



## SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

President's Report

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In the last month, DPAC continues to be 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:

**Oct 28** - Community Rally for New Schools Funding at Earl Marriott Secondary. We had great weather. We got the word out that Surrey is growing and very much in need of new schools. The Rally was well-covered by media from radio, TV and newspapers (CKNW, News1130, CBC Early Edition, CTV, Global, CBC, Spice Radio, RedFM, Peace Arch News, Surrey Now/ Leader, Cloverdale Reporter, Ming Pao Paper, Metro Newspaper, etc).

We gave out information on the urgent need to get schools built, school enrolment and capacity information, MLA contacts, and how Budgets were set by the Provincial government. We encourage all parents and residents to get informed. Details are on DPAC website and Facebook notes.

We also encourage all concerned to contact Surrey MLAs, Minister of Education Rob Fleming, Minister of Finance Carole James, Premier John Horgan, and the Treasury Board (especially MLA Jagrup Brar and Minister Bruce Ralston) while the Province is setting the 2018 Budget.

Our message remains: **“Surrey is growing. Surrey has been waiting for a long time. We need schools. Just build them!”**

**Nov 15:** Report on the Budget 2018 Consultation from the Select Finance Committee on Finance and Government Services released (<https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/committees/41stparliament-2ndsession-fgs/>). I submitted two written submissions and one survey as an individual: one for DPAC and one for Surrey Schools Coalition. DPAC was omitted as a submitter from the Appendix and Report will be amended to include.

**Facebook/ Website:** subscribe and follow us on Surrey DPAC facebook to get relevant news information on SD36 and information of importance to parents and students. For example, information on Trades, UBC Engineering, Clayton Boundary Changes due to Salish Secondary (Sep 2018 opening), Video on How Schools are funded and built by SD36 ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ur85GAQ\\_geo&feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ur85GAQ_geo&feature=share)), Gr 4 & 5 Skipass Program with SkiCanada.org (<https://www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/> )

### **Upcoming Events:**

Nov 24 & 25 – DPAC will be representing Surrey at the BCCPAC DPAC Chair Summit in Richmond. Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, will be attending the Summit on Friday. Each DPAC will get to ask one question.

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.”**