7, Board of Trustees update. CARRIED

Motion: To add new item 7, Election of a new DPAC Director. CARRIED

3. Adoption of minutes of the previous General Meeting

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the September 25, 2019 General Meeting as presented. CARRIED

4. PAC 101

Rina led a PAC 101 session that covered the history of PACs, tips on running PAC meetings, and answers to common questions DPAC receives. PACs are included in the School Act under Part 2, Section 8 (http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412_02#section8). Their primary purpose is to advise the principal and school staff. Each PAC is governed by its own Constitution and Bylaws (C&B), as stipulated in the School Act (Part 2, section 8.5). Ideally, C&B should be reviewed annually and should include a section on financials and conflict of interest.

5. Proposal to subsidize BCCPAC membership fees

The Gaming Branch has recently confirmed that DPAC's Gaming funds can only be used toward DPAC's BCCPAC membership fees, not for those of member PACs. DPAC receives funding from the district to cover certain expenses, but membership fees are not included as an eligible expense. (Included expenses are personal development, supplies, honorariums, printing costs, refreshments, general meeting expenses, and room rentals.) The DPAC Board will request that this be expanded to include BCCPAC membership fees. All attendees were also encouraged to take information back to their PACs regarding the value of BCCPAC membership.

6. External committee representatives

This item was not discussed due to time.

7. Election of a new DPAC Director

Following the September General Meeting, Eka Sidhu expressed an interest in serving as a DPAC Director.

Motion: To approve the appointment Eka Sidhu as a DPAC Director. CARRIED

8. Adjournment