



## SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

President's Report  
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In the last month, DPAC has been very busy. DPAC had been assisting PACs in numerous ways: sorting out PAC Constitutions & Bylaws, navigating world of grants and food safe requirements for hot lunch, setting up PACs and attending general meetings/ elections.

Below is a summary of some of the highlights and upcoming events:

Aug to Oct – SD36 Second Language Working Group. DPAC participated in this working group and recommended wording and language of survey, and assisted in distribution of Second Language Survey to parents of students in Grades 2, 3, 4.

Oct 15 – DPAC submitted a written submission to the Select Finance Committee on Finance and Government Services for the 2018 budget consultation

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Oct 21 – DPAC, a partner in SSC met with NDP MLAs. We discussed Surrey's urgent need for capital funding to build much needed schools.

Oct 20 – DPAC met with Surrey Teachers Association (STA). We discussed commonalities: LST/ TOC shortages, capital advocacy/ specifically District contribution to building new schools, parent roles and communication.

Oct 23 – DPAC was at SD 36 Grandview Area Open House/ Capital Planning Consultation at Morgan Elementary. They learned about what upcoming schools are slated to be built in the Grandview area.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Oct 28 – Community Rally for New Schools Funding at Earl Marriott Secondary at noon to 2pm. Government is setting their 2018 budget. They need to hear our UNITED voice loud and clear. The message will be: "Surrey has been waiting for a long time. Just build them!" **Come join us. Get informed. Phone/ Write your MLA.**

Nov 24 & 25 – DPAC will be representing Surrey at the BCCPAC DPAC Chair Summit in Richmond. Please send us concerns/ issues you would like us to bring up at [info@surreydpac.ca](mailto:info@surreydpac.ca)

Now to January 2018 – DPAC is taking input in writing BCCPAC resolutions. What concerns you in school and need addressing/ require remedies? Who do you want to solve them?

**“Every parent is welcome. Please bring a friend.”**