



## SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

### President's Report Karen Tan 24-Nov-2018

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Happy new year and best wishes for 2018!!

DPAC continues to assist PACs in numerous ways: sorting out PAC Constitutions & Bylaws, attending general meetings/ elections, and assisting parents in their advocacy for supports.

Below is a summary of some of the highlights:

Nov 15: Report on the **Budget 2018 Consultation** from the Select Finance Committee on Finance and Government Services released ([https://www.leg.bc.ca/content/CommitteeDocuments/41st-parliament/2nd-session/FGS/Budget2018Consultation/FGS\\_2017-11-15\\_Budget2018Consultation\\_Report.pdf](https://www.leg.bc.ca/content/CommitteeDocuments/41st-parliament/2nd-session/FGS/Budget2018Consultation/FGS_2017-11-15_Budget2018Consultation_Report.pdf)). I submitted two written submissions and one survey as an individual: one for DPAC and one for Surrey Schools Coalition.

Nov 24/ 25: DPAC attended the **BCCPAC DPAC Chair Summit** in Richmond. We heard from Minister of Education Fleming, Deputy Minister Scott MacDonald on Ministry priorities, and other speakers on various topics: Labour relations/ bargaining from the BC Public School Employers' Association's perspective, Family Portal, SOGI curriculum resource, Aboriginal parent engagement, Rick Hansen Foundation, Worksafe, etc. All presentations from the Summit can be accessed here: <http://bccpac.bc.ca/resources-tag/parent-portal/>

#### **Government Announcements**

1. Dec 7: The provincial government announced a new \$24 million elementary school in the Grandview Heights area and a \$9-million addition to Pacific Heights Elementary. The Grandview school, slated for 16650 23 Ave., is to have a capacity for 655 students. It is scheduled to open in time for the 2020-2021 school year. The Pacific Heights Elementary expansion will see an addition of 12 classrooms, increasing capacity by 300 students. Construction is expected to begin in May 2018, and the new classrooms are to be ready for the 2019 school year.  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017PREM0132-002024>

DPAC attended this announcement and asked if there was a commitment from the government to fund Surrey's \$4.2 million annual portable costs. Minister Bains reiterated his government is committed to eliminate all portables in Surrey.

2. Dec 16: Government announced \$10.4 million in seismic upgrades to Mary J Shannon (construction in fall 2018) and Bear Creek Elementary (construction in July 2018).

#### **Dec 18: Roundtable Discussion at Surrey Board of Trade with Minister of Education.**

Minister Rob Fleming started off the roundtable on education with encouraging remarks, commitments to funding education, recent announcements on new school and addition of new classrooms in the Grandview area, seismic upgrades to Bear Creek Park and Mary J. Shannon Elementary, funding formula review, and a working partnership with the City, the school district, parents, businesses, builders, and developers to expedite and lean the projects approval process within government and Treasury Board.

Surrey District Parent Advisory Council (Karen Tan, Lisa Garner, Lakhbir Johal) on behalf of Surrey Schools Coalition (SSC) gave a presentation on Surrey's overcrowding/ portables issues, need for capital funding to build much needed schools to address Surrey's high growth and recommendations for the government for the immediate, short, medium and long-term. Surrey DPAC looks forward to 2018-19 budget and to providing input on the funding formula review, when it rolls out for regional consultation in 2018. Non-partisan SSC partners are: Surrey DPAC, SBOT, GVHBA, and UDI.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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?

May 4 – 6, 2018 - BCCPAC AGM/ Conference at Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond, BC. More details at: <http://bccpac.bc.ca/event/2018-spring-conference/>

## Resources:

**Surrey DPAC Facebook/ Website:** subscribe and follow us on Surrey DPAC facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/surreydpac/>) to get relevant news information on SD36 and information of importance to parents and students. Eg: information on scholarships, curriculum changes. School calendars, school catchment changes, Video on How Schools are funded and built by SD36 ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ur85GAQ\\_qeo&feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ur85GAQ_qeo&feature=share)), Gr 4 & 5 Skipass Program with SkiCanada.org (<https://www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/>)

Curriculum Change: **Graduation Numeracy Assessment Information for parents**  
[https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation\\_Numeracy\\_Brochure.pdf](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation_Numeracy_Brochure.pdf)

## Scholarship Resources:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/StudentServices/Scholarships/scholarshipresources/Pages/default.aspx>

🏠 SURREY SCHOOLS > STUDENTS > SCHOLARSHIPS > SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

Looking for a list of scholarship opportunities? There are a number of online scholarship databases that are a good place to start. Scholarship opportunities may also be listed on the websites of post-secondary institutions. Some are listed here. Also, visit the [Provincial Scholarship and Awards Program](#), which are scholarships available through the B.C. Ministry of Education.

### Scholarship Databases

- [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
- [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)
- [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)
- [scholarships/bursaries for First Nations students](#)

### Post-Secondary Sites

- [Simon Fraser University](#)
- [University of British Columbia](#)
- [University of Victoria](#)
- [Kwantlen University College](#)
- [University of Northern BC](#)

## External Scholarships:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/StudentServices/Scholarships/externalscholarships/Pages/default.aspx>

## EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

🏠 SURREY SCHOOLS > STUDENTS > SCHOLARSHIPS > EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of agencies, foundations and organizations offer scholarships to graduating Surrey students. Some are listed here.

### External Scholarship Opportunities

- RE/MAX "Quest of Excellence"
- Miller Thomson, LLB Barristers & Solicitors
- Rick Hansen Awards Program
- Canada Student Loans
- BC School Sports
- Fleetwood-Port Kells Conservative Association - Sir John A. MacDonald Scholarship
- U.S. school grants & scholarships

## Partners36 Scholarships:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/StudentServices/Scholarships/partners36/Pages/default.aspx>

🏠 SURREY SCHOOLS > STUDENTS > SCHOLARSHIPS > PARTNERS36

Surrey Schools is pleased to offer a number of scholarship and bursary opportunities to its graduates, called Partners36 Scholarships. They are made possible through the contributions of individuals, corporations and community service organizations.

Students attending a district secondary school or learning centres are eligible. See the full eligibility requirements below.

The application deadline is on or before April 15 of the current school year. Completed applications should be submitted to the scholarship contact at your school. For more information, [contact your school](#) and ask for the scholarship committee chair.

## Surrey District's Digital Resources:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/sites/7V5JQUO4HC/Pages/default.aspx>

Welcome to Surrey Schools Digital Resources

The digital collection includes:

- ebooks
- digital magazines
- resources in English, French and Spanish
- video streaming and downloads
- online databases
- ... and more Canadian and BC specific resources for students.

**Student Resources**  
STUDENTS AND PARENTS ACCESS RESOURCES HERE!  
Please ask your child to log out after use and password, or check with their teacher.

**Free Resources**  
STUDENTS AND PARENTS ACCESS RESOURCES HERE!  
Please ask your child to log out after use and password.

**Educator Resources**  
TEACHERS ACCESS RESOURCES HERE!  
Please ask your child to log out after use and password.

## Parent Information Brochures (Surrey District):

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/ParentServices/ParentInfoBrochures/Pages/default.aspx>

## RESPs and British Columbia Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG)

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Does your child have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)? A SIN is required to set up a RESP/ BCTESG account.

### RESPs:

A matching contribution of 20% upto lifetime \$7200 (\$500 annually to a maximum of \$1000) of grant (CESG) can be had from Canadian government based on a lifetime contribution of \$50,000.

**Eg:** If you contribute \$1000 into a RESP, the government contributes a \$200 (20% of contribution).

More information on RESPs here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-education-savings-plans-resps.html>

An easy to understand blog on RESPs: <http://www.moneysmartsblog.com/resp-reference/>

### British Columbia Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG)

A free \$1200 BCTESG grant is available to BC residents born in January 2006 or later. No contribution of funds is required. Parents must apply for their children between ages 6 and 9.

#### Important deadlines:

- **August 14, 2018:** Born in years 2007, 2008, 2009
- **August 14, 2019:** Born in year 2006

#### Grant application period for eligible children

Birth Year	1st day of eligibility	1st day to apply	Last day to apply
2006	Child's 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012	August 15, 2016	August 14, 2019
2007	Child's 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 2013	August 15, 2015	August 14, 2018
2008	Child's 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 2014	August 15, 2015	August 14, 2018
2009	Child's 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 2015 from Jan 1, 2015 to Aug 15, 2015	August 15, 2015	August 14, 2018
	Child's 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday after Aug 15, 2015	Day the child turned 6	Day before the child turns 9
2010 or later	Child's 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Day the child turns 6	Day before the child turns 9

More information on BCTESG: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/bc-training-and-education-savings-grant>

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

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