



SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
14033 92 Ave., Surrey, BC, V3V 0B7

Present: 37 attendees (32 schools represented), 1 guest

1. **Welcome and introductions**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Adoption of minutes of the previous General Meeting**

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the January 22, 2020 General Meeting as amended:

- *Discussion of mileage and Meals in DPAC C&B* will be added as item #7, and will include the text of the revisions to the *Remuneration of Directors* section that was agreed to in principle.

CARRIED

4. **DPAC financial statement**

The financial statement and budget was presented, along with a breakdown of expenses per conference as requested at the January meeting.

5. **Bullying**

Rina presented information related to bullying from the Ministry of Education's website *erase* (expect respect & a safe education), erase.gov.bc.ca.

Other points discussed:

- A district handout regarding bullying has been found to be lacking. DPAC should consider reviewing this handout and forwarding recommendations to the Trustees.
- Similarly, the district's policies may require some revision. District information on safe and caring schools can be found [here](#). The relevant policies and regulations are 9410, 9410.1, 9410.2, 10900 and 10901.1, available on the school district website.
- Administrators are not always aware of current district policies, and they are not always followed consistently.
- Children should be taught to look for the adults in the school that they feel safest with to report any problems.
- The RCMP has a restorative justice program for kids, but the program is voluntary.
- What are PACs doing to help educate parents on anti-bullying, and how can we further educate parents?
- Bullying is learned behavior, and often parents are blind to their own behavior. It can be difficult to reach the parents who may benefit the most from anti-bullying sessions, as they are not typically the ones who attend these sessions. How can schools and PACs reach out to those parents that are not engaged?
- Suggestions:
 - Administrators should be taught conflict resolution skills to work with kids and parents.
 - Students (and possibly parents) could be required to sign a code of ethics at the beginning of each school year.

- PACs/DPAC can host sessions for parents to help empower their children to deal with situations that may arise.
- School-wide restorative justice programs on anti-bullying days can be a prevention tool.

6. BCCPAC resolutions

The DPAC Board has been developing a resolution asking for advocacy for districts with unique needs, including schools that are persistently over-capacity. This was discussed, and will be submitted for the BCCPAC AGM in May.

7. BCCPAC proxy forms

All PACs that have registered with BCCPAC were reminded to complete proxy voting forms for the BCCPAC AGM. DPAC can carry proxies for any PACs that will not be sending their own representatives.

8. Other DPAC business

The district has indicated that all PACs should be given access to their school's budget. PACs should request these from their admin.

9. Board of Trustees update

Trustee Garry Thind agreed that the district's anti-bullying handouts and policies need revision and should be sent out more often to administrators.

10. Adjournment