



SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

President's Report
22 February 2017

Advocacy for capital funding is a journey and we must continue to pressure:

- Mandate to DPAC from PACs and representatives at Sep15 forum to advocate for capital funding
- Wrote resolutions to BCCPAC, letters, petitions, meetings with District staff, MLAs, Board of Education, Minister of Education
- Jan 26 - \$217M over 3 years, up to 5200 student spaces, Project Board Office
- **What is the Project Board Office?**
 - The steering committee for the Project Board Office will have its first meeting this Friday in Victoria. They will work on terms of reference, oversight, etc.
 - Governance/ Oversight will be: Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer, DM of Education, CEO of Partnerships BC.
 - Job description for the Director has been written. It'll be a public recruitment.
 - Staffing: all staff will be housed within SD36 reporting to the new Director; there will be a liaison with the City.
- Mar 3 (rescheduled from Feb 6) - I will be meeting with Dave Bing, Deputy Minister of Education, on operating and capital funding, Project Board Office, parent concerns and resources.

BC Budget Day (Feb 21)

Great news: \$217M is in the budget under infrastructure.

K-12 Education-\$740 million over three years, including:

- \$320 million over three years in interim funding pending the conclusion of a final agreement with the BC Teachers' Federation on class size and composition.
- \$228 million to fund enrolment growth across the fiscal plan period.
- \$54 million to eliminate bus fees for regular students and mitigate rural school closures.
- \$29 million for supplies and resources that reduce costs for parents and help teachers deliver B.C.'s new curriculum.
- \$13.7Billion on infrastructure (14.6% on education!)

BCCPAC

- BCCPAC published their letter to the Minister of Finance that outlined all the resolutions passed in the last couple of years along with the similar recommendations to the Ministry of Finance Select Committee.
- BCCPAC Board has openings for Directors. Nominations due by Feb 28.
- **2017 BCCPAC AGM/ Conference** will be held in Surrey from May 5 to 7 at Guildford Sheraton Hotel. If your PAC is not yet registered, may register as member and speak on resolutions at AGM (no voting). More info: <http://bccpac.bc.ca/event/2017-spring-conference-and-agm/>
- DPAC will take your proxies if your PAC does not plan to send a representative.

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Forums/ Parent Feedback:

- **Feb 20 – Surrey District Hosted Forums to Board of Education:** capital funding, budgets, assessment, reporting, social emotional learning, above and beyond the classroom
- **Provide input/ priorities on District's 2017/18 Budget at:**
 - <https://www.placespeak.com/en/topic/5246-budget-input/#/overview>
- **Feb 28 Deadline – Ministry Progress Reporting Consultation**
 - Report card consultation, please visit:
[http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/en/home/.](http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/en/home/)

Scholarships: Deadlines are fast approaching.

- Scholarships Canada, 85.5K Awards, \$193.5M available: <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
- Surrey district website link to District and external: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/StudentServices/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx>
- Provincial Scholarships Program: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships>
- USA based site, 26.K Awards, \$90M available: <http://www.smartscholar.com/>

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