



SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

President's Report
24 April 2017

Meetings:

The DPAC Board and the Board of Trustees had a meeting on Feb 8, 2017 to update the Board on DPAC activities and budget. We also focused on parent concerns, capital funding, Islamophobia, liquor stores near schools and most importantly communication and engagement with parents.

DPAC Board and parent representatives attended a district-wide forum (Board consultation) on budget input also on Feb 8, 2017.

Capital Plan and Advocacy:

Have you ever wondered how long it takes to build a school? What processes are involved? Want to learn more about the District's capital plan, please go to <https://www.placespeak.com/en/topic/1484-capital-plan/#/overview>.

One project, Clayton Village Elementary was approved and started from the \$217 million announcement and list of priorities on January 26, 2017. DPAC will continue to monitor its progress and hold our elected officials accountable to Surrey parents and students. As all Districts are required to table a 5-year capital and facilities plan to the Province (Ministry of Education), Surrey DPAC will be advocating for a Provincial 5-year capital and facilities plan. We need to know how Surrey's capital projects stack up relative to other districts. Let's take the "politicking" out.

2017 BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM

DPAC will attend the May 5 to 7 BCCPAC Conference/ AGM at the 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/>

PACs: please send us your proxies via info@surreydpac.ca if your PAC is not attending. DPAC will ensure that the Surrey parents' voices and concerns are heard on the resolutions proposed.

BC General Election 2017 (May 9):

Education is a very hot topic. I urge parents to get informed about the issues and attend candidates meetings. We urge you to ask candidates what they plan to do about our District's urgent need for capital funding and its overcrowding issues. Let politicians know about our lack of resources challenges in our growing City and District. **Register and vote!!**

May 24 - DPAC AGM / Election

If you would like to be more involved at a wider scale and advocate on educational issues, consider running for a position in our Election.

May 24 AGM Topic: Supreme Court of Canada Decision

Supt. Dr. Jordan Tinney will provide an overview and update on the Supreme Court of Canada decision on class composition and size.

For timely education news and culled information, please subscribe to our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/surreydpac.

"Every parent is welcome. Please bring a friend."