

DISTRICT 36 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Board Meeting
Minutes

District Education Centre
14033 92 Ave

Mar. 6, 2019

Present: Rina D., Amanda G. (Secretary), Dean M. (President), Anissa R. (Treasurer), Tré V.

Absent: Jyotika J. (Vice President), Jagwinder M., Robert R.

1. Approval of past minutes

The Feb. 6 Board meeting minutes were approved.

2. BCCPAC conference and AGM

Dean submitted seven proposed resolutions, as discussed at the Feb. 27 general meeting. Past resolutions submitted by Surrey DPAC should be followed up on. This may help to justify BCCPAC membership to PACs.

DPAC Directors should think about whether they are interested in attending the conference and AGM on May 4-5. The deadline for early bird pricing is April 5, so this can be finalized at the April 3 board meeting.

PACs who are members of BCCPAC should also be contacted to ask about sending DPAC their proxy if they are not planning to attend.

3. Planning for upcoming general meeting: April 24

- Topics will relate to gangs, drugs, violence, positive alternatives, etc. Ideally this will be scheduled for 1.5 hours, to allow for DPAC business to be discussed at the end of the meeting.
- Kids Play Foundation will attend; they will be asked to give a 30 minute presentation, with approximately 15 minutes for questions.
- Anissa is in contact with someone at the City of Surrey regarding their Afterschool for All program, and can also contact the RCMP.

ACTION: Anissa will reach out to someone with the RCMP's Shattering the Image program to see if they are available.

4. Meeting with Jordan

Dean, Anissa, and Tré will attend the next meeting with Jordan. Topics to cover include transparency with regard to expenses (i.e. how DPAC can access expense records), update on planning discussions with the city, and DPAC participation on the district's Finance Committee.

ACTION: Amanda will draft a message to Jordan requesting DPAC participation on the Finance Committee.

5. Help with PACs

A number of PACs have requested assistance or guidance from DPAC. Some are looking for help in establishing their PAC, and some are looking for assistance resolving conflict. DPAC's Constitution includes a directive to "assist parents in forming Parent Advisory Councils in their schools, and to encourage their membership in them", but there do not appear to be any procedures for when a PAC asks for help. When DPAC is contacted for assistance:

- The appropriate section(s) of the BCCPAC Leadership Manual can be provided, as this includes a wealth of information that many are simply not aware of. (E.g. Tab 8 includes a process for resolving conflicts and code of ethics violations.)
- DPAC can request the PAC's C&B from the district, in case a copy is not readily available at the school.
- Parents can be invited to discuss their concerns directly with a DPAC Director by email, over the phone, or in person prior to (or following) a DPAC general meeting.
- In some cases, a DPAC Director may be able to attend a PAC meeting to provide additional guidance.
- DPAC should follow up with the parent or PAC to see if things have been resolved.

ACTION: Amanda will forward Rina the outstanding requests for assistance.

6. Adjournment