

District 36 Parents Advisory Council

14033 – 92nd Avenue
Surrey, British Columbia
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ANNUAL REPORT

2016- 2017

SurreyCares
Community
Foundation:
Serving with
Distinction
Awards 2017

**Recognized
Surrey
DPAC for
Client
Success**

In recognition
of
outstanding
service and
leadership.



(Left to right: Sireen El-Nashar,
Karen Tan, Peter Johal)

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Note: The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting/ Conference took place on May 5 to 7 2017. Details of the meeting can be found on the BCCPAC website www.bccpac.bc.ca



DISTRICT 36 PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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2016 - 2017 Board of Directors

President	Karen Tan
Vice President	Lisa Garner
Treasurer	Peter Johal
Secretary	Kamaljeet Kaur
Director	Jagjot Sidhu
Director	Mervet Jbara
Director	Sonali Kale
Director	Sireen El-Nashar
Director	Katherina Parent
Director	Elizabeth Garduno

Directors who resigned during this school year:

Preeti Misra Co-Vice President

*Acknowledgement to these volunteers for their commitment,
dedication and active participation.*

President's Report

Wow, what a year it has been!!

2016-2017 has been a very busy year for Surrey District Parents Advisory Council.

As a Board, we knew that there was an election coming up on May 9, 2017. With direction from our membership to increase advocacy for capital funding, to build more schools, to address severe overcrowding issues and get the Province to commit to paying Surrey's \$4M portable costs from capital funds. DPAC worked a number of channels with parents, PACs, BCCPAC, District staff and partner groups in the community such Surrey Schools Coalition (SSC) to advocate for more schools, change the funding formula which takes into consideration rapid urban growth. SSC partners are Surrey DPAC, Surrey Board of Trade, Urban Development Institute, Greater Vancouver Homebuilders Association.

Our combined efforts resulted in a **\$217 million** funding announcement, upto 5200 student spaces and a Surrey Project Office on January 26, 2017.

Another goal of Surrey DPAC this year was to increase communication with parents. We have made progress in updating the website and increasing our Facebook presence. During snow week, one of our Facebook post had a reach of over 20,000 people.

Some of the highlights this year are:

- September: Parent Information/ Education Forum - Legal Liability and Contracts
- October: PAC/ Finance 101- how to run school PAC finances/ budgeting
- November: Curriculum/ Reporting Options and Guidelines
- January: Mental Wellness and Resources – Case Management Roles and Responsibilities
- February – Gangs, Drugs and Awareness – Presentations from Safe Schools, RCMP and BC Ambulance
- April: All Candidates Meeting on Education – 12 candidates from BC Green Party, BC Liberal Party, BC NDP and 1 independent representing all 9 electoral ridings participated.
- If you had missed our General Meetings, please visit our website www.surreydpac.ca on the homepage.

I like to share and recognize all parents whom have been active volunteers on PACs and DPAC. DPAC was recognized in Feb 2017 by Surrey Cares Foundation inaugural awards in the "Client Success" category.

We continue to need volunteers and content writers for our website, assistance with our database/ email distribution lists. If you are unable to volunteer your time, we are always open to input and suggestions on how can do better.

As we head into June and vacation, we wish you and your family a fun, enjoyable and safe summer!!

Yours sincerely,



Karen Tan
President and Chair, 2016 - 2017
District 36 Parents Advisory Council

Treasurer's Report

For 2016-2017

DISTRICT REPORTS

French Immersion Advisory Committee Meetings Summary

- The challenges faced by the Canadian Association: shortage and recruitment of French speaking teachers, same pay scale and not having enough are moving to Quebec/ Alberta and other French speaking areas/ cities.
- There is a need to upgrade French speaking to improve the accent and words.
- Kevin gone to many fairs across the country to search for teachers French/English
- Local communities are not sufficient and are hiring from UBC / SFU Students from 3 high schools/ principal came and attended the French programs, was a good initiative and encouraging to all
- Surrey school Teachers - less than 10 TLC's attend workshops and Surrey is very progressive city and summer programs are available. Not many are willing to travel for that long
- There are allowances available/ subsidy 100/-\$ funded to teachers if they are interested to upgrade (5 weeks)
- Request was made to French immersion choice prog to be changed to district program – no response, it is with policy review committee – Nedar to follow up
- Concerns with reinstated language resulting loss of classes – 1 class not enough room – English programs have some priorities than French
- This is causing angst in the French Community
- BCPSEA has not addressed the issue of class size
- Raziya to provide to Alicia student volunteer opportunity to be distributed and looking to partner with District to provide celebrations for students getting double Dogwood
- Scholarships be awarded to students wanting to become French Teachers
- Concerns of French Teachers leaving French program to teach in English programs
- Johanne excited about the summer French prog opportunity hbeing hosted in the District,
- Bob Holmes - working on resolving the issues for French program

Intensive Fine Arts Advisory Committee Summary

- There are waitlists for David Brankin and WRE with 15 and 71 children respectively.
- Both schools participated In Drama Arts festival in April with David Brankin performing Canadian Notables.
- Carol considering exploration of assessment so that it is of the process rather than just product, student self assessment based on criteria for a specific skill being learned.
- This year's journey – reworked vision statement, explored curriculum through music and visual arts, discussed assessment in the arts; IAE schools sharing expertise with district through Drama Festival
- David Brankin bleachers being worked on this summer
- Thoughts for next year: some ideas included revisiting how curriculum and assessment are working; having K-3 and 4- 7 sharing/learning from each other; students choose a strand to improve on and set goals; teachers to observe each other across the 2 schools, attend each other's events; change in school leadership at both sites next year (WRE principal remaining
- Future meeting sites – explore alternative sites with focus on the arts.

Montessori Advisory Committee Meetings Summary

- There are 3 Montessori schools in the Surrey School district and towards the beginning of the year they were facing declining enrolment. The concern now is space issues
- In order to comply with the new Collective agreement language the new class organization may result in a 3-4 split at Mountainview. This is against the basic Montessori philosophy, creating difficulty to follow the program. The concern is that parents will not like this and leave
- There are 5 new teachers required and there have been challenges to recruit. Mr. Fadum attending SFU career fairs and looking at interviewing graduating Montessori teachers at UBC.
- 2 schools charge \$40 per student for school supplies and would like to increase that to \$60. 1 school does not charge. District can fund some items but consistency needs to be looked at as other programs do not charge fees.
- Trustee Bob Holmes said that Capital funding will provide space in next 3 – 4 years. Day care space will be impacted and boundary changes need to be looked at to comply with re-instated language. Trustees may have to review choice programs and there are still growth pressures.

Traditional School Advisory Committee:

(Comments from representatives and principals)

McLeod Road:

- Great Academics
- Lines of communication open
- new emphasis & enthusiasm on technology
- Smooth transition to the new curriculum
- Need to discern between traditional values and practices
- May ProD - incorporating Aboriginal Perspectives into the curriculum
 - staff excited and comfortable

Cloverdale:

- Feeling of pride, quieter, better manners
- Uniforms a battle
- Teachers are excited about new curriculum
- Athletics back on
- Learning a process not an event for teachers
- Significant increase in collaboration leads to deepest learning
- More teachers involved in district in-service
- Embracing new curriculum

Surrey Traditional:

- \$2000 Aboriginal Ed resources to incorporate into new curriculum
- Teacher sitting in on district committee meetings
- Teachers have choice between CSL or Freshgrade - 50/50 split
- Multiple groups meeting to develop reporting

Comments from Trustee

- Principals bring some very positive anecdotes
- Difficulties with uniforms and vendors
- Different uniforms at each site
- Would like to see a clear vision of what is traditional

January 24, 2017 – Presentation to Minister of Education, Hon Mike Bernier



(Left to right: Nathan Hildebrandt, Anne McMullin, Lisa Garner, Karen Tan, Mike Bernier, Bob DeWit, Mark Sakai, Anne Petersen, Lakhbir Johal)

January 26, 2017 - \$217 Million Funding Announcement

Surrey DPAC as a partner in Surrey Schools Coalition (SSC) successfully advocated for more provincial funding. This enabled our rapidly-growing school district to get the needed \$217M for capital investments for new schools in areas where we have heavy reliance on 275 portables due to overcrowding and significant regional housing growth.

This funding will create up to 5,200 K-12 student seats and a Project Board Office!



(Left to right: Nathan Hildebrandt, Mark Sakai, Lisa Garner, Mike Bernier, Karen Tan, Anne Petersen, Lakhbir Johal)

Below are some links with further details on the \$217M announcement:

<https://www.facebook.com/surreydpac/posts/1109462235847313:0>

<http://globalnews.ca/news/3206878/city-of-surrey-expected-to-get-funding-to-build-more-schools/>

SSC asks are:

- Immediate ask: \$175M for 12 high priorities per Surrey District's 5 year 2015-16 capital plan
- Long term ask: new funding formula for all school districts
- Work with Surrey School Board and the City of Surrey on capital infrastructure needs

March 28, 2017 - First Project Announcement:



(Left to right: Elizabeth Garduno, Kamaljeet Kaur, Lisa Garner, Mike Bernier, Anita Huberman, Sireen El-Nashar)



Financial Statement for Fiscal 2017 (June 2016 to May 2017)

General Account	Expenditures			Notes/ Explanations
	16-17 Approved Budget	Year-To-Date	Total	
REVENUE				
Delivery Fee - Insurance Forms	1,100.00	1,140.58	1,140.58	FY17 is a slight increase from FY16's \$1,033.49; 376 vs 341 families
SD36 Funding - PD	2,000.00	-	-	SD36 Funding
SD36 Funding - Supplies	3,800.00	1,725.36	1,725.36	SD36 Funding
SD36 Funding - Refreshments	785.00	256.12	256.12	SD36 Funding
Term Deposit Interest	25.00	24.31	24.31	
BCCPAC Reimbursement / Other		155.00	155.00	
Total Revenues	7,710.00	3,301.37	3,301.37	
EXPENSES				
BCCPAC Membership	75.00	75.00	75.00	BCCPAC Membership
General Meeting Expenses/ Refreshments	800.00	1,003.94	1,003.94	SD36 Funding + \$15
Conferences	2,000.00	-	-	SD36 Funding
Organizational Development (Annual Strategic Meeting)	300.00	175.20	175.20	
Speakers Fees/Honorariums	50.00	-	-	
Office Expenses/ Supplies	3,800.00	1,081.51	1,081.51	SD36 Funding
Society Fees	160.00	160.00	160.00	
Website	525.00	301.67	301.67	Added extra \$200 funding here; DPAC domain hosting + other costs.
Total Expenses	7,710.00	2,797.32	2,797.32	
NET INCOME	0.00	504.05	504.05	

Gaming Account

REVENUE	16-17 Approved Budget	Year-To-Date	Total	
Gaming Funds	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	Gaming Funds from Province received on Feb 6, 2017.
Total Revenues	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
EXPENSES				
BCCPAC Conferences	2,500.00	700.00	700.00	Annual Conference + Regional Conferences
Bank Service Fee	0.00	12.00	12.00	
Total Expenses	2,500.00	712.00	712.00	
NET INCOME	0.00	1,788.00	1,788.00	

Current Balances & Cash Position (as of April 30, 2017)

General Account Current Balance	5,094.44
Outstanding Deposits	3,020.94
Less Outstanding Cheques/Invoices	1,143.16
General Account Cash Position	6,972.22
Gaming Account Current Balance	4,071.39
Outstanding Deposits	-
Less Outstanding Cheques/Invoices	700.00
Gaming Account Cash Position	3,371.39
Term Deposit (1.35% Matures 30Oct2017)	2,203.60
Bank Balance:	11,369.43
Total Cash Position (Includes outstanding deposits/ cheques)	12,547.21

Prepared for May 24, 2017 AGM.