



## SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

### General Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
14033 92 Ave., Surrey, BC, V3V 0B7

Present: 39 attendees (29 schools represented), 3 guests

#### 1. Welcome and introductions

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

DPAC Treasurer's report was added to the agenda.

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

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes of the October 23, 2019 General Meeting as presented. CARRIED

#### 4. DPAC Treasurer's report

A DPAC financial report will be presented at every General Meeting, with an opportunity for questions.

#### 5. BC Early Career Teachers' Association

Co-founder Nicole Jarvis presented information on the BC Early Career Teachers' Association and how new teachers can be better supported to prevent burnout. The association advocates for supports such as graduated career entry, increased social-emotional and peer support, and better counselling ratios.

#### 6. Surrey Schools budget and HR

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Simon Ayres shared some information on how school districts are funded, provincial operating grants, and school-based supply allocations. There will be a new funding formula for next year, but this has not yet been fully disclosed by the provincial government. Presentation slides are available at <http://surreydpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/SDBudgets2019.pdf>.

#### 7. Surrey Schools administration hierarchy

Issues that cannot be resolved with the classroom teacher should first be escalated to the school principal, then the area assistant superintendent, and then to the superintendent if necessary.

#### 8. DPAC Business

- **PAC governance:** PACs should be aware that they are individual entities under the School Act. While DPAC can provide advice and guidance, each PAC governs itself according to its C&B. There was significant interest in a C&B workshop; this will be planned for early in the new year.
- **Mileage:** DPAC's C&B states that Directors can be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with the Surrey Board of Education approved travel and mileage rates. The Board has discussed using the provincial rates from the Treasury Board Core Policy for meal rates (\$9 breakfast, \$14 lunch, \$25 dinner) rather than SD36 policy per diems, which are higher than average (\$18 breakfast, \$24 lunch, \$33 dinner). More detailed mileage and travel specifics will be added to the C&B.
- **Cell phone use:** There is currently no district-wide policy for cell phone use in schools. Clayton Heights' *Acceptable Cell Phone Use Policy* was mentioned as a good example of such a policy: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/clyhts/announcements/DispForm.aspx?ID=108>

**9. Board of Trustees update**

Trustee Bob Holmes attended for Garry Thind, and advised that consultations are currently taking place in Clayton and South Surrey due to the construction of new elementary schools.

**10. Election of a new DPAC Director**

In response to a vacancy on the DPAC Board, Harvir Sandhu expressed an interest in serving as a Director.

**Motion:** To approve the appointment of Harvir Sandhu as a DPAC Director.

CARRIED

**11. Adjournment**